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Thirteenth
Annual Meeting

September 27-29, 1961

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Carlisle, Massachusetts

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Thirteenth Annual Meeting . . .

"Christ is the Head of the Church"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer Period—Rev. Ralph Shirk
10:00 a.m. Business Session
12:30 p.m. Lunch
Message of the President—Dr. Henri F. M. Pol
2:30 p.m. Business Session
4:00 p.m. Workshops
5:30 p.m. Supper
8:00 p.m. Evening Service: *"Christ is the Head of the Church"*
Dr. Lloyd F. Dean

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer Period—Rev. Herbert Anderson
10:00 a.m. Business Session
12:30 p.m. Lunch
2:30 p.m. Business Session
4:00 p.m. Workshops
6:00 p.m. Conference Banquet
8:00 p.m. Evening Service: *"Christ is the Head of the Church"*
Dr. James Forrester

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer—Rev. Roger Shafer
10:00 a.m. Business Session
12:30 p.m. Lunch

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Officers

President.....Dr. Lloyd F. Dean, 335 Saratoga Rd., Scotia 2, N. Y.
1st Vice-Pres......Rev. Samuel Hemberger, 30 Underhill St., Tuckahoe 7, N. Y.
2nd Vice-Pres......Rev. Joseph Cooke, Rte. 3, Jefferson, Ohio
Executive Sec'y.....Rev. Robert B. Dempsey, Church St., Carlisle, Mass.
Recording Sec'y.....Rev. Leslie Van Vorst, Rte. 3, Jamestown, N. Y.
Treasurer.....Rev. Paul Halbert, 208 So. Maple St., Argos, Indiana
Historian.....Rev. Cecil Argetsinger, Mantorville, Minn.

Board Members

<i>1962 Term</i>	<i>1963 Term</i>	<i>1964 Term</i>
Rev. John Clymer	Rev. Raymond Bawden	Rev. Richard Roberts
Rev. Alfred Abrahamson	Rev. Lynn Scovil	Dr. Henri Pol
Rev. Ralph Shirk	Rev. Hubert Clevenger	Rev. Howard Landes

Committee Members

(Name in *Italic* has been appointed Chairman)

<i>1962 Member</i>	<i>1963 Member</i>	<i>1964 Member</i>
<i>Credentials & Placement Committee*</i>		
Rev. Lester Felker	<i>Rev. Joseph Cooke</i> (<i>Credentials</i>)	<i>Rev. Paul Halbert</i> (<i>Placement</i>)
<i>Finance Committee</i>		
<i>Mr. John Stewart</i>	Rev. Theodore Overton	Rev. Herbert Anderson
<i>Missionary Committee</i>		
Rev. Russell Christian	Rev. Lester Felker	<i>Rev. Maurice Jacques</i>
<i>Christian Education Committee</i>		
Rev. Roy Shervy	Rev. George Kirgiss	<i>Rev. Raymond Gillis</i>
<i>Publications Committee</i>		
Mr. Thomas Erickson (<i>Editor</i>)	Rev. George Buhl (<i>Circulation</i>)	Rev. John VanderTuin (<i>Publisher</i>)
<i>Church Extension and Evangelism Committee</i>		
<i>Rev. Jacob Waechter</i>	Rev. Lynn Scovil	Rev. Raymond Maier
<i>Constitution Study Committee</i>		
Rev. Theodore Overton	Rev. John Clymer	<i>Rev. Robert Dempsey</i>
<i>Program Committee</i>		
Rev. Lynn Scovil	<i>Rev. Ralph Shirk</i>	Rev. Alden Barrows
(The Conference President & the Host Pastor for the next Annual Meeting are also Committee members).		

Nominating Committee

Rev. John Clymer Rev. Raymond Bawden Dr. Henry Pol
 (The Board appointed Rev. Alfred Abrahamson and Rev. Robert Baker to one year terms on this Committee).

All members on the following Committees have one year terms:

*Time and Place Committee**

Rev. Robert Penrod, Rev. Jay Waterman and Rev. Joseph Fast

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Leonard Siff, Rev. Alden Barrows, and Rev. Paul Kangas

*Auditing Committee**

Rev. Joseph Cooke, Mr. Philip White and Mr. David Williams

Women's Committee

Mrs. Stewart Tatem, Mrs. Paul Kangas and Mrs. Robert Dempsey.

*Appointed Committees

of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference held September 27-29, 1961, at the Carlisle Congregational Church, Carlisle, Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1961, Morning Session

After a word of welcome from the host pastor, the first business session for the 1961 Annual Meeting of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference was opened with prayer and led by the Conference President, Dr. Henri F. M. Pol.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger was appointed Scribe pro tem. The roll call was taken and the list of delegates and churches read. It was moved, seconded, and carried that those voting delegates present constitute the voting body of the 1961 Annual Meeting.

Rev. Jacob Waechter moved that if the Executive Secretary already holds a seat on the Board of Administrations of the NAE, that the CCCC be represented by the Conference President. This motion was seconded by Rev. John Clymer. It was so voted.

Rev. Robert Baker was appointed to be Correspondent for all the sessions of the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Rev. George Buhl that the matter of further relations between the Bible Conferences and Missions of Louisiana and our cooperation with the Brazil churches be referred to the Missionary Committee. Rev. Joseph Cooke seconded the motion and it was so voted.

A motion was made by Rev. John Clymer that the list of our lay members be changed from "Individual Lay Members" to read "Individual Lay Members of Non-member Churches." This was seconded by Mr. John Stuart and so voted.

The list of the Committees that are appointed by the Board of Directors was read as follows:

Credentials and Placement Committee:

Rev. Paul Halbert—Term of three years. *Placement Chairman*

Rev. Joseph Cooke—Term of two years. *Credentials Chairman*

Rev. Lester Felker—Term of one year.

Our appreciation was given for Rev. Raymond Bawden who has served on this Committee for a number of years.

Time and Place Committee:

Rev. Robert Penrod—*Chairman*

Rev. Jay Waterman

Rev. Joseph Fast

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Leonard Siff—*Chairman*

Rev. Alden Barrows

Rev. Paul Kangas

Auditing Committee:

Rev. Joseph Cooke, *Chairman*

Mr. David Williams

Mr. Philip White

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Al Abrahamson

Rev. Raymond Gillis

Rev. Joseph Cooke read the list of new churches, new ministers, and new lay members, which will be acted upon at the afternoon business session when the

Credentials Committee give their report. It was moved by Rev. Robert Dempsey and seconded by Rev. Leonard Siff that the delegates from this new member list be allowed to vote at our morning business session. It was so voted.

It was reported that two additional churches had applied too late for the Credentials Committee to process their application. The Board recommended their acceptance. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved the acceptance of the Union Congregational Church of Hill City, South Dakota, and the South Bronx Community Church in New York City. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion and it was so voted.

The Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert Dempsey, was then called upon to give his report. A discussion followed which showed the value of the nation-wide mailings and the personal contacts. The motion for the acceptance of the report with an expression of thanks to the Executive Secretary for the report was made by Rev. George Buhl and seconded by Rev. Joseph Fast. It was so voted.

The Conference Treasurer, Rev. Paul Halbert, distributed copies of his report. Rev. Paul Halbert moved his report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Rev. Joseph Cooke and it was so voted.

Rev. Robert Dempsey read the report of the Constitution Study Committee. These additions and revisions will be voted upon at the 1962 Annual Meeting of the CCCC and are to be found in the Committee report elsewhere in this Year Book. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that this report be accepted. Rev. Ralph Shirk seconded the motion and it was so voted. A motion was then made by Rev. Robert Dempsey that this Committee duplicate their report, so that it may be distributed. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

The proposed changes in the By-Laws to be acted on at the 1961 Annual Meeting were then taken up:

By-law III. Section 1. Following the word "Directors" read "on a rotating basis for three year terms:"

Rev. Paul Halbert moved that this revision be accepted. Rev. Richard Roberts seconded it. It was so voted.

