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Home Missions Council of North America
Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Presiding—Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale

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Its Progress in North America ........................Theodore F. Romig

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Secretary, John E. Skoglund

Group B (Aim IV)

The Missionary Task in the Light of the Radically New Relationship Between East and West
Chairman, Theodore F. Romig
Secretary, Charles H. Long, Jr.

Group C (Aim IV)

The Missionary Task in the Light of the Pressure of New or Revived Forces in Africa and the Moslem World
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Secretary, Virgil A. Sly

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Chairman, E. H. Johnson
Secretary, Ellen B. Gammack

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Wednesday, November 29

2:15 P.M.

First Meeting of Division Assembly

Adjourned Business Session of FMC
A Summons to Immediate Action

CHARLES W. RANSON

In introducing the speakers, Charles W. Ranson and Norman Goodall, who gave the addresses on "A Summons to Immediate Action" and "The One Increasing Purpose," which follow, Charles T. Leber stated that at the postwar conference of the International Missionary Council at Whitby, at the later meeting at Oegstgeest, and at the meeting at Whitby in the summer of 1950, there were extended discussions of world conditions and the challenge and opportunity facing the Christian movement today. Mr. Ranson was asked to present the program of immediate strategy growing out of these conferences, and Mr. Goodall the continuing long-range purpose on which this immediate strategy is built.

Before the end of this week Dr. John Bennett of Union Theological Seminary, known to all of us as a person who has become in a real sense expert in the whole realm of the relation of Christianity to communism, will arrive in the Near East, and will meet with representative leaders of the Churches of the Near East, to discuss with them the strategy of the Church in that turbulent area in relation to the encroachment and the challenge of aggressive communism. He will pass on from there to Pakistan and India and to Southeast Asia, and in each of these places he will have a succession of consultations with picked leaders on the whole issue of the Christian response to the communist challenge. He is not going to tell the Churches of those areas what he thinks they ought to do. He is going to sit down with them in an endeavor to seek answers to the questions, vital questions of Christian strategy in the crisis in which those Churches find themselves.

Early in the new year, Dr. Hendrick Kraemer, the director of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey and a vice-chairman of the International Missionary Council, will leave on a similar mission to Asia, and he, in similar consultations, will address himself with Asian colleagues to the issues which Miss Chakko has mentioned, especially, syncretism and the encroachment upon the integrity of the Christian faith of the older religions in many areas of Asia which are witnessing a revival allied to aggressive nationalism.

Next summer, the chairman of the International Missionary Council, Dr. John A. Mackay, will, on behalf of the council visit some of the countries where political Roman Catholicism presents to the Church a challenge which cannot be denied, and there are other plans afoot, not to answer all the questions that have been brought before us, but, to see whether, by a series of consultations, in which
some of the best wisdom of the older Churches may be placed at the
disposal of the leaders of the younger Churches, a strategy of crisis
may be evolved in areas where those younger Churches are under
severe pressure.

All this is part of a program which evolved more or less unex­
pectedly out of the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the
International Missionary Council, which was held in Whitby, On­
tario, last summer.

The Ad Interim Committee of the Council is the small, executive
body which is appointed by the Committee of the Council, and acts
for it in the intervals between meetings. It is small, but representa­
tive; China, Japan, India, the Philippines, the Near East, Latin
America, Germany and France, as well as North America and Great
Britain were all represented in that small meeting in Canada last
summer, and from the representatives of the younger Churches, in
particular, came the plea that some vivid and concrete expression be
given at this time to the reality of the world Christian fellowship. It
became clear that this could best be done in relation to certain areas,
both geographical and ideological, in which the Church is under fire.

Thus it was that there emerged from that meeting of the Ad Interim
Committee a "Summons to Immediate Action."

Many of you have seen that document and I will not weary you
by an extended reading of it. But a sentence or two will remind you
both of its purpose and of the context in which this summons was set.

"The normal work and program of the IMC is relevant to every
new crisis because it arises out of the everlasting gospel which sur­
vives all crises."

