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No. 755. That the intention of resolution number 560 was that the labor of superannuated ministers should be in the vicinity of their residence, under the local authorities, and of the missionary in charge where such labor is missionary in character; and that where any superannuated minister desires to labor in fields other than his residence, he should secure the consent of the First Presidency and the missionaries in charge of the fields concerned.

Adopted April 7, 1916.

No. 756. That it [conference of Australian Mission] convene about the time of the holiday season, that it be a delegate conference on the same basis of representation as the General Conference, unless later found advisable to change. . . . That the *Gospel Standard*, our church paper there, be placed under the care of a board of three under the direction of the general Board of Publication.

Adopted April 8, 1916.

No. 757. That for the present the city of Independence be organized into a separate stake, to be known until such time as it be organized as the center place of Zion as the Independence Stake, with the First Independence Branch as the nucleus of the stake, the stake president to be president ex officio of the First Branch, the other branches now organized in the city of Independence, or which may subsequently be organized therein, to be presided over by high priests elected by the branches on nomination by the stake presidency.

No. 758. That a stake be organized with the First Kansas City Branch as the nucleus, the territory to be greater Kansas City, and the territory lying east of Kansas City and west of Independence.

No. 759. That the remaining territory of the present Independence Stake be organized into a stake with Holden as the nucleus.

Adopted April 13, 1916.

No. 760. That all nominations for members of the board of the Independence Sanitarium be made by the First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops of the church.

That no physician shall be eligible to membership on this board.

That the board shall be elected, two for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and one for four years, and that the term of office shall hereafter cover a period of four years, making the membership of the board seven as it now stands.

Adopted April 14, 1916.

No. 761. We find that the [Ensign] real estate and building are carried in the same account, no depreciation being shown on the building. We are of the opinion that the land should be entered in one account and the building in another, both at present estimated value, the building to be depreciated one and one half per cent per annum as provided by General Conference resolution number 629.

Adopted April 15, 1916.

No. 762. As representatives of the financial department of the church [Order of Bishops] we herewith submit what we consider are the present urgent needs:

1. Properly sustaining the missionary force and the poor and needy. 2. The paying of the church debt. 3. The erection of proper offices for the general church officers as provided by General Conference resolutions numbers 533 and 644.

Adopted April 17, 1916.

No. 763. Whereas, the Bishopric is the representative body of the financial department of the church, and should, therefore, be first to consider matters involving the expenditure of money; therefore, be it

Resolved, that all matters involving the appropriation of funds by General Conference be referred to the Order of Bishops, which shall hereafter be considered the standing appropriation committee of the church.

No. 764. The Rules of Order and Debate—that portion which refers to rules of parliamentary procedure, reported by the committee on same—was adopted.

Adopted April 6, 1917.

No. 765. The Presidency . . . without going into a discussion of the whole question wish to suggest the inadvisability

of attempting any legislation upon it [mixed bathing]. Improperities occurring in mixed bathing should be noticed by the local officers where occurring when they demand attention, as should improperities in other situations, the various cases being treated according to the characteristics of each. In general, therefore, we recommend no action further than to return the request with the suggestion that the matter be handled as a local problem, if it has become such, they to seek advice and counsel from such general officers as are in position to be appealed to for the administrative assistance needed.

Adopted April 7, 1917.

No. 766. That we petition the General Conference to divide the Pittsburgh district as follows: The four counties; namely, Brookes, Hancock, Ohio, and Marshall in West Virginia and Belmont and Jefferson Counties in the State of Ohio; the six counties named above to be known as the Wheeling District. The remaining territory of the original Pittsburgh District to be known as the Pittsburgh District.

Adopted April 7, 1917.

No. 767. That the biennial plan of holding General Conferences be adopted. (This action was annulled by action of the conference of 1922, which adjourned to meet in 1923.)

Adopted April 9, 1917.

No. 768. Resolution number 225 was reaffirmed.

Adopted April 9, 1917.

No. 769. That what are now known as Far West and Nodaway Districts be organized into a stake to be known as the Far West Stake with nucleus at Saint Joseph First Church.

Adopted April 9, 1917.

No. 770. A recommendation by the President, that to secure "adequate quarters for the General Conference, a building suitable in arrangement, appointment, and space should be built," was referred to the Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and Quorum of Twelve, "with authority to carry out at their discretion."

Adopted April 10, 1917.

No. 771. We believe immediate action should be taken looking toward the permanent protection of the grounds at Nauvoo and to the preservation of the house still standing and known as the homestead of Joseph the Martyr.

To this end we recommend that a permanent committee be appointed from this order looking toward the fencing of the grounds, caring for the house, locating some one there to act as caretaker and who shall also handle church literature, and continue the work of arranging for a suitable monument to be paid for from the general funds of the church or by special contributions in response to the call of the Presiding Bishop.

Adopted April 10, 1917.