By-law III. Section 6. The Christian Education Committee is going to propose a new statement of their duties, which follows:

A Christian Education Committee of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This Committee shall encourage the promotion of better Christian education in the churches, and an interest on the part of the churches in Christian education beyond the churches. This Committee shall render counsel to Conference youth in matters of preparatory education. They shall provide a suitable course of theological study for such otherwise acceptable aspirants to the ministry seeking ordination and Conference membership to whom a complete residence course of study would be impossible or impractical.

Rev. Paul Halbert moved the adoption of this new statement. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

By-law IV. Instead of the present By-law, read "There is to be no per-capita assessment or apportionment levied by this Conference upon the member churches or ministers. The churches and ministers are encouraged to assume voluntarily a share in the financial responsibility of the Conference."

Rev. Joseph Cooke moved that we accept this revision. The motion was seconded by Rev. Raymond Gillis. It was so voted.

By-law VI. Section 1, Subsection a. Insert after the word "equivalent" the following: "in formal education or Christian service. However, this Conference considers a seminary training to be desirable."

Rev. Robert Dempsey moved we accept this revision. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion and it was so voted.

By-law VI, Section 8. A new section to read: "A candidate for ministerial membership will be expected to have a life which is bearing the fruit of the Spirit, and which is marked by deep spirituality and the best of ethical practices. The candidate will be disqualified by any habits or practices in his life which will in any way defile his body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16, 17), which does not glorify God in his body which belongs to God (I Cor. 6:19, 20), or which might cause any brother in Christ to stumble (Rom. 14:21)."

A motion to accept this revision was made by Rev. Robert Dempsey. The motion was seconded by Rev. Roger Shafer. It was so voted.

These revisions become effective as of this Conference.

A word of welcome was extended to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Smith.

Rev. Joseph Cooke dismissed this business session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1961, Afternoon Session

The afternoon business session was called to order by the Second Vice-President, Rev. Richard Roberts. Rev. Glenn Bingham led the business meeting in prayer. The minutes of the morning business session were read and accepted. At this point, Dr. Pol assumed the chair.

A list of additional voting delegates was read. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that these additional voting delegates be added to the list of the voting delegates. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded this motion. It was so voted.

The following three proposed revisions of the Constitution were then taken up:

Article III, Section 1. Insert the word "inerrant" after the word "only". Motion was made to accept this revision by Rev. Robert Dempsey. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Article III, Section D Note 3, to read, "A candidate for ministerial membership will be expected to have a life which is bearing the fruit of the Spirit, and which is marked by deep spirituality and the best of ethical practices. The candidate will be disqualified by any habits or practices in his life which will in any way defile his body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16, 17), which does not glorify God in his body which belongs to God (I Cor. 6:19, 20), or which might cause any brother in Christ to stumble (Rom. 14:21).

Rev. Robert Dempsey made a motion to accept this revision. Rev. Samuel Hemberger seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Article X, Section 2. In place of "Article III—The Statement of Faith— which article . . ." insert "Article III, i.e., the Statement of Faith not including the appended notes, which statement . . ."

A motion to accept this revision was made by Rev. Robert Dempsey. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Stuart. It was so voted.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Rev. Richard Roberts read the report of the Nominating Committee. He made a motion to accept this report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Archie Rodger. It was so voted.

Rev. Joseph Cooke read the report of the Credentials Committee and moved its acceptance. The motion was seconded by Rev. Ralph Shirk. It was so voted.

Upon the recommendation of the Board who interviewed them, Rev. Samuel Hemberger moved that the Conference grant standing to Rev. Leonard Siff, Rev. Joseph Fast, Rev. Clarence Schultz, Rev. John C. Winston, and Rev. Albert Wetzel. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion. It was so voted. Rev. Samuel Hemberger moved that the recommendation of the Board to grant full ministerial

standing to Rev. Cecil Argetsinger be approved. Rev. John Clymer seconded it. It was so voted.

The report of the Time and Place Committee was given by Rev. Paul Halbert. Two invitations for the 1962 Annual Meeting had been received: one from the Calvary Church, Conservative Congregational Christian, at Lima, Ohio; and the other one from the Plymouth Congregational Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, stating they would prefer the meeting to be held in July. The Committee recommends that we accept the invitation from the church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved the acceptance of the invitation of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with the request that the meetings be held at the end of September. If the church does not see its way clear to this, we capitulate to their desires in July. Rev. Roger Shafer seconded this motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Robert Dempsey offered the Program Committee report in the form of the printed program for the 1961 Annual Meeting and moved its acceptance. The motion was seconded by Rev. Roger Shafer. It was so voted.

Rev. Richard Roberts dismissed this business session with prayer,

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SAMUEL HEMBERGER, *Scribe pro tem*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1961, Morning Session.

Dr. Henri Pol, President of the Conference, called the business meeting to order. Rev. Paul Halbert led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous business session were read. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Rev. Robert Dempsey read the names of new voting delegates and moved that these names be added to the list of voting delegates. Rev. Jacob Waechter seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. Joseph Cooke reported that the Credentials Committee recommends the following men be granted ministerial standing in the Conference: Rev. John Humme of Burlington, Maine; Rev. Maurice Malafronte of Hastings, New York; Rev. Oscar Granger, Bronx, New York; and Rev. Paul McCardel, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York. Rev. Joseph Cooke moved that these men be granted ministerial standing. Rev. George Buhl seconded the motion and it was so voted.

The Christian Education Committee's report was given by Rev. Raymond Gillis. Rev. Gillis moved its acceptance. Rev. Edward Smith seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that the Conference instruct the Christian Education Committee to implement their report and, in addition, prepare a series of materials to be used for church membership instruction for the young and the adults. Rev. John Humme seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Mr. John Stuart gave the Finance Committee report and moved its acceptance. Mr. Stewart Tatem seconded the motion and it was so voted.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Missionary Committee, Rev. Russell Christian gave the report of the Missionary Committee and moved its acceptance. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion and it was so voted.

The report of the Constitution Study Committee for 1961 and the report of the Nominating Committee were distributed.

This business session was closed in prayer, led by Rev. Russell Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SAMUEL HEMBERGER, *Scribe pro tem*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1961, Afternoon Session.

The afternoon business session was called to order by the Conference President, Dr. Henri Pol. Rev. Samuel Hemberger led in prayer.

The reading of the minutes of the previous business session was dispensed with at this time, in order to have time for the election of officers and committees. The election of officers and committees then took place.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger asked that his name be withdrawn as nominee for President and asked that Dr. Lloyd Dean's name be placed in nomination, in addition to the name of Dr. Henri Pol. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and it was so voted. Dr. Lloyd Dean was elected President.

Rev. Robert Dempsey nominated Rev. Samuel Hemberger for First Vice President, in addition to Rev. Joseph Cooke. Mr. Frank Hover moved that nominations be closed. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Samuel Hemberger was elected First Vice President.

The nominees for Second Vice-President were Rev. Ralph Shirk and Rev. Joseph Cooke. Rev. Paul Halbert moved that nominations cease. Mr. Fred Booth seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Joseph Cooke was elected Second Vice-President.

Rev. Paul Halbert moved that nominations be closed for the office of Executive Secretary and the Secretary cast one ballot for Rev. Robert Dempsey as Executive Secretary. Mr. Stewart Tatem seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. John Clymer moved that nominations be closed for the office of Treasurer and the Secretary cast one ballot for Rev. Paul Halbert as Treasurer. Rev. Joseph Cooke seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Mr. John Stuart moved that nominations be closed for the office of Historian and the Secretary cast one ballot for Rev. Cecil Argetsinger as Historian. Rev. Robert Dempsey seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. Paul Halbert nominated Rev. Ralph Shirk to fill the unexpired term on the 1962 class of the Board of Directors, in addition to the name of Rev. Howard Landes. Rev. Raymond Gillis moved that nominations cease. Rev. Robert Baker seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Ralph Shirk was elected.