"This ongoing work, many phases of which have now been re­
viewed afresh by the Committee, must continue. Nevertheless, in
view of the swift sharpening of the political, social and religious crises
involving the world in general and the World Christian Movement
in particular, and the prevailing and engulfing war psychology, the
Ad Interim Committee of the IMC believes that immediate steps
should be taken to guide the Churches and missions in meeting ade­
quately the major elements in these crises and in bearing witness to
the enduring truth of the gospel and in asserting the reality of a fel­
lowship which is indestructible."

The plans which I have mentioned emerged from that kind of con­
viction. They are aimed at the formulas of what we call a crisis
strategy to deal unitedly with the witness of the Church in relation
to communism; the freedom and integrity of Evangelical Christianity
in countries dominated by political Roman Catholicism; the threat
to the Church and the gospel arising from new expressions of relig­
ious syncretism, often associated with some aspect of nationalism.
A SUMMONS TO IMMEDIATE ACTION

I will not seek to elaborate in detail all the plans that have been made and that are in process. I will only say this: that the IMC has not launched this new summons lightly or inadvisedly, but under a deep sense of compulsion and in response to a very strongly expressed need in the younger Churches. It does not mean that this program of immediate action is going to take the place of the process in which we are all engaged and which must be a continuing task. Dr. Goodall will address himself in greater detail to that.

But we did feel with real conviction at Whitby that the Church's greatest asset is not its worldwide extent or its organization, though we have reason to be grateful for the existence of an ecumenical instrument that makes this kind of process possible; the Church's greatest asset is simply its gospel, and this immediate action program is nothing more or less than an effort to help hardpressed comrades in other lands to bring the gospel in all its richness and power to bear upon the crises which they face.

The IMC has had much encouraging evidence of the extent to which this summons has evoked a response throughout our worldwide constituency. In this country, the Committee of Reference and Counsel has already spoken, but if this project is to be carried through to success, if we are by this means to address ourselves to some of the most pressing emergencies which today beset the Church, then this program will require backing in the IMC and the future Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, backing with the kind of conviction which fortifies pious goodwill with active help and with pecuniary assistance.

The One Increasing Purpose

NORMAN GOODALL

Certain words and phrases to which there properly belongs an arresting quality have been so heavily worked amongst us that they have lost their cutting edge. "Crisis," "turning point," "dilemma," "the new situation," all belong to this category. If we still use them they slide about our sentences without any longer stabbing our attention. But this devaluation of words, especially those which belong to the language of crisis, must not be allowed to dull our sensitiveness to what is happening in this year of our Lord. Therefore, the first feature of the new International Missionary Council undertaking called The Missionary Obligation of the Church is that it is a claim on the attentiveness of Christian men and women. It is a cry of warning against letting familiarity with certain situations
ADDRESSES

blunt the edge of our concern or hinder deeper thought regarding them. This claim on attentiveness is being addressed to many different categories of people, but for my special purposes today, I stress its importance for the members of the great historic mission boards and especially for their executives. Here you have scores of able and devoted men and women administering great instruments of Christian service, knowing that those instruments developed their most characteristic ways of working in a vastly different age from this. I do not suggest that the boards have remained unchanged through the years or that there has been no modification of their policies. I do however doubt whether such changes as have taken place in the boards and their policies have been at all commensurate with the revolutionary changes which have occurred in the world in general and the Christian scene in particular. I believe that in the minds of most board secretaries (at any rate a little below the surface of their attention) there is uneasiness and uncertainty at this point. The great instruments are still being well used; many of the familiar policies and techniques are continuing to prove workable. There are jobs to be done and some resources for doing them, so you can go on and you can certainly keep busy. But there is an uneasiness being kept at bay.

Now to such men and women the IMC would say, "It is not enough to go on with this current of uneasiness. Let us look at the reason for it. Let us try to see its meaning in the light of first principles. Let us learn together—God willing—what the Holy Spirit means by it and what creative and constructive intention God has in it." You have just heard about our SUMMONS TO IMMEDIATE ACTION. What we are also issuing is this SUMMONS TO DEEPER REFLECTION. We dare to make the two demands on you in the conviction that they are inseparable parts of our Christian obedience.

What are the issues around which this deeper reflection has become imperative? Many have already been put before you as we have discussed the major crisis in the various fields which have come under our review. At this point, I want to try to approach the problem from the standpoint of a board secretary, and I begin at a prosaic level, namely, that of the financial impasse to which we are heading.