No. 772. The Joint Council, appreciating the difficulties arising from a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of conference resolution number 604, recommend that it be rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

When any ordained officer or minister is believed to be guilty of immoral or unchristianlike conduct, the usual court procedure of the church adequately protects his interests. However, ministerial or official influence involves also such factors as reputation, ability, etc. Upon the authorities of the priesthood and church officers rests the duty of protecting the interests of the church when necessary by withdrawing representative or ministerial rights, these rights or interests of the individual concerned being safeguarded by appeal through the administrative line.

Adopted April 10, 1917.

No. 773. That every branch should comply with the law by receiving oblations at sacrament service, as found in section 59, paragraph 2, and that the amount so received should be placed with the Bishopric in harmony with section 42, paragraph 8.

Adopted April 10, 1917.

No. 774. That if found feasible and practicable one of the members of the Saints' and Liberty Homes committee, or some other person whom they may select, be made business manager of the Homes, thus relieving the committee as a whole of the detail work incident thereto.

That the superintendent of the farm also act as superintendent of the Children's Home and College farms, if it meets with the approval of the respective boards of trustees.

Adopted April 11, 1917.

No. 775. That we look with favor upon the adoption of a scholarship plan for Graceland College; and recommend that such portion of the College Day collection as may be necessary to provide such scholarships be set aside to assist worthy young men and women desiring the advantages which Grace-

land offers; and that the placing of these scholarships be left in the hands of the Presiding Bishopric and the president of the College.

No. 776. That the boundaries of the Mobile District be as follows: Eastern boundary, Perdido River to southwest corner of Escambia County, Alabama, thence due north to 32 degrees north latitude; northern boundary, 32 degrees north latitude; western boundary, Mississippi River and Louisiana line; southern boundary, Louisiana line and Gulf of Mexico.

No. 777. That the counties of Rogers and Washington in Oklahoma be transferred from Spring River District to Central Oklahoma District.

No. 778. That the territory in British Columbia east of the 120th meridian be taken from Seattle and British Columbia District and placed in Spokane District.

No. 779. Upon recommendation of the missionary in charge and president of the Central Texas District we suggest the transfer of Dallas County, Texas, from Central Oklahoma District to Central Texas District.

No. 780. That that portion of the report of the General Sunday School Association which refers to the operation of its financial affairs, etc., as a stewardship, and which provides for deposit of its funds with the Bishopric, be adopted.

Adopted April 6, 1918.

No. 781. That the work of auditing be done at various times . . . during the year. . . . Accounts should be worked upon from time to time, instead of annually, thereby giving the auditors opportunity to suggest changes and improvements or corrections which could be taken into consideration by the several institutions before the closing of their books.

Adopted April 6, 1918.

No. 782. *First.* That while the Sunday School, Religio Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Board of Publication, College, various Homes, and the Sanitarium have been auxiliary unto the church in their efforts, their work has become of such importance and magnitude that they should henceforth be officially recognized as departments of the church work under the following heads:

1. The Sunday School, primarily concerned with religious instruction.

2. The Religio, primarily interested in social and recreational development.

3. The Woman's Auxiliary, primarily having to do with the interests of the women of the church.

4. The Department of Education, having to do with the work of Graceland College, concerning itself with collegiate and academic education of the grade belonging to a fully standardized institution of higher learning.

5. The Department of Publication, having to do with the publication of all the literature of the church and its various departments.

6. The Department of Remedial and Corrective Agencies, having to do with the work of the Sanitarium, the various Homes, etc.

*Second.* (a) That the directing heads of the several departments of church work be hereafter appointed by nomination from the Presidency of the church, approved by the General Conference, insofar as their appointment may not already be provided for in articles of incorporation under which they may be working.

(b) That hereafter the subordinate officers of the various departments be appointed by nomination from the Coordinating Committee, hereinafter provided for, approved by the various departmental groups of the General Conference.

(It is understood that officers of the various departments for the current year will be elected in the regular manner. The officers elected as directing heads of each department to be subject to the approval of the Presidency of the Church, provided the recommendations contained in this report are adopted by the General Conference and Conventions of the various auxiliaries. Also pending the full organization of the Department of Remedial and Corrective Agencies, it is herein recognized that the Presiding Bishop is in fact the head of such department and should be so considered until further definite provision is made.)

*Third.* That the annual conventions of the several departmental groups of the church work shall hereafter confine themselves to such time, following the opening of the General Conference, as shall be assigned them by those having in charge the work of preparing the program for the General Conference.

*Fourth.* That the directing heads of the several departments of church work shall hereafter make their reports to the Presidency of the Church at such time as shall be determined by said Presidency, including therein such reports of subordinate officers as may be deemed necessary.

*Fifth.* That the question of financing of the several departments of the church work and of determining whether or not their financial interests shall be under the direct supervision of a bishop, be referred to the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric.