Rev. Richard Roberts nominated Dr. Henri Pol for the 1964 term on the Board of Directors. Rev. Paul Halbert nominated Rev. Howard Landes. These two men were nominated in addition to Rev. Jacob Wächter, Rev. Hubert Clevenger and Rev. Richard Roberts. Mr. Fred Booth moved that nominations cease. Rev. Joseph Fast seconded the motion and it was so voted. Dr. Henri Pol, Rev. Howard Landes and Rev. Richard Roberts were elected.

At this point, Rev. Albert S. Taylor, Eastern Representative of the NAE, brought official greetings to the Annual Meeting and presented a helpful explanation of the value and importance of the ministry of the NAE.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Committee members.

Rev. Robert Dempsey nominated Rev. Raymond Gillis to serve on the Christian Education Committee, in addition to Rev. Wm. Bankester. Rev. Paul Halbert nominated Mr. John Stuart to serve on the Finance Committee. Mr. Stewart Tatem asked that his name be withdrawn from the 1962 term of the Finance Committee and Mr. John Stuart's name be placed for that term. Rev. Paul Halbert moved that nominations cease for Committee members. Rev. Leslie VanVorst seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Richard Roberts moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for all the nominees, with the exception of those nominated for the Christian Education Committee. Mr. Stewart Tatem seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Raymond Gillis was elected to the Christian Education Committee by ballot. Rev. Alden Barrows was elected for the three

year term on the Program Committee: Dr. Henri Pol for three year term on Nominating Committee: Mr. John Stuart for one year term and Rev. Herbert Anderson for three year term on Finance Committee: Rev. Maurice Jacques for three year term on Missionary Committee: Mr. Thomas Erickson for one year term, Rev. George Buhl for two year term, and Rev. John VanderTulin for three year term on Publications Committee: Rev. Raymond Maier for three year term on Church Extension and Evangelism Committee: and Rev. Robert Dempsey for three year term on Constitution Study Committee.

Rev. Leslie Van Vorst was nominated for Recording Secretary. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that nominations cease. Rev. Joseph Cooke seconded the motion and it was so voted. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for Rev. Leslie Van Vorst as Recording Secretary. Rev. Robert Baker seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger offered his resignation as a member on the Board of Directors. Rev. Robert Baker moved the acceptance of the resignation. Rev. Raymond Gillis seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Rev. John Clymer dismissed this session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SAMUEL HEMBERGER, *Scribe pro tem*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1961, Morning Session

The business meeting was called to order by the First Vice President, Rev. Joseph Cooke. Rev. Richard Roberts led in prayer.

Rev. Robert Dempsey read the names of two new delegates and moved that these names be added to the list of voting delegates. Rev. Jacob Waechter seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger read the minutes from the last two business sessions. Rev. Richard Roberts moved the acceptance of the morning session minutes for the preceding day. Rev. Robert Dempsey seconded the motion. It was so voted. Rev. Paul Halbert moved the minutes for the afternoon session for the previous day be accepted. Rev. Edward Smith seconded the motion. It was so voted.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of Rev. Jacob Waechter for the position on the Board of Directors. Rev. Robert Dempsey nominated Rev. Hubert Clevenger. Rev. Paul Halbert moved that nominations cease. Rev. Raymond Gillis seconded the motion. It was so voted. Rev. Hubert Clevenger was elected.

The list of appointments by the Board of Chairmen for the elected Committees was read:

Publications Committee—(to choose own officers)

Program Committee—Rev. Ralph Shirk

Nominating Committee—Rev. John Clymer

Finance Committee—Mr. John Stuart

Missionary Committee—Rev. Maurice Jacques

Christian Education Committee—Rev. Raymond Gillis

Church Extension and Evangelism Committee—Rev. Jacob Waechter

Constitution Study Committee—Rev. Robert Dempsey

The 1962 Annual Meeting will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. After contacting Rev. Lynn Scovil, Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that the dates for this Conference be September 26, 27, and 28. Rev. Raymond Gillis seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Joseph Cooke gave an additional report of the Credentials Committee and moved the adoption of the recommendation of said Committee that Rev. Herbert Anderson be granted ministerial standing and that since Frank Bunker, Jr., is no longer a member of a Congregational Christian Church, that he be dropped from the Conference roll. Rev. Ralph Shirk seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Paul Halbert read the proposed budget, which is as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1961-1962

Executive Secretary.....	\$2,000.00
Official Board Expenses.....	25.00
Gift to National Association of Evangelicals.....	30.00
Stationery.....	250.00
Safety Deposit Box.....	10.00
Year Book.....	500.00
Annual Meeting Expenses.....	400.00
Mid-winter Conference.....	500.00
Publications Committee.....	2,500.00
Credentials and Placement Committee.....	25.00
Postage.....	250.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Travel.....	500.00
Secretarial Work.....	250.00
Total Proposed Budget.....	<u>\$7,340.00</u>

Rev. Herbert Anderson moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Dr. Henri Pol seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Jacob Waechter read the report of the Church Extension and Evangelism Committee and moved its acceptance. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Robert Dempsey moved that this Conference instruct the Committee on Church Extension and Evangelism to implement their report. Rev. Glenn Bingham seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Mrs. Robert Dempsey gave the report on the Women's Work. Rev. Robert Dempsey moved its acceptance. Rev. John Clymer seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Paul Halbert gave the Publications Committee report and moved its acceptance. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Paul Halbert moved that the Conference instruct the Publications Committee to proceed immediately, irrespective of funds, to have 800 copies of the Year Book printed and mailed out after the close of these business sessions. Rev. Robert Dempsey seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. John Clymer gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved the adoption of these resolutions. Rev. Paul Halbert seconded the motion. There was a standing vote.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger moved that as a Conference, we obtain from the NAE and pay for enough packets for the "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation" program to send to each of our member churches. Rev. Robert Baker seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Samuel Hemberger read the report of the Auditing Committee. Rev. Raymond Gillis moved the acceptance of this report. Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. Ralph Shirk moved that the Constitution Study Committee include in their list of proposed changes to the By-laws for 1962 the following:

By-law VI, Section 8. The final sentence amended to read: "The candidate will be disqualified by any habits or practices in his life, which do not glorify God in his body which belongs to God, or which might cause any brother in Christ to stumble."

Rev. Leonard Siff seconded the motion. It was so voted.

Rev. George Buhl moved the acceptance of the reading of these minutes. Rev. Ralph Shirk seconded the motion. There was a standing vote.

Telegraphed greetings were received from the Olivet Congregational Church in Bridgeman, Michigan.

The business meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SAMUEL HEMBERGER, *Scribe pro tem*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Zech. 4:6.

During the year the Executive Secretary made three major itineraries covering more than 17,000 miles. There were many opportunities to speak concerning the disadvantages of the then proposed merger, as well as to present the ministry of our Conference. On these trips more and more efforts were put forth in the direction of forming regional groups. Your Executive Secretary had the privilege of participating in the formation of the Great Plains Fellowship of Conservative Congregational Christians, The Dakota Congregational Fellowship, The Iowa Fellowship of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches, the New England Association of Congregational Christian Churches, the Maine Fellowship of Bible Believing Congregationalists, and the Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches. We are also in touch with and encouraging such action in north-west Florida, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana and western New York. There are tentative plans for this fall to hold statewide meetings in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and area meetings in Illinois and Ontario.

These regional fellowships and associations will do much to close the gap between our national body and the local church. They will also provide growth for our national body.

Through the kind assistance of a layman in Pennsylvania, my wife, Rosemarie Cayouette and others, our Conference was able to make two nationwide mailings during the year to every one of the 5,500 Congregational Christian Churches. These mailings dealt with the problem of the merger. The two mailings provided more new contacts than almost any other effort. The value of such mailings has been amply proved. New member churches such as the one in Lincoln, Kansas, are the outgrowth of contacts made in this manner. We distributed more than 21,000 tracts on the merger.

The correspondence of the Executive Secretary has now become voluminous, averaging at least twenty personal letters a week. Increasing numbers of mailings indicate the need for some paid secretarial help. The Conference should also consider investment in a four drawer file or the records of this office will soon become unmanageable.