Some people wonder why I should get agitated about the financial prospects of missions in view of the fact that I have so many encouraging links with the United States. Europe may be exhausted or its resources frozen by the disciplines of exchange. Britain may look a little down at heel and sound financially pessimistic. But the United States—illimitable resources, infinite generosity, a mighty sense of world mission and the most moving awareness of its ecumen-
ical obligations! Why should the rest of us worry? Let the dollar go into all the world and guarantee the social security of the world mission.

I am in a better position than many people to appreciate the spiritual significance of American generosity. I cannot speak too appreciatively of the sense of trusteeship with which so many Christians in this country hold and administer their resources. But in regard to the greatest financial problems which confront the missionary movement today, I am convinced that we are missing the depth of the challenge if we assume that the main thing needed is some readjustment of the total burden so that generous America more powerfully undergirds the diminished resources of the rest of the Christian world. There is no time to elaborate this contention in detail. I will content myself with asserting that when a mission board struggles with a budget in which aid to the younger Churches, especially in respect of ministerial support, knocks all previous estimating sideways, what you have run into is not just another startling rise in the cost of living; it is a symptom of vast social changes, national and international, in which the old relationship of dependence—even if it were once justified as was assumed—is no longer going to be possible. To disguise this issue by a shift here, by whipping up more generosity there, by contriving to acquiesce a bit longer is what some misguided younger Church has come to regard as its right—this can be dodging the issue and missing the likelihood that what the Spirit would have some older Churches say to some younger Churches is “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

Now I grant that this is a debatable field. That is why we want it debated. It calls for more information, more wisdom, and more hard thinking than is at present being given to it. Incidentally, this needs to include renewed attention to the work of our largely neglected colleague, Merle Davis. Of course, there are many aspects of the question on which we cannot escape the necessity for immediate action. We must therefore do the best we can on the basis of our limited insights. The IMC recognizes this but it nevertheless summons you to deeper reflection and begs you to bring to the contingent problems of mission board finance something more than policies of expediency.

My next illustration has to do with the essential function of the missionary in this new day and with the allied questions of recruiting and training missionaries. You may recall a moving article which appeared in the *International Review of Missions* a few years ago in which one of the best of the younger missionaries of the Church of Scotland spoke of the dilemma in which he found himself as he
tried to make sense of his vocation. It looks, he said, in effect, as
though what the younger Churches require of us is that we shall sit
somewhere at the back and give a permanent demonstration of humil-
ity. He was prepared to do this for Christ’s sake, but with the
world as it is today he also felt bound to ask, “For Christ’s sake,
is that all?” Happily, that same missionary has since been given an
answer to that question. With the authority of the indigenous Church
as well as that Church's Lord, he is being called upon, not for less
humility, but for a whole time job of creative leadership. I cannot
help thinking it to be significant that this has come about through
one of the most revolutionary movements in the history of the
Church, namely, the creation of the Church of South India, an event
whose consequences for mission board administration we are scarcely
yet beginning to grasp. I will not pursue this line but I would ask
board secretaries to recall the number of conversations you have had
in the past five years with missionaries who have been no less voca-
ationally perplexed than was that Church of Scotland missionary and
who have been driven to ask fundamental questions about the whole
concept of Christian vocation. Or, again, think of conversations
which you have had with missionary candidates in recent years and
the questions which you have been able to answer. Again, put
alongside this some of your contacts with student groups of all na-
tionalities in which you have met a profound concern about the mean-
ing of vocation coupled with a strange absence of any distinctive
imperative towards missionary vocation in its traditional sense. What
do you make of this? Does it illustrate only, on the one hand, the
need for a fresh paraphrase of an old appeal? Or are you in fact run-
ing into something much more radical? I recall a conversation which
I had a few weeks ago with a young German missionary. After cop-
ing for years with the problem of frustrated missionary vocation as
it has pressed upon the Germans for so long, the way had opened
for him to go to India and teach theology in a younger Church sem-
nary. Here was a magnificent fulfillment of his original missionary
call. Yet I met him on the eve of his departure and I have seldom
met a man more perplexed in soul as to his right way. He had come
from eastern Germany where he had been engaged in significant and
hazardous new experiments in Christian witness under a communist
regime. Missionary vocation in its traditional pattern had for him
been frustrated, but a missionary vocation of a most dynamic kind,
had, in fact, opened out before him. Ought he really to have been
leaving this in order to teach theology in India? Does the fact that
India happens to be an historic mission field of the society to which
he belongs, or that it is a land in which there is a younger Church,
provide all the data on which he should have settled his problem of
vocational obedience?