*Sixth.* We recognize that the above provides for a mere beginning of a full coordination of the interests of the church and its auxiliaries, and that while concerning many of the activities of the church there would be no difference of opinions as to where they would properly function, concerning others there would be a question. The main consideration in these doubtful cases, however, would not be where they might be placed, but that they should be definitely placed somewhere. It is therefore recommended that a permanent coordinating committee, consisting of the President of the Church and the heads of the six departments hereinabove provided for be constituted to decide where legitimate activities of the church and its auxiliaries might function to the best advantage of the body as a whole, and for the determination of such other details as may arise from time to time.

Adopted April 8, 1918.

No. 783.

AGREEMENTS OF WORKING HARMONY [WITH CHURCH OF CHRIST]

1. Agreed, that we believe in the restoration of the gospel, and the angel's message through Joseph the Seer.

2. Agreed, that so far as the fundamental principles of the gospel of Christ are concerned, both organizations believe the same, as per copies of the epitome attached.

3. Agreed, that the Book of Mormon is a divine record, and the redemption of Zion must be by purchase.

4. Agreed, that we indorse the revelations contained in the 1835 edition of Doctrine and Covenants.

5. Agreed, that we indorse the revelation found in the letter from Joseph Smith, the Seer, to W. W. Phelps concerning the "one mighty and strong," dated November 27, 1832.

6. Agreed, that we indorse the articles on Marriage and of Governments and Laws in General, in the 1835 edition of Doctrine and Covenants.

7. Agreed, that we believe that there are individuals in the different factions who hold the priesthood.

8. Agreed, that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, any one of which is an elder, there the Church exists.

9. Agreed, that an organization is necessary and such an organization as the number of members, and the will of God enables them to attain to.

10. Agreed, that wherever a branch exists the power of church extension exists also to its fullest extent, when acting in harmony with the law.

11. Agreed, that any man holding the priesthood, and possessing the proper qualifications, may be chosen by the church,

by acting in accordance with the law to act in any specific position.

12. Agreed, that faith and righteousness and the call of God are the chief essentials for the possession of the Melchisedec priesthood.

13. Agreed, that in the opinion of this council, in order to accomplish the work of the Lord committed to his people, it is necessary for them to unite in one organization, in harmony with the law of God.

14. Agreed, that the city of Zion will be built at Independence, Missouri, and that the Saints of God will gather there.

15. Agreed, that the principle of consecration is necessary to the establishment of Zion.

16. Agreed, that the law of Christ requires that every man be made a steward, and that none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God, whether officer or member, and that all shall be equal in temporal things, and that not grudgingly, in order to be united according to the law of the celestial kingdom; and that the time has fully come to apply this law in Zion; and that we will labor together to see that it is enforced as soon as possible.

17. Agreed, that we believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and the restoration of the "Ten Lost Tribes."

18. Agreed, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and the earth will be restored to its paradisaical glory.

19. Agreed, that the question of who the one "mighty and strong" is, whether Christ or man, be left an open question until further revelation from God shall definitely determine who it is.

20. Agreed, that the doctrine of baptism for the dead (by proxy) be not taught as a part of the faith and doctrine of the Church, unless commanded by a revelation accepted by the Church.

21. Agreed, that what is known as the "King Follet sermon" and the book of Abraham be not accepted as the basis for doctrine.

22. Agreed, that the branch of the Church of Christ on the Temple Lot, which was presided over by Elder Granville Hedrick and his successors, shall be continued, and that no change be made in the custody of the Temple Lot.

23. Agreed, that all other minor points of difference in belief and practice, that may exist between the officers and members of the two organizations, be left to the elders for settlement as they assemble in council from time to time.

24. Agreed, that whereas the Church of Christ, and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints consist of members who have been baptized by men holding authority, conferred by ordination under the hands of the

servants of God, called during the ministry of Joseph Smith, who have remained true to the original faith of the church, organized April 6, 1830, and, whereas, both organizations stand for and maintain the same fundamental doctrine and practice, and have the same purpose and ideal in their church government and work; therefore, be it mutually agreed, that each recognize the standing of the other as representing Christ, the Master, and the priesthood of each as legally constituted, and the administration of each as equally binding before God, when done in accordance with the law.

Resolved, that these articles of agreement be submitted to the General Conferences of both organizations, which are to be held April 6, 1918, at Independence, Missouri, for approval as the working basis of harmony between the Church of Christ and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Adopted April 9, 1918.

No. 784. That the Presidency be authorized to appoint a Church Architect.

No. 785. That . . . no church site be chosen or edifice erected by any branch without first conferring with the Presiding Bishop and the Church Architect.

Adopted April 10, 1918.

No. 786. Section 161, chapter 14, of the Book of Rules of Order and Debate, page 100, provides that "the officers of the church recognized by these meetings [referring to branch business meetings] as having a right to preside are: "A presiding elder," "a priest or priests," "teacher or teachers," "a deacon or deacons," etc.