In the year that lies ahead tentative plans are being made for a visit into the midwest, another into the Virginia-North Carolina area, and the far west. This is in addition to short itineraries into the northeast quarter of our country. Personal contact is vital to growth and continued interest.

The Executive Secretary also feels that at least one and perhaps two mailings should be directed to the 2,000 Congregational Christian Churches that remain outside the merger. It would cost approximately \$300 to \$350 for one such mailing.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to my wife for her wonderful and unflinching help, without which I would not be able to serve. I would also like to express my appreciation to my church for their cooperation with the work of our Conference. Without their sustained interest, prayers, willingness and sacrifice, the work of this officer would be greatly curtailed.

It has been a privilege to work with you and to be your servant.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. DEMPSEY

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers Received:

Charles B. Billups, Jr., W. 1415 Dalke, Spokane 16, Wash. (Oct.-60)
 Arthur W. Tiffen, 502 Leclanau St., Frankfort, Mich. (Dec.-60)
 Howard James Landes, Farmland, Indiana (Dec.-60)
 K. Leslie Van Vorst, R.D. 3, Jamestown, New York (Jan.-61)
 Paul D. Kangas, R.D. 3, Farmer City, Illinois (Jan.-61)
 Dr. Gleason L. Archer, 618 Hermosa St., So. Pasadena, Calif. (Feb.-61)
 John Lawrence Simpson, Darlington, Indiana (Feb.-61)
 Alvin Noah Williams, 1196 N. Catalina Ave., Pasadena, Calif. (Feb.-61)
 Lloyd Fulton Dean, 17 Bromley Place, Scotia 2, N. Y. (Feb.-61)
 George S. Buhl, 10 Center St., Kingston, Mass. (April-61)
 Jacob Doorn, Box 2373, Manatee Station, Bradenton, Florida (March-61)
 Glenn F. Bingham, Jr., Danby, Vermont (July-61)
 Alden Searle Barrows, Rt. 5, Greenville, Ohio (Through Committee 9-1-61)
 Kennyon Edwards, 7805 Sheryl Dr., Norfolk, Va. (Through Committee 9-14-61)

Applications received too late to process:

South Bronx Community Church, 685 Elton Ave., Bronx, New York
 Clarence J. Schultz, Jr., Box 575 Herreid, So. Dakota
 John C. Winston, Jr., 7, rue du Moniteur, Brussels, Belgium
 c/o Belgian Gospel Mission, 325 N. 13th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.
 Joseph Fast, Lincoln, Kansas
 Leonard F. Siff, 29 Albert Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey
 John A. Humme, Burlington, Maine

Ministers Dismissed (By their request)

Henry Demler, 5041 N. St. Louis St., Chicago 25, Ill. (Aug.-60)
 Harold Goldman, 2020 Superior Ave., Sheboygan, Wis. (Aug.-60)
 (These asked to be dropped from roll, due to complications arising personally from a dual membership relation.)
 John A. Gibbs, 131 Claremont Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (Oct.-60)
 A. Carlyle Miller, 246 New Garden St., Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, South America (June-61)
 Harry A. Aufiero, 39 North St., Saco, Maine (Sept.-61)

Minister Transferred from a Licensee List to Ordained List:

Robert Penrod, Salem, Iowa

Laymen Received:

Francis Cantel, 171 Cindy St., Old Bridge, New Jersey (Mar.-61)
 Shafford Lasley, 1806, 46th St., Langdale, Ala. (Aug.-61)
 Mrs. Wilbur B. (Anna) Watts, Salem, Iowa (Aug.-61)

Note: No contact during Conference Year with lay members with ministerial students status, Frank H. Bunker, Jr. and Larry W. Crabb, to knowledge of this committee.

Churches Received:

Conservative Congregational Church, Hollandale, Minn. (Restored to roll by Committee, Nov.-60)
 Phillips Congregational Church, E. Fourth & Atlantic Streets, So. Boston 27, Mass. (Oct.-60)

- Beamsville Congregational Christian Church, Rt. 5, Greenville, Ohio (Oct.-60)
- North Raynham Congregational Church, Broadway, Raynham, Mass. (Jan.-61)
- Darlington Congregational Christian Church, Darlington, Indiana (Feb.-61)
- Kiantone Congregational Church, R.D. 3, Jamestown, N. Y. (Feb.-61)
- Burlington Congregational Church, Burlington, Maine (May-Aug?-61)
- Pilgrim Congregational Church, Plymouth, Pa. (Through Committee 9-1-61)
- Congregational Christian Church, 300 S. 4th St., Lincoln, Kansas (Through Committee 9-14-61)

Report of Placement Work:

A number of men, including some not of the Conference, have requested help in locating a pastorate. Names of available men have been given to several inquiring churches during the year. It would help the Committee if inquirers would report when a church or a pastor has been obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. BAWDEN, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel; even so we speak: not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

I Thessalonians 2:4

Another year has passed and the Missionary Committee has received no requests for assistance from any of its member churches. However, one church (which will soon be a member) did request a copy of the chairman's list of evangelical Congregational missionaries.

Each pastor or church clerk recently received a letter from me requesting the total missionary giving for the last fiscal year of their church. Twenty-one of our thirty-four member churches returned the enclosed self-addressed post card with the requested information. The missionary giving of these 21 churches amounted to \$313,601.04.

20 Churches	\$ 36,747.00
Park St. Church	276,854.04
	\$313,601.04

Also, as a result of the discussion hour and upon the request of member churches the Missionary Committee will:

1. Prepare and distribute to our churches a list of evangelical missionaries, serving under various Boards in all parts of the world, who come from or have membership in the member churches of our CCC and other Cong'l. Christian Churches. (This to be done by 11-15-61)
2. Prepare and make known to our churches the current needs of these aforementioned missionaries and their availability for speaking in local churches.
3. Prepare and have available to our local churches resource material to aid congregations in setting up and conducting a missionary conference in the local church.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER G. FELKER, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The bulk of this report grows out of the Committee Workshop on Finance held on Wednesday, September 28, 1961. Rev. Paul Halbert, Treasurer of the CCCC, acted as leader of the workshop and asked for suggestions to stimulate interest among the Conference Churches relative to the financial needs of the Conference.

A number of suggestions were made by those attending the workshop. It was suggested that the responsibilities of the churches to the Conference must be stressed. It was agreed that lack of financial support from a number of churches is due to the lack of information as to the current financial needs of the Conference. To remedy this situation it was suggested that a simple financial statement be sent to each church of the Conference and possibly to other interested churches. This might be done on a monthly basis. The information could then be brought to the attention of the minister and Board of Trustees each month. The need for donations should be emphasized and not soft-pedaled.

It was further suggested that the Conference interest laymen in becoming "sustaining members." Each would make some annual financial donation.

"Ask that you may receive" was thought to be a theme to keep in mind.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. STEWART

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION AND EVANGELISM

The Committee is happy to report that it has received a request concerning possible evangelists from a midwestern church. We are also glad that our member churches have been engaged in various types of evangelistic outreach with a considerable number of conversions.

Rev. Lynn Scovil, Rev. Lester Felker and I have been engaged in extension work throughout Colorado, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Ohio. In some of the places visited we received encouragement and look forward to a growing interest in our Conference as a result of these visits and further contacts. It is a healthy sign to see our men out in the field.

The Committee would like to call to your attention the fact that three of our member churches are new congregations and are engaged in building their facilities. They are the Grace Church Congregational, in Pittsfield, Mass., the South Bronx Community Church in Bronx, New York, and the Calvary Church, Conservative Congregational Christian, in Lima, Ohio. Offerings or gifts from our churches direct to these churches would be in order for their building funds.

Our Conference has a marvelous opportunity to begin a new church in Lanett, Ala. Bible Conferences and Missions (a mission board formed by Congregational Churches in Louisiana) is willing to oversee the work of a pastor sent in to organize this new church. The Committee will provide our member churches with information concerning this field in the near future, so that our people will have the facts and will be able to make a united move in taking advantage of this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB WAECHTER, *Chairman, pro tem*

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Constitution Study Committee offers the following revisions to the Constitution of the CCCC for consideration at the 1962 Annual Meeting:

Article III—Strike out all notes and leave the Statement of Faith only. A more appropriate location might be sought if the notes are considered valid.