This gives rise to the order in the church of the choosing by the branches of presiding priest, teacher, and deacon, which thing seems not otherwise provided in the law.

Inasmuch as this matter gives rise to confusion among the Saints and inasmuch as this matter with all the rest of the Book of Rules is under consideration,

Resolved, that section 161, chapter 14, of the Book of Rules, be suspended until such time as the revision of the Book of Rules be completed.

Also that section 6, chapter 1, relating to permanent officers of branches be so interpreted as not to compel the election of presiding priest, teacher, or deacon.

Adopted April 11, 1918.

No. 787. That we dispense with the present system of auditing and authorize the Presidency to appoint one or more auditors to audit the church accounts.

Adopted April 12, 1918.

No. 788. Whereas, some misunderstanding and confusion has arisen over the statement in Doctrine and Covenants 129: 8, and the conference resolution number 710, concerning *the personnel* of the Bishopric, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Bishops present at the conference that the term "Bishopric" as used in Doctrine and Covenants 129: 8, has reference to the men holding the office of bishop under a presiding head and that these should constitute the Order of Bishops.

Adopted April 13, 1918.

No. 789. That as citizens of the United States, we hereby reaffirm our belief in and fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and as officers and delegates of this, the sixty-fifth General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, hereby denounce all organizations of any name or character which have expressed opposition to, or sought to hinder the administration of the Government's purposes in the conducting of the present war; and unreservedly express our loyalty to and support of the United States Government in its conducting of the war against the Teutonic allies, humbly praying God's blessing on the allied cause so that complete victory may bring to us an enduring peace, preparing the way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

No. 790. Petition of the Eastern Michigan District asking for a division of said district was referred to the committee by the joint council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric with their recommendation of approval. The proposed district to the north to comprise Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, and Saint Clair Counties; the one to the south to be composed of Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties, with the addition of Livingston, Washtenaw, and Monroe Counties from the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. We recommend this division subject to the approval of the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana District. We further recommend that the district to the north be known as the Eastern Michigan District and the one to the south be known as the Detroit District.

No. 791. In order to officially place the dividing line between the Central Nebraska District and the Southern Nebraska District, as understood by these districts, the committee recommends, subject to ratification by the conferences of the respective districts, that the line be continued from the northwest corner of Lawson County eastward on the Third Standard Parallel North Latitude to the northwest corner of

York County, instead of following the Platte River from the western line of Lawson County to the eastern line of Hamilton County as at present.

No. 792. A committee from the Saskatchewan District request that said district be divided, and we recommend that the request be granted, and that the dividing line be the line between townships numbers twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25); the other boundary lines remaining as at present. We further recommend that these districts be known as the Northern Saskatchewan District and the Southern Saskatchewan District.

Adopted April 8, 1919.

No. 793. That only the regular conference press committee, official stenographers, *Herald* and *Ensign* representatives, and Church Historian be permitted to occupy places thereat [reporting table]; and that all newspaper correspondents and others on application to the press committee be furnished with proper data prepared for them by the regular press committee.

Adopted April 11, 1919.

No. 794. That the counties of Perkins, Chase, and Dundy in Nebraska be annexed to the Eastern Colorado District, subject to ratification by Eastern Colorado District.

No. 795. That request of Eastern and Western Montana districts to change boundary in Choteau County to longitude 111 be granted.

No. 796. That the recommendation of the president of Holden Stake to annex the counties of Moniteau and Cole to the Holden Stake be approved subject to the approval of the Holden Stake and Clinton District.

No. 797. That the petition of the Wheeling District for the addition of Columbiana County, Ohio, to that district be granted.

Adopted April 15, 1919.

No. 798. The work of the Twelve is primarily missionary, but under the direction of the Presidency they may be sent to regulate in organized local affairs when such regulation is made necessary.

The work of the Twelve is under the direction of the Presidency in the administrative or executive work of the Church both in missionary and local lines, according to the law.

The appointment of the Twelve is not to specific fields in charge of individuals, but the members are subject to direc-

tion by the Presidency, in this way being the "Second Presidency."

Missionary and local lines of work are distinctive, and always cooperative when and where necessary.

Local organizations once effected, should be placed under the charge of the local officers and so far as possible or consistent with the best interests of all concerned, be not interfered with by the missionary line.

Besides their work in the missionary line and in regulating local affairs, the Twelve should be prepared to act as counselors to the Presidency when needed, hence some of the members of the Twelve should be near if not at the seat of the Presidency so that such consultation may be had occasionally.

Suggested modifications to the present system:

The weekly letter from all appointees to the Presidency to be continued, but those from the missionaries to be passed on to the Twelve at the seat of the Presidency, consultation between them and the Presidency to be had when needed thereon, but directions and instructions issuing from these representatives of the Twelve in harmony with the general principles understood and agreed upon by the Quorum of Twelve and Presidency.

For the purpose of closer and mediate supervision of missionary activities, the missionaries may be arranged into groups, each group to be supervised by a seventy, instructed in the missionary policies adopted by the Quorum of Twelve. Variations from these general instructions, or other instructions made necessary by special conditions, may be issued to these group supervisors by the Twelve at the seat of the Presidency or by members of the Twelve who may be on the grounds or in the field of operation of the particular group.

Thus the supervision of the missionaries by the Twelve will be based upon a definite general policy determined by the Twelve, and approved by the Presidency, and the supervision of the missionary work by the Presidency will be mediate.

The Twelve shall then give their primary attention to missionary work, subject to call for regulating local work by the Presidency, and ready at all times to prosecute missionary work in new fields.

This general scheme carries with it the concomitant idea of an adequate force of local workers competent to care for congregations and districts when organized as a result of missionary work.

The appointment of all missionaries, domestic and foreign, to be made by interaction of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, either in joint council or by concurrence.

Adopted April 17, 1919.

No. 799. Resolved, that the church fiscal year be changed to begin July 1, instead of January 1, to be effective June 30, 1919.

No. 800. That we look with favor upon the church carrying its own insurance on church properties, the details of which are to be worked out by the Presiding Bishopric.

No. 801. The chief if not the only function of the coordinating committee is to determine the placement of newly organized or reorganized activities. In the expansion of our church work, and in the efforts to supply demands constantly arising, activities will repeatedly be started with regard to which there will be a question as to which one of the departments the activity shall be assigned. To determine where the various activities shall function when such question is raised, is the primary duty of the coordinating committee.

The purpose, therefore, of the creation of this committee is to unify the work. To accomplish this there must be only one such committee, and the very purpose of its creation is threatened by the creation of local so-called coordinating committees in branch, district, or stake. The work of coordinating locally is a function of the executives of the departments. To have local coordinating committees doing work similar to that of the general, would be to confuse rather than to clarify.

We recommend that the nomination of district and local department heads be a matter for cooperation between the departments.

The committee recommends that the Social Purity Board as it has existed in the past be abolished and its work, so far as initiative is concerned, be referred to the Woman's Auxiliary. Because of the close correlation of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the homes of the church, the committee feels that this work should logically belong to this auxiliary.

During the past year the Woman's Auxiliary has conducted a correspondence course in public speaking. The demand for this course has been so great that we recommend that this course be referred to Graceland College—provided an extension department shall be organized at the college.

We suggest that the Lecture Board activities, now directed by the Religio Department, be placed under the control and direction of the college, subject to the provision mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The social and recreational responsibilities of the Religio Department have been carefully considered by the committee in connection with the organized class movement, and we

suggest that organized classes in both Sunday school and Religio should be encouraged to develop social life from the gospel standpoint; and so far as practicable the same units should form classes in both departments. Their social activities should be conducted in connection with the Religio.

The committee recommends the adoption of the suggestion of the joint report of the normal superintendent that the normal training work be turned over to Graceland College—provided the extension department is organized. (See printed reports, page 91.)

The work of the Gospel Literature Commission also was discussed by the committee. Our recommendation is that the general commission should be abolished, but that the local (district and branch) commissions be continued: the work of the general commission to be handled by the Board of Publication.

The committee is prepared to recommend nominations for subordinate officers of the Religio and Woman's Auxiliary departments.

Adopted April 18, 1919.

No. 802. Whereas, the method of selecting presidents of seventy is provided for by the Lord in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 124, paragraph 5, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Presidents of Seventy shall not be restricted or prevented from making such selections in harmony with the said provisions, subject to the approval of the church.

No. 803. That the maximum annual financial needs of the family of each general church officer and conference appointee for the year beginning July 1, and thereafter, be fixed by the joint council of the First Presidency, Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric upon the basis of the family budget returns according to the law of "just wants and needs," but in no case to exceed the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars annually, the payment thereof to be made in equal monthly payments.

No. 804. That each general officer and conference appointee shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures for personal and traveling expenses and make report thereof monthly to the Presiding Bishop, upon blanks to be furnished for that purpose, to be prepared by the Presiding Bishopric.

No. 805. That each department of the church (general and stake) submit to the Presiding Bishopric a budget of their office and administration expenses for the year begin-

ning July 1, 1919, not later than April 30 for this year and by January 31 for each year thereafter.

No. 806. That it is the opinion of the high council that the branches of the Independence Stake be consolidated for administrative purposes, and that membership be held in the stake as such.

No. 807. That the policy of the Bishopric for the coming year shall be:

First, to provide funds for the care and expenses of the missionaries and their families who are engaged in promulgating the gospel of Christ, together with the general administration expense.

Second, for the care of the poor and the needy and the expenses incident to the operation of the several Homes for the aged and orphan children.

Third, for budgets adopted by General Conference for Graceland College, Sanitarium, etc.

Fourth, an appropriation for a twelve-classroom building for Graceland College as soon as the finances of the general fund will permit without incurring debt or interfering with the regular work of the church.