Article IV—Statement of Polity (An entirely new article)

1. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Body, the Church universal, and of each local church.

2. We believe that each local church is in itself a complete church, and therefore autonomous and possesses all the rights and responsibilities of the church by the Holy Spirit as set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

3. We believe that Jesus Christ exercises His authority in each local church by the Holy Spirit and through the Holy Scriptures.

4. We believe that each local church is amenable only to Jesus Christ, and not to any association, conference, council, synod or any other ecclesiastical body.

5. We believe that it is proper and beneficial for each local church to seek fellowship and council of other such local churches.

Article IV (presently so numbered) an additional statement to section 1.:

Individual lay membership may be held only by laymen in non-member Congregational Christian Churches. In the event that a non-member church joins this Conference, the individual lay membership of any of its members ceases.

Section 2 (new)

A church, minister or individual lay member may withdraw from membership in this conference at any time by its or his own action, provided written notice of such action be given to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Section 3 (new)

In the event that there is reason to suppose that a member church, minister or individual lay member has departed from the standards of faith and practice set forth in this Constitution and By-laws, the Committee on Credentials and Placement shall make a careful investigation of the matter. If the supposition is justified, the Committee shall report the matter to the Conference for appropriate action. The Committee on Credentials and Placement shall file their report in writing with the Recording Secretary of this Conference and the party accused at least thirty days prior to the annual or special meeting at which the report is to be considered. The right of appeal to the Conference by the party accused is pre-supposed.

Section 4 (new)

Although there is no organic tie between this Conference and any regional Association or fellowship, and although this Conference recognizes the autonomy of any such regional association or fellowship, this Conference will encourage the forming of, promote the growth of and will seek to cooperate in every possible manner with any regional association or fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches or individuals who are in agreement with the faith and polity of this Conference.

This Committee offers for your consideration at this 1961 annual meeting the changes in the Constitution proposed last year, and the proposed changes in the By-laws which were circulated with the call to this meeting. The Committee urges the adoption of these amendments and changes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CLYMER
THEODORE OVERTON
ROBERT DEMPSEY

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

In II Tim. 2:2 Paul admonishes Timothy: "*The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*" The need for effective christian education has been never more evident than in our generation.

Our committee has for some time been limited in scope of service, not knowing our exact responsibility. With the adoption of the amendment at this conference our task is more specific.

During the past year our work as a committee has consisted largely of correspondence concerning our work and with persons seeking information regarding Christian education.

By way of suggestion there are five areas that the new Christian Education Committee might be concerned with in the new year before us.

1. The need of awakening a sense of responsibility in our churches toward support of sound Christian schools and colleges.

2. The necessity of teaching and training our people in leadership for the various tasks in our churches.

3. The need for materials to be used for instructing new members and others in the principles and history of Congregationalism from a biblical point of view, laying stress particularly as to exactly why we are Congregationalists.

4. Explore the suggestion that the training of ministers within the framework of our conference be discontinued. Our main concern seems to be to teach our churches how they can fulfill their responsibility in helping train Christian workers and pastors.

5. Compile a questionnaire to go out to our CCCC mailing list, to gain information as to: Literature used in our Sunday Schools and youth groups, teacher training program, Summer camp program, Christian schools supported, Pastor's class materials used, etc. Such acquired information could be written up as a study that could be used in our Congregational Christian magazine for the information of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ROY SHERY, *Chairman*

REV. GEORGE KIRGISS

REV. RAYMOND GILLIS

REPORT OF WOMEN'S WORK

The Ladies present at our 1961 Annual Meeting met at our seminar session on September 28, 1961. A committee of three was appointed to prepare a list of resources available to the women's societies of our churches, that together we might better serve the Lord. The committee consists of Mrs. Stewart Tatem, Chairman, Box 205, Eastford, Connecticut; Mrs. Paul Kangas, Farmer City, Illinois; and Mrs. Robert Dempsey, Carlisle, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT DEMPSEY

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee met in August of 1960 in the Park Street Church in Boston: at this time Rev. Murray Marshall was appointed Chairman of the committee and Rev. Robert McKittrick was appointed Editor.

As a result of that meeting, the following decisions and plans were made:

1. That the conference periodical should be a small six-page booklet (number of pages to vary according to the amount of material available), and that it should be published quarterly (seasonally).

2. That a subscription rate of \$1.00 per year should be levied in an effort to defray the cost of the publication.

3. That the periodical (and all literature) should be processed by a commercial mailing house so that the conference mailing list will always be centralized and up to date.

4. That the literature of a special nature, regarding our conference, should be printed and made available to all Congregational Christian churches.

During the year the committee produced the Year Book: three issues of the periodical and a number of tracts and pamphlets.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL HALBERT

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that the members and guests in attendance at the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference meeting at Carlisle, Mass., express their sincere appreciation and thanks for the gracious hospitality extended to them by the pastor, members and friends of the Carlisle Congregational Church, for those who so graciously provided the facilities and prepared the meals, and for those who opened their homes for the comfort of the delegates.

Be it resolved that the Conference voice its appreciation to Mrs. Arlene Dempsey and Mrs. Rose Marie Cayouette for their unstinting labors in our two merger mailings which amounted to more than eleven thousand pieces, individually addressed.

Be it resolved that the Conference express its debt of gratitude to the Carlisle Congregational Church for sharing with us so generously the time of their pastor, that he could carry on the vital work involved in the office of Executive Secretary.

Be it resolved, that the Conference express its enthusiastic support of the N.A.E.'s program, "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation."

Be it resolved that this Conference express its thanks to Dr. Henri Pol for the fine leadership he has given during his term as President of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. CLYMER
JACOB WAECHEER
ROBERT HANNA

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has examined the Conference Financial Records and find them in orderly and accurate condition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH COOKE, *Chairman*

Balance, June 30, 1960.....	\$	5.40
Receipts, July 1, 1960 to September 1, 1961		
From Churches.....	\$2,896.28	
From Individuals.....	2,263.33	
From Miscellaneous Sources.....	358.25	
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Total Receipts.....	\$5,517.86	
		\$5,523.26

Disbursements, July 1, 1960 to September 1, 1961		
George Kirgiss (postage).....	\$	12.12
Arthur Fowler (Conf. speaker).....		10.00
Paul Bennehoff (Conf. speaker).....		10.00
Hector Goodall (Conf. speaker).....		10.00
J. Marcellus Kik (Conf. speaker).....		200.00
Roger Shafer (Conf. expenses).....		23.27
Robert McKittrick (travel).....		24.00
Bethany Press (stationery).....		170.59
Harvard Trust Co. (Safe Deposit).....		6.60
Murray Marshall (postage).....		33.00
Ruth McWilliams (Sect. work).....		43.75
Saba Foster (Sect. work).....		10.00
Arlene Dempsey (Sect. work).....		10.00
Owl Stamp and Supply Co.....		1.13
Bowen Printing Co. (Receipts printed).....		11.25
Mayflower Cong'l. Church (Refund).....		50.00
Town Press (1960 Conf. bulletins).....		170.10
Lambert Studios (photo for periodical).....		10.00
Armstrong Roberts (photo for periodical).....		7.50
E. P. Jones (photo for periodical).....		7.50
Wayside Press (printing).....		52.75
Argos Church (phone and postage).....		36.35
Smith Printing Co. (periodical).....		389.80
Hub Mailing.....		465.79

George Jaques Printers

Year Book.....	\$356.00	
Rankin Letter.....	235.00	
Merger Tracts.....	90.00	
First Periodical.....	394.00	
Second Gr. Departure.....	132.00	
Additional envelopes.....	83.00	
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Total.....		1,290.00

Paul Halbert

Travel.....	\$105.00	
Loan Returned.....	80.00	
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Total.....		185.00