That the Christmas offering for 1919 be used for the purchase of land for the creation of inheritances and stewardships, that our less fortunate members may be given an opportunity to purchase their inheritances under favorable conditions.

Adopted April 9, 1920.

No. 808. That the recommendation of the President of the Church relating to time and place of holding of General Conference be adopted. (The place, Independence, Missouri; the time to be named on consideration.)

No. 809. That this General Conference place itself on record as approving the proposition and measure suggested by the First Presidency in reference to a General Conference building.

Adopted April 10, 1920.

No. 810. The following items reported at length in the report of the President were adopted by separate motions:

Paragraph relating to the Children's Home.

Sanitarium Annex.

Changing Articles of Incorporation of Sanitarium. Church Physician as member of Ex Officio Board.

Paragraph pertaining to stewardships.

Reorganization of Independence Stake.

Transfer of Church Headquarters.

The recommendations of the Presidency's report as a whole.

Adopted April 12, 1920.

No. 811. That the delegates attending General Conference are, without special instruction, authorized to cast the full vote of their respective constituencies; provided that no delegate shall be entitled to cast more than 20 delegate votes, and in case of division to cast a majority and minority vote.

Adopted April 13, 1920.

No. 812. That this conference go on record as favoring our affiliation with the "Boy Scouts of America" until such time as the church shall be able to develop an organization of its own for the boys.

No. 813. Whereas, considerable discussion has arisen of late as to the propriety of using moving pictures in our houses of worship: Be it resolved that we place ourselves on record as favoring the use of such mediums of education insofar as they conduce to the proper education of humanity and the glory of God.

Adopted April 14, 1920.

No. 814. That a series of lantern slides be prepared for the use of the ministry, under the direction of the Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

Adopted April 15, 1920.

No. 815. The coordinating committee recommends that the work of the home departments of the Religio and Sunday school, and the cradle roll work of the Sunday school be assumed by the Women's Department.

No. 816. That we look with favor upon the erection of adequate dormitories at Graceland College, and commence operations as soon as funds will permit.

That the Christmas offering for 1920 be used for the purchase and improvement of land.

Whereas, the Board of Publication in their report calls attention "to the fact that the best interests of the publishing concerns of the church would be conserved by placing the publishing houses as far as possible under one roof and one management";

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Order of Bishops look with favor upon the ultimate consummation of this object.

They, however, suggest that the erection of a building for the housing of the publishing interests should become a part of the general building program of the church to be undertaken under the direction of the general church authorities when financial and economic conditions render it advisable.

No. 817. That the time has come when the Religio, Sunday school, and Women's Department should have a publication commensurate with the growing needs of these departments.

That we request the General Conference to authorize the Board of Publication to make provision to supply this demand.

That the selection of editors and all other matters involved in carrying out the provisions of the foregoing resolutions be left to the Presidency, Board of Publication, and executives of the Religio, Sunday School, and Women's Department.

Adopted October 7, 1922.

No. 818. General Conference Resolutions numbers 230 and 231 were reaffirmed.

Adopted October 9, 1922.

No. 819. That the Certificates of Ordination which limit the representative powers of the ministry to one year should be discontinued.

Adopted October 14, 1922.

No. 820. That a committee of five be appointed to consider the General Conference Resolutions and add those that have been passed by conferences and bring it up to date, and that they report to this body for final action, the personnel of this committee to consist of the Historian, Secretary, and a representative each from the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy to be chosen respectively by those quorums.

No. 821. That the selection of alternate delegates by stakes and districts shall be discontinued.

Adopted October 17, 1922.

No. 822. Excepting emergency expenditures, which may be approved by the Joint Council of Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, in no case shall the amount allowed to any general church officer's or conference appointee's family exceed \$1,800, and the amount for personal and traveling expenses \$1,800. That the financial statement apply not only to this fiscal year, but continue in effect until set aside by action of General Conference.

No. 823. Whereas, during the past twenty-seven months, there has been a deficit in the operating expenses of the

church of \$269,327.52, we recommend that the building of the Auditorium be postponed until after the next General Conference.

No. 824. Owing to the fact that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among the ministry and the membership at large contingent upon the matter of dropping so many missionaries from active service, and believing that the greatest and most vital asset and power contributing to the success of the church, and most essential to its present crisis, is increased missionary activity; we therefore

Resolved, That all proposed projects involving the expenditure of church finances be postponed for another year, and that the missionary arm of the church be immediately returned to appointment and activity to the extent of the financial possibilities of the church; be it further

Resolved, That we pledge our support to the Twelve in an endeavor to carry out the spirit of sections 114 and 122:5 of the Doctrine and Covenants, and that the expenditure of money in any sum not authorized by the General Conference or indorsed by the Council of Presidency, Presiding Bishops, and the Quorum of Twelve, be strictly prohibited.