Financial Statement

Lester Felker

Travel	\$74.76	
Postage.....	7.07	
	<u> </u>	
Total		81.83

Robert Dempsey

Travel.....	\$1,579.65	
Postage.....	518.11	
Phone.....	93.85	
Special Tape.....	6.00	
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Total.....		2,197.61

Total Disbursements.....		<u>5,519.94</u>
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Balance on hand, September 1, 1961.....		\$3.32
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An error of 29c on check No. 159, dated April 11, 1961, makes the balance.....		\$3.61
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As of this date, September 1, 1961, with a balance of \$3.61, we have three bills on hand:

Smith Print Co. (Third Periodical).....	\$297.00	
Wayside Press (Conference bulletins and Tract on Conf. History).....	315.50	
Dempsey phone bill.....	20.95	
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Total debts: September 1, 1961.....		\$633.45
Receipts for September, 1961.....		\$473.00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL HALBERT, *Treasurer*

MEMBER CHURCHES AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1961

<i>Location</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>
<i>Connecticut</i> Eastford	Congregational Church Eastford, Conn.	Rev. Ralph Shirk Eastford, Conn.	Robert Froelich Eastford, Conn.	123	135
<i>Indiana</i> Argos	Argos Cong'l Christian Ch. 210 So. Maple St. Argos, Ind.	Rev. Paul Halbert 208 So. Maple St. Argos, Ind.	Mrs. Louise Pershing 209 1/2 So. Michigan Argos, Ind.	170	170
Darlington	Darlington Cong'l Chr'n Ch. Madison & Academy Sts. Darlington, Ind.	Rev. John Simpson 401 Madison St. Darlington, Ind.	Mrs. Joe McClaskey R.R. #1 Darlington, Ind.	191	219
North Webster	No. Webster Christian Ch. North Webster, Ind.		Mrs. George Fidler R.R. #1 Cromwell, Ind.	27	70
<i>Kansas</i> Lincoln	Congregational Chr'n Ch. Lincoln, Kansas	Rev. Joseph Fast c/o Cong'l Christian Ch. Lincoln, Kansas	Mrs. Esther Gibbs R.R. Lincoln, Kansas	85	70
<i>Maine</i> Burlington	Burlington Cong'l Church Burlington, Me.	Rev. John Humme Burlington, Me.	Mrs. Virginia Walker Burlington, Me.	38	56
<i>Maryland</i> Baltimore	Second Cong'l Church 6940 German Hill Rd. Baltimore 22, Md.		R. Milton Riggan 21 No. Highland Ave. Baltimore 24, Md.	90	
<i>Massachusetts</i> Boston	Park Street Church 0 Park Street Boston 8, Mass.	o Dr. Harold Oelkenga Mr. Thomas Erickson Rev. Sherwood Strodel Rev. Harold Brown Rev. Maurice Jacques c/o Park Street Church Boston 8, Mass.	John Osepchuk 29 Colony Rd. Lexington, Mass.	2200	

MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1961

<i>Location</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>
Boston	Phillips Church (Cong'l) 2 Atlantic St. So. Boston 27, Mass.	Rev. Robert Baker 2 Atlantic St. So. Boston 27, Mass.	Mrs. Dorothy Ripley 837 East Fifth St. So. Boston 27, Mass.	130	45
Carlisle	Carlisle Cong'l Church	Rev. Robert Dempsey Mr. Paul MacVittie Carlisle, Mass.	Mrs. Anne Johnson Carlisle, Mass.	160	152
Kingston	Mayflower Cong'l Church Kingston, Mass.	Rev. George Buhl 10 Center St. Kingston, Mass.	Mrs. Edith Cobb 265 Main St. Kingston, Mass.	140	159
Pittsfield	Grace Church, Cong'l Pittsfield, Mass.	Rev. John VanderTuin 54 Emerson Ave. Pittsfield, Mass.	Arthur L. Bridgman 16 Harding St. Pittsfield, Mass.	15	45
Raynham	No. Raynham Cong'l Ch. 1010 Broadway Raynham, Mass.	Rev. William Mortham 1010 Broadway Raynham, Mass.	Mrs. Marion Haglund Prospect Hill St. Raynham, Mass.	100	80
West Mansfield	First Christian Church West Mansfield, Mass.	Rev. Russell Christian 159 Elm St. West Mansfield, Mass.	Miss Muriel Ballou Gilbert St. RFD Mansfield, Mass.	101	102
<i>Michigan</i> Bridgman	Olivet Cong'l Church Bridgman, Mich.	Rev. Fred Williams Bridgman, Mich.	Ethel Burns Bridgman, Mich.	155	
<i>Minnesota</i> Hollandale	Conservative Cong'l Ch. Hollandale, Minn.	Rev. William Bankester Hollandale, Minn.	Mrs. Fletcher King Hollandale, Minn.	105	120
Round Prairie	Round Prairie Cong'l Community Church	Rev. Harold Erickson R.R. Long Prairie, Minn.	Mrs. George Thompson Round Prairie, Minn.	8	40

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<i>Location</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>
New York Bronx	So. Bronx Community Ch. 685 Elton Ave. Bronx, N. Y.	Rev. Maurice Malafronte 107 Farragut Ave. Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.	Mrs. Barbara Wuster 541 Bronx River Rd. Yonkers, N. Y.	125	70
Kiantone	Kiantone Cong'l Church Rte #3 Jamestown, N. Y.	Rev. Leslie Van Vorst Rte #3 Jamestown, N. Y.	Mrs. Ruby Waite Rte #3 Jamestown, N. Y.	104	65
Morristown	First Cong'l Church of Morristown R.F.D. #2 Hammond, N. Y.	Rev. Nathaniel Taylor R.F.D. #2 Hammond, N. Y.	James P. Lowery Morristown, N. Y.	45	50
North Collins	First Cong'l Church North Collins, N. Y.	Rev. Roger Shafer Vermont St. North Collins, N. Y.		153	
Tuckahoe	Union Cong'l Church Cameron Pl. @ Underhill St. Tuckahoe 7, N. Y.	Rev. Samuel Hemberger 30 Underhill St. Tuckahoe 7, N. Y.	Mrs. Ruby Jacobson 7 Longview Dr. Eastchester, N. Y.	170	47
Ohio Andover	West Andover Cong'l Ch. Andover, Ohio	Rev. John Clymer Andover, Ohio	Mrs. Maynard Gay Andover, Ohio	54	25
Beamsville	Beamsville Cong'l Chr'n Ch. Rte #5 Greenville, Ohio	Rev. Alden S. Barrows Rte #5 Greenville, Ohio	Mrs. Opal Hartle Rte #5 Greenville, Ohio	164	161
Lima	Calvary Church, Conserv. Cong'l Christian 1138 Early Rd. Lima, Ohio	Rev. Jacob Waechter Rte #3 Elida, Ohio	Mrs. Betty Beck Rte #1 Elida, Ohio	53	81

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<i>Location</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Sun. School</i>
Williamsfield	West Williamsfield Cong'l Church Williamsfield, Ohio	Rev. John Clymer Andover, Ohio	Mrs. Marjorie Biesterfeld Williamsfield, Ohio	206	
Oregon Portland	Staub Memorial Cong'l Ch. 3120 S.E. Taylor St. Portland 14, Ore.	Rev. Alfred Abrahamson 2267 S.E. 38th Ave. Portland 14, Ore.	Mrs. J. L. Clem 3142 S.E. Taylor St. Portland 14, Ore.	246	
Portland	University Park Cong'l Ch. 7459 N. Haven St. Portland 3, Ore.	Rev. Russell Peet 4752 N. Vanderbilt St. Portland 3, Ore.	Karl Sloan 8231 N. Foss St. Portland 3, Ore.	90	150
Pennsylvania Plymouth	Pilgrim Cong'l Church 166 Center Ave. Plymouth, Pa.	Rev. Herbert Anderson 163 Center Ave. Plymouth, Pa.	Mrs. Stewart Harry 22 Willow St. Plymouth, Pa.	233	
South Dakota Hill City	Little White Church (Union Cong'l Ch.) Hill City, S. D.	Rev. R. L. Gowau Box 849 Custer, S. D.	Mrs. Albert Carlboom Hill City, S. D.	50	75
Worthing	Worthing Cong'l Church Worthing, S. D.	Rev. Ed Kaltenbach Worthing, S. D.	Mrs. Bert Johnson Worthing, S. D.	43	63
Wisconsin Oshkosh	Plymouth Cong'l Church 302 Church Ave. Oshkosh, Wis.	Rev. Lynn Scovil 318 Church Ave. Oshkosh, Wis.	Mrs. Lynn Scovil 318 Church Ave. Oshkosh, Wis.	185	112
Superior	Hope Congregational Ch. 1827 Wyoming Ave. Superior, Wis.	Rev. George French 1916 Lackawanna Ave. Superior, Wis.	Miss Eileen Lindstrom 1624 Susquehanna Ave. Superior, Wis.	86	145
British Guiana Betervewegting	Bethel Cong'l Church Betervewegting East Coast Demerara British Guiana, S.A.	Dr. A. C. Miller × 246 New Garden St. Georgetown Demerara British Guiana, S.A.	J. Arnold Henry 42 Triumph St. East Coast Demerara British Guiana, S.A.	187	

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Ministerial Students of the Conference

Larry W. Crabb, Argos, Indiana

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE
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PREAMBLE

In gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, and believing that the supreme task of the Church of Jesus Christ is that of world-wide evangelism through the faithful witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person and that every church should therefore be a living soul-winning agency; and believing, further, that there is a definite need among our Congregational Christian Churches for an organization of churches of unqualified loyalty to the gospel of Christ as revealed in the Word of God, in the interest of a renewed emphasis upon this supreme task among all Congregational Christian Churches; we, therefore, as conservative churches, laymen and ministers of the gospel, humbly invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have banded ourselves together in a conference of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches, and have established an organization which shall function under the following constitution and by-laws:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. To provide through this avenue a means of encouragement to all Conservative Congregational Christian Churches for a more effective fellowship one with the other.

2. To lift up a faithful Biblical witness in this day of doctrinal vagueness, spiritual lukewarmness, indifference and worldliness.

3. To facilitate cooperation in the full support of the ministry of these churches by:

(a) An emphasis upon the place of world-wide evangelism and personal soul winning as the definite responsibility of each individual church and Christian believer.

(b) An emphasis upon Christian education as an effective means of getting every individual in each community into a church where they may be taught the Word of God and brought into saving knowledge of, and into experimental relationship with Christ as personal Saviour.

(c) Encouragement of efforts by the churches to reach with the gospel message spiritually neglected areas both on the local and on the national level; and of missionary work, both at home and abroad.

(d) A dedication of ourselves to a deeper life among God's people.

4. To be a means of service to the churches but without right of infringement upon their autonomy.

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, the only inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling power and fulness the Christian is enabled to live a godly, holy life in this present evil world.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ.

Note: The above recorded Statement of Faith shall be the basis of Conference theological requirement. The following doctrinal and practical interpretations are appended for the purpose of clarifying the Conference position on certain important matters.

1. *The Human Will.* There shall continue the traditional Congregational Christian freedom of interpretation and thought in regard to the age-old controversial questions of determination and freedom of will (Calvinism and Arminianism are specifically in mind).

2. *Baptism.* Traditional Congregational Christian freedom shall be continued in regard to baptism. It is expected of those holding or seeking ministerial membership in the Conference that they be willing to perform baptism or to have another minister to perform baptism by any of the traditional Congregational Christian modes when requested.

3. *Ministerial Standing and Procedure.*

A. Except as pertains to proper credentials of missionaries, ministerial standing is not ordinarily to be extended to women.

B. Persons divorced and remarried shall not retain or obtain ministerial standing.

C. Ministers are not to unite in marriage divorced persons whose previous union is judged to have been severed on unscriptural grounds.

D. A candidate for ministerial membership will be expected to have a life which is bearing the fruit of the Spirit, and which is marked by deep spirituality and the best of ethical practices. The candidate will be disqualified by any habits or practices in his life which will in any way defile his body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16, 17), which does not glorify God in His body which belongs to God (I Cor. 6:19, 20), or which might cause any brother in Christ to stumble (Rom. 14:21).

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Conference shall be attained by the voluntary association of churches, ministers or individual laymen who find themselves in full accord with the Statement of Faith outlined in Article III of this constitution, and with the general principles of this Conference as set forth in the constitution and by-laws. Conference membership, whether of laymen, church or minister, may be granted upon application to and approval by the designated Conference officials, subject to review by the ensuing annual meeting of the Conference. Ministerial membership shall be accorded on the basis of the approved ministerial standards of the Conference, as set forth in the by-laws of this constitution. Churches are not necessarily barred from membership because of other affiliations so long as they adhere to the Statement of Faith and the workings of the Conference.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. *Annual Meeting.* There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference at such time and place as determined by the Executive Committee, unless the same are specifically designated by the annual meeting of the previous year.

2. *Special Meetings.* These may be called at the direction of the Executive Committee, or upon written request of members representing one-fifth of the total membership of the Conference.

3. *Representation.* Churches becoming members of the Conference shall be entitled to representation at various meetings of the Conference by the pastors and two lay delegates per first 100 members or fraction thereof, and thereafter one delegate for each 500 members or fraction thereof.

Voting privileges at Conference meetings shall also be extended to ministerial members who are without a charge, and to individual lay members of the Conference, with the understanding that not more than one layman from any non-member church shall be entitled to vote.

4. *Procedure.* The guide for parliamentary procedure in all meetings shall be *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of this Conference shall be:

(a) A President, who shall be eligible to succeed himself for two terms only.

(b) A First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Historian.

(c) The term of office for each of the above officers shall be one year; and for the duration of their tenure they shall be members of the Conference Board of Directors with full voting rights.

2. The duly elected officers of the said Conference shall hold their office until their successors are chosen and qualified in their stead.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business of the Conference shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, numbering not fewer than twelve nor more than thirty members, and shall include the elected officers of the Conference. The initial Board having been elected in three equal groups, for one year, two years and three years respectively, one-third of the membership of the Board of Directors (exclusive of the

Conference Officers named in Article VI) shall be elected annually for a term of three years, at future annual meetings of the Conference. In the election of members at large, consideration shall be given to proper representation of membership both geographically and organizationally (the latter having reference to foreign-speaking groups).

2. The Board of Directors shall establish an Executive Committee, to consist of the officers of the Conference and five other members of the Board. The Board may delegate to the Executive Committee such of its powers and authority as may be deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Conference.

3. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy arising among the officers of the Conference or in the Board itself, until the next annual meeting of the Conference at which time the Conference shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATION

This revised Constitution and By-laws shall become the Constitution and By-laws of the Corporation established under the Constitution and By-laws replaced by this instrument.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

The Conference shall adopt such By-laws as it shall deem appropriate and necessary for the operation of the conference. The By-laws shall provide for the manner of amendment thereof.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing by submitting the same to the recording secretary at the annual meeting preceding their consideration for adoption. The Board of Directors shall immediately after the annual meeting at which the amendments are proposed cause copies of the same to be mailed to each of the Conference members (churches, ministers, and individual lay members). A two-thirds favorable vote of the delegates duly elected, and of others entitled to vote (see Article V. paragraph 3), shall meet the requirement for adoption.

2. The provisions of paragraph one (1) in this article shall apply to all articles of this Constitution, with the exception of Article III, i.e., the Statement of Faith not including the appended notes, which statement may be amended only by unanimous vote of the entire number of delegates, ministers and laymen, present at any annual meeting and voting on said amendment, following proper notice to amend, and publication of the proposed amendment, as required in Paragraph one (1) of this article.

BY-LAWS

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The property and business of the Conference shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

2. The President of the Conference shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and shall preside at all meetings.

3. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the Board, but not less than once a year.