No. 825. That the boundary between Eastern and Western Colorado be the eastern boundary lines of the following counties: Routt, Eagle, Lake, Chaffee, Saguache, Alamosa, Costilla.

No. 826. That the boundary lines of the Utah District remain as at present constituted.

Adopted October 18, 1922.

No. 827. The Order of Bishops recommends that the expenditures for the conference year be curtailed to correspond with the receipts and to provide for this that a committee of three be authorized to work out the details. This committee shall be composed of one member of the First Presidency, one of the Quorum of Twelve, and one of the Presiding Bishopric to be chosen by each quorum respectively.

No. 828. That we report with favor upon request of the Sunday school for the use of its funds towards printing textbooks.

No. 829. In order to place the church in a position to properly carry on its missionary work at home and abroad, we recommend that the 1922 and 1923 Christmas offerings become a part of the general church funds.

No. 830. We recommend to the Joint Council that the existing names of the districts in England and Wales shall be canceled and hereafter be known as follows: Northern

District, Midland District, Southern District, and the District of Wales.

The Northern District shall include the following counties: Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Westmorland, and Cumberland. The southern boundary lines, running from west to east as follows: The southern boundary line to the county of Cheshire and the county of York from the River Dee to the Humber.

The Midland District shall include the following counties: Lincoln, Rutland, Leicester, Warrick, Worcester, Hereford, Nottingham, Derby, Stafford, and Shropshire. The northern boundary line being the southern boundary line of the above northern district. The southern boundary line extending from the Wash in the east coast, following the southern boundary line to the counties of Lincoln, Rutland, Leicester, Warrick, Worcester, and Hereford. The western boundary line extending along the western boundary lines of Counties Hereford and Shropshire.

The Southern District shall include all the counties south of the southern boundary of the above Midland District.

The District of Wales shall include all the counties of the principality of Wales. The eastern boundary running from north to south, being the western boundaries of the following counties: Chester, Shropshire, Hereford, and Gloucester.

Adopted October 1, 1923.

No. 831. It was moved, that where there is an excess of delegates reported, the last named in excess be dropped.

A substitute was moved: That in such cases delegations should consult with the credentials committee and bring in a report concerning changes made.

An amendment to the substitute was moved, providing that the delegates be seated in the manner recommended by the credentials committee in the paragraph read from the committee's report, which states: "Unless otherwise instructed the committee will certify delegates from these districts to the proper number in the order of their registrations with the committee." The amendment and the substitute as amended were adopted.

Adopted October 4, 1923.

No. 832. Resolved, that the ex officio members of this conference be seated in harmony with the rules of representation adopted by the church until otherwise ordered by the action of this body.

That we submit this our action [joint Seventy] to the General Conference with our protest against the seating of

those in this conference not authorized by our present law, as was done last year.

No. 833. Whereas, the General Conference of 1914 adopted the following resolution:

“That it is the sense of this body that no further debt be incurred by the Board of Trustees of Graceland College for such extensions as gymnasiums, dormitories, etc., until such proposed work of extension shall have first been presented to this body for its approval”;

Therefore, be it resolved; that the annual expenditures of the several institutions under the fostering care of the church, be limited to their respective budget amounts approved of by the General Conference, and no debt be incurred.

Adopted October 9, 1923.

No. 834. Inasmuch as question has arisen in the church over the meaning and application of the law of common consent; and

Inasmuch as the Church of Christ is a theocratic democracy, in which the will of God is executed by divinely-appointed ministers, with the consent of the members; therefore, be it

Resolved that we, the officers and delegates of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in General Conference assembled, reaffirm our belief in and our adherence to the principle of common consent as set forth in the Doctrine and Covenants, the Book of Mormon, and the Holy Scriptures; and be it further

Resolved, that this conference affirms the right of the membership to nominate in filling all elective offices in church, stake, district, and branch organizations in the various conferences and business meetings, general and local; and be it further

Resolved, that this action shall in no way be interpreted as denying the right of presiding officers to present to the appropriate conferences or business meetings concurrent nominations for the filling of such elective offices.

Adopted October 10, 1923.

No. 835. The committee appointed by the General Conference of 1922 to complete the compilation of General Conference Resolutions to date recommend that the purpose of the published compilation of conference resolutions shall be guidance in conference and branch legislation and administration; and that, therefore:

General Conference Resolutions having relation to local or temporary conditions shall be eliminated.

Resolutions having become obsolete through the passage of time, changed practice, or fresh legislation shall be eliminated.

Reaffirmations of resolutions shall be cited with each such resolution.

The definition of district boundaries shall no longer be part of the General Conference Resolutions, but shall be issued as an appendix thereto.

Articles of Incorporation and Association, Rules of Representation, etc., shall be inserted as appendices.

The committee requests their release and the appointment of a further committee having in view the compilation of the resolutions in harmony with these recommendations.

In order to bring the present book up to date on the old basis, the resolution cited on the attached sheets should be included.

No. 836. Inasmuch as the modern tendency seems to be towards the desecration of the purpose for which Sunday has been set apart in the traditions, laws, and customs of Christian civilizations; therefore be it,

Resolved, that this conference affirms its respect for the Lord's Day and looks with disfavor upon any movement or activity which under church patronage may tend to lessen the respect for the sacredness of this divine institution.

No. 837. That the present committee on General Conference resolutions be authorized to add to the compilation of conference resolutions from 1916-1922 those adopted by this conference, and that the Board of Publication be requested to publish resolutions adopted from 1916-1923 as a supplement to the present book of resolutions.

Adopted October 11, 1923.

No. 838. The Order of Bishops is unanimously agreed that the time has come for the erection of an auditorium, large enough to care for our needs.

We therefore recommend that this conference authorize the First Presidency, Quorum of Twelve, and Order of Bishops, to each select two of their quorum to act in conjunction with the church architect, to select the site and have plans and specifications prepared, the cost to be kept well within the limits of the available funds subscribed for the purpose.

We further recommend that the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to immediately proceed with the erection of said building in accordance with the plans and specifications as approved by said committee, with the view to having the building ready for the use of next General Conference.

We further recommend that any part of the auditorium fund now or hereafter collected, not expended for the construction of said auditorium, be held in reserve and invested in convertible, interest-bearing securities, the earnings from which shall be used for the operation, upkeep, improvement, or enlargement of said building.

No. 839. Resolved that it is the wish of this Quorum of Seventy that all general representatives of the church receiving appointment shall have such appointments submitted to General Conference for ratification.

That nothing in this action shall be so construed to prohibit the appointing powers from making changes or other appointments between conferences.

Adopted October 12, 1923.

No. 840. That the petition of the East Independence group for transfer from the Holden Stake to the City of Zion be granted, the Holden Stake conference offering no objections to the request.

No. 841. That the boundary line between the Northwestern Kansas District and the Southwestern Kansas District as agreed upon by these respective districts be approved as follows: The south line of Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Rush, Barton, Ellsworth, and Saline Counties form the line between these districts. The eastern line of the Northwestern Kansas District and the Southwestern Kansas District is already defined by General Conference resolution.

No. 842. That the division of the Southern Ohio District as outlined by the Southern Ohio District conference be held in abeyance and the boundary of the district remain as at present. We make this recommendation in view of objections filed with the committee by General Conference appointees laboring in the district.

No. 843. Inasmuch as the decisions of the Standing High Council are of grave concern to the church, and it is fitting and desirable that the members of this council shall be selected in harmony with the law so as to establish the greatest confidence in its functions, guaranteeing justice and equity to all; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the principle and method providing for the selection of the members composing this Standing High Council, be and hereby are reaffirmed, viz:

“Those who were presented by the high priests for ordination to their number, if approved by the council of the high priests now present, and the conference, may be ordained; and from their number there may be selected by a committee of conference composed of one of the first presidency, the

president of the twelve and one other to be chosen by the council of twelve, the president of the high priests and one other to be chosen by that council of their number, a sufficient number to fill the vacancies now existing in the high council, that the high council may be properly organized and prepared to hear matters of grave importance when presented to them. And this committee shall make these selections according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation that shall be given unto them, to provide that such council may be convened at any general conference when emergency may demand, by reason of their residing at or near to places where conferences may be held."—Doctrine and Covenants 120: 9; and further, be it

Resolved, that members of the Quorum of Twelve, Order of Bishops, and Stake Presidencies shall not be eligible to appointment to this Standing High Council; and further, be it

Resolved, that all resolutions conflicting with this be and hereby are rescinded.

No. 844. Moved that the conference reaffirm its approval of the Book of Rules of Order and Debate.

Adopted October 13, 1923.

No. 845. That the appropriation committee of General Conference be enlarged to include two members of the First Presidency and two members of the Quorum of Twelve.

No. 846. That until further notice the Christmas offering become a part of the general funds for missionary purposes.

No. 847. Whereas the law of God teaches that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; therefore:

(a) All men are of necessity stewards.

(b) That the law of stewardships applies individually to each and every member of the church. (Doctrine and Covenants 42: 9; 70: 3; 101: 2; 118: 4.)

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Order of Bishops believe it to be the duty of every member of the church to acknowledge his stewardship by complying with the law as given in the scriptures:

(a) Filing his inventory;

(b) Paying his tithe;

(c) Paying his surplus;

(d) Making his offerings;

(e) And thereafter giving an account of his stewardship annually as required by the law of God.

In accordance with the foregoing, the members of the church, "who are willing and desirous" (Doctrine and Covenants 128:1), under the general supervision of the officers ordained of God for this purpose, may establish such organizations as are contemplated in the law whenever and wherever circumstances warrant this procedure.

In order to accomplish these purposes, we deem it the duty of each individual to endeavor so far as is consistent with wholesome standards of living to establish a plane of living that will make possible an annual increase.

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