4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Conference President on one month's notice to each Board member. Such meetings shall also be called by the Executive Secretary in like manner upon written request of any five members of the Board. A business quorum shall be any majority of the members of the Board.

5. The Board of Directors shall keep written minutes of each meeting, which are to be made available to the Conference upon request.

II. OFFICERS

1. The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may appoint in addition to the officers provided for in the Constitution, such assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers and other subordinate officers and agents as may be deemed necessary. Such officers, when appointed, shall hold office for the terms, exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned to them by the said Board or Committee. Any officer or agent so appointed may be removed at any time by the action of the appointing body.

2. The President shall be chief executive officer of the said Conference. He may, with the consent of the Board of Directors, delegate to such other officers, authorities and powers as from time to time may be deemed appropriate and necessary to facilitate the operation of the Conference.

3. The Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties and functions of his office, and in addition thereto such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

4. The Recording Secretary, or a temporary substitute, shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Conference, and cause to be recorded all the votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

5. The Executive Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Conference and his office shall be located in a place suitable to him and to the work of the Conference. He shall give, or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the members and of the several committees of the Conference: and shall likewise perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, under whose supervision he shall be. He shall cause to be kept in safe custody the seal of the Conference and, when authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, shall affix the same to any instrument requiring it. When so affixed, it shall be attested by his signature, or by the signature of such other officers as shall be designated by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. The Executive Secretary shall keep an accurate roll of the names and addresses of the members of the Conference, which roll shall be the official record of the Conference for all its purposes. He shall also travel in the interests of the Conference so far as time and funds may permit.

6. The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and securities of the Conference, and shall cause the same to be kept in a safe deposit box as directed by the Board of Directors. He shall cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Conference,

and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and credit of the Conference, in repositories indicated by the Board of Directors. The treasurer's books shall be submitted annually to a Conference approved auditor.

7. The Historian shall act as a repository for materials of historical interest, maintain an historical account of the Conference from its inception and promote an interest in the churches in the details of their own histories and anniversaries.

III. COMMITTEES

In addition to the Executive Committee indicated in Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution, the following committees shall be provided:

1. *A Credentials and Placement Committee* of three to be selected by the Board of Directors; on a rotating basis for three year terms; which committee shall review all applications for membership in the Conference and requests for transfer or dismissal and make recommendations to the proper Conference officials.

The Committee shall render all assistance possible to Conference ministers seeking pastorates, and to churches seeking pastors, by making available proper information at hand to those who request it.

2. *A Program Committee* of five consisting of the Conference President, the host Pastor, and three members to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall prepare the details of the annual Conference meeting.

3. *A Nominating Committee* of five, two to be appointed annually by the Board of Directors and three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall provide a slate of candidates for the various offices and committees.

4. *A Finance Committee* of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall devise ways and means of providing for the financial needs of the Conference, and shall make such financial needs known to the constituency. The chairman of this committee shall serve as a financial secretary.

5. *A Missionary Committee* of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall encourage and stimulate missionary interest in the local churches by providing missionary literature and missionary speakers.

6. *A Christian Education Committee* of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall encourage the promotion of better Christian education in the churches, and an interest on the part of the churches in Christian education beyond the churches. This committee shall render counsel to Conference youth in matters of preparatory education. They shall provide a suitable course of theological study for such otherwise acceptable aspirants to the ministry seeking ordination and Conference membership to whom a complete residence course of study would be impossible or impractical.

7. A *Publications Committee* of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall publish an annual year book, conference periodical, tracts and other necessary and desired literature.

8. A *Church Extension and Evangelism Committee* of three to be elected by Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall make available to the Conference constituency information concerning potential areas for the organization of churches, and concerning needy churches to whom assistance and counsel would be helpful. The committee shall seek to interest non-member Congregational Christian churches in Conference membership; and shall encourage evangelism by every means, in the local churches, through example and counsel, through provision of appropriate literature, and through the suggesting of names of evangelists, to churches requesting them.

9. A *Constitution Study Committee* of three to be elected by the Conference on a rotating basis for three year terms. This committee shall annually review the Constitution and By-laws, offer for consideration any appropriate revisions or amendments, and take the necessary procedural steps to bring them before the Conference.

10. The Board of Directors shall appoint for each Annual Meeting the following committees of three each: Time and Place Committee, Resolutions Committee and such other committees as deemed necessary. The Board of Directors will appoint an Auditing Committee of three at the annual meeting previous to the annual meeting at which they are to serve. They are to see that the books of the Treasurer have a public audit annually.

11. A pastor of a member church, who does not hold his standing in the CCCC, may serve on any committee, with the exception of the Credentials and Placement Committee, as long as he is pastor of a member church. If he ceases his relationship to the member church, he is automatically dropped from the committee membership, unless he is called to another member church. He may not be elected to the Board or a Conference office.

IV. FINANCE

There is to be no per-capita assessment or apportionment levied by this Conference upon the member churches or ministers. The churches and ministers are encouraged to assume voluntarily a share in the financial responsibility of the Conference.

V. CONFERENCE RECORDS

All records of Conference business in the hands of Conference officials are the property of the Conference, contents of which must be made available to authorized Conference Officials upon request, and which must be delivered to the Conference upon termination of the service of officials.

VI. MINISTERIAL STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Ministerial standing in this Conference shall require:

a. A minimum academic attainment of a diploma from an accredited Bible Institute or the equivalent in formal education or Christian service. However, this Conference considers a seminary training to be desirable.

b. Acceptable ordination to the Christian ministry.

c. Reception into the Conference membership in the manner provided by the constitution. (Article IV.)

2. Good and regular standing of ministers shall indicate that they do hold Conference membership, are not under discipline and have no charges against them.

3. An associate or fellowship relationship only may be granted to ministers having their credentials in a non-Congregational body, entitling them to all the privileges of the Conference, with the exception of holding office, committee membership and voting.

4. Ordination to the ministry shall be by a local church, after examination by a council called by said church.

5. Ministerial license to preach, conferring authority of performing the regular functions of the parish ministry, including the solemnization of marriages, shall, in the absence of a local association:

a. Be granted by the national Conference in annual convocation, or in cases of special need during the conference year, upon recommendation of the Credentials and Placement Committee to the Conference President.

b. Be available only to lay members of the Conference, who shall revert to the status of laymen at the expiration of the license.

c. Expire with the closing date of the ensuing annual meeting of the Conference; and be renewable at the discretion of the Credentials and Placement Committee upon application to its chairman thirty (30) days before expiration of the license.

6. Ministerial membership cards, both for ministers in full standing and for licensees, shall be issued annually as of the closing date of the Annual Meeting, over the signatures of the President and the Executive Secretary of the Conference. A fee of \$1.00 shall be attached to each issuance.

7. Prospective ministerial candidates, upon acceptance by the Conference Credentials and Placement Committee, may be received under Conference Care for guidance in ministerial preparation. Under such care the enrollee shall pursue the Conference Study Course, and have available recommendations as to Theological Schools, together with such other counsel and assistance as may properly be rendered.

8. A candidate for ministerial membership will be expected to have a life which is bearing the fruit of the Spirit, and which is marked by deep spirituality and the best of ethical practices. The candidate will be disqualified by any habits

or practices in his life which will in any way defile his body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16, 17), which does not glorify God in his body which belongs to God (I Cor. 6:19, 20), or which might cause any brother in Christ to stumble (Rom. 14:21).

VII. SEAL

The seal of the Conference in use at the time of this Constitutional revision shall continue as the official seal of the Conference, and shall be used by having the same, or a facsimile thereof, impressed or affixed, or reproduced otherwise.

VIII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Conference shall be adjusted at the discretion of the Board of Directors to conform to the time of the annual meeting.

IX. AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at any regular meeting of the same, provided that thirty days notice of intention to so amend the By-laws be given to all the members of the Conference. The various amendments, revisions and additions to the By-laws which may be presented at the forthcoming regular meeting may be accepted or rejected, individually or in part, if so voted: and the numbering or lettering of the resultant accepted text shall be adjusted as necessary.

Fourteenth
Annual Meeting

SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 1962

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN