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I have deliberately allowed several types of illustration, very different from one another, to run into a common pattern. Are these and countless other similar dilemmas dealt with adequately piecemeal? Does it only require a shift of emphasis here, a new accent there, a bit of adjustment to one policy, a clearer explanation of another, or a more fervent reiteration of an old appeal? Or does it mean that we are caught up into a movement of the spirit in which we are being led to new insights concerning the meaning of Christian vocation, the nature of the Kingdom and the mission of a world-wide Church in face of a world-wide paganism? This again is debatable ground. That is why we want it debated. Of course, in this matter also we must from day to day take responsibility for immediate action and do so in the light of the best insights available to us. Once more the IMC recognizes this but it nevertheless summons you to deeper reflection on the first principles which should determine our contingent decisions.

There is no time to multiply these illustrations, but I cannot do justice to the depth of concern which has provoked this new IMC undertaking without saying a more general word. This brings me back to those devalued words and terms—crisis and the rest. We stand at the end of an age. Whether it will prove to be the end of THE age with a finality not belonging to any previous transitions from one historical epoch to another, none of us can say. “Of that hour, no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven nor even the Son.” But it is surely patent to all discerning eyes and sensitive consciences that we are witnessing the end of an age, an age that is breaking up in circumstances to which only the wisdom of God can give meaning and the grace of God guarantee a future. In such an hour has the Church a mission, one central, distinctive end and purpose, one word of salvation to proclaim and live, one out-thrusting task to be discharged in the name and power of God? In this mission and message is there the chief condition on which the fulfilling acts of God depend? As we move into another advent season do we proclaim not only the decisive advent of God in Christ incarnate, but the certain consummation of God’s purpose in this historic world order? Does our proclamation of the missionary obligation point to something which relates these two facts to one another? Is there a great sense in which we can affirm that “My going affects His coming”? As we bring disciplined minds and obedient hearts to such questions as these, we believe that the answers will be vouchsafed to us in terms which will give us not merely an up-to-date restatement of the original charters of the historic missionary societies, but a new understanding of the nature of the Church and the supreme obligation which lies upon it.

This is why a series of studies, which began with a desire to
examine, with a very practical objective, some of the familiar problems confronting mission boards, has driven us back to first principles. This is why we are asking theologians to join us in the quest and to bring their best thinking to the missionary situation as the boards and the younger churches know it. This is why we are asking the boards and the younger churches to bring their front-line data to the insights of the theologians. All this accounts too for the order of the five aims as they have been publicized. The last deals with radical changes of policy. The penultimate one is concerned with radical changes in the world about us. The third is a factual assessment of the present state of the mission boards and their relationships to the younger Churches. The first and second aims deal with the Biblical and theological bases of the missionary obligation of the Church and the missionary calling of its members.

We have admittedly taken the risk of plunging into a large undertaking. God willing and God guiding us, some parts of it may be pursued for years with consequences which may not be directly traceable to those who have initiated the movement. But within the total process we are setting ourselves more limited objectives. In 1952 there will be an enlarged meeting of the Committee of the IMC, by which time some of the results of our inquiries in regard to particular aims will be capable of crystallization. Meantime in various countries groups are at work on the five aims. The number of groups, their composition and the circles from which they are drawn, are being left to each country to determine; so also is the selection of the limited objective for study or inquiry which each group will set before itself. We are not asking everybody to deal with everything. We are inviting participation on particular issues most relevant to the concerns and experience of particular participants. The 1952 meeting and its preparation will include published data and published conclusions, more systematized than the papers already being published in the *International Review of Missions* and elsewhere. Both before and after the 1952 meeting, there will, I hope, appear many other fruits of the inquiry. An utterance, here and there, spoken or written, will provide some of the light and guidance for which we seek. I hope we shall learn of boards re-examining their policies and younger Churches looking afresh at their tasks in the light of this continuing discussion and taking decisions without necessarily waiting for another world meeting. Again, for example, as the study of vocation is pursued by some of the youth movements already deeply interested in it, I hope that there will appear, in this country and that, a movement which will cut a new trail in missionary obedience or set a new pattern in younger and older Church collaboration. Most of all, there is in many of our hearts a concern that is a continu-
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ing prayer. It is this. There is a sense in which it has to be said that the very launching of this undertaking at such a time is a confession of need. It bears witness to our need of something which we can never command or contrive, but which belongs to the central life and fire of the Church. It is our need of a prophetic and apostolic word which, in fidelity to the eternal gospel, in a God-given understanding of the signs of the times, will make articulate in this day of judgment that command which is as wide as the world and that love which is as vast as eternity. We cannot contrive or command this gift, but the hour and nature of its givenness are not unrelated, we believe, to such disciplined waiting upon God as these new studies demand. It is in this mood of receptivity and with this evangelical expectancy that we commend our undertaking to your attention and leave its consequences with God.

The World Mission Enters a New Era
(Address at Joint Meeting of Home Missions Council and Foreign Missions Conference)

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"It is clear now to everyone that the suicide of civilization is in progress." Those words were written almost thirty years ago by a lonely medical missionary in an African village. They sound much less sensational today than they did then. It has become a commonplace of modern speech to suggest that we are at the end of an era in human history, that we are witnessing the death-throes of a civilization.

It was not all clear to everyone thirty years ago. In the same year in which Albert Schweitzer uttered his prophetic warning, an Oxford historian forecast a broadening era of human unity based upon the new achievements of applied science. "Science," he wrote, "founding a firmer basis for the cooperation of mankind, goes widening down the centuries." There were many who shared this secular hope and were ready to sing with Swinburne:

"Glory to man in the highest
For man is the master of things."

But that era of confidence has slowly given way to an age of anxiety in which men's hearts are gripped by the chilling apprehension that things have become the master of man.

It is true, of course, that the miracles of science, applied to communication, have telescoped space and shortened time. The world is,
as never before, an interdependent whole. But we have discovered, to our alarm, that men are not divided merely by geography. It is not separation by space alone that makes them strangers to one another. It is something more subtle than geographical space. Men are divided by antithetical ideas. The tragedy of our time is that the world has become a unity, but for that high destiny mankind is not yet fit. Science has shattered the isolation of mankind. It has made the world a neighborhood. But we have not learned how to live as neighbors; and our generation gropes blindly and with growing desperation for the key to world community.

“As though in preparation for such a time as this, God has been building up a Christian fellowship which now extends into almost every nation, and binds citizens of them all together in true unity and mutual love. No human agency has planned this. It is the result of the great missionary enterprise of the last hundred and fifty years. Almost incidentally, the great world fellowship has arisen; it is the great new fact of our era. Here is one great ground of hope for the coming days—this world-wide Christian fellowship. It is of urgent importance that we become aware of it, that we further it in every way open to us and that, through it, we take our part in providing for the spirit of Christ the agency by which He may transform the world.” You will recognize those words. They were spoken by William Temple at his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury. The prospect has darkened since they were uttered, but that has served to reinforce their relevance.

The world mission of the Church has reached the end of a great era. It stands on the threshold of another. The age which began with William Carey may be said to have ended at the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council, a few months before World War II began. That age has seen the expansion of the gospel into all the earth, and the planting of the Church in almost every land. But the conditions in which that dramatic expansion took place have gone forever; and amid the rapid changes and the increasing confusions of the twentieth century, the missionary motive has tended to become blurred. Our age needs a new missionary directive. In the changed context of a new era, Christ is still saying to His Church: “As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” “Go ye into all the world.”

The missionary task to which we are called today is as compelling as that of the apostolic age. It is as difficult—and as magnificent—as that which confronted the Church at the collapse of the Roman Empire. We are called to it in an era perhaps more heavily laden with the issues of human destiny, more fraught with possibilities of terror and of splendor, than any earlier age of which we have knowledge.
I want briefly to suggest three things which I believe to be vital to the missionary witness of the universal Church as it enters this new era. In the midst of secular disenchantment and despair, the Church is called to bear witness to Christian hope. In the face of human disunity, the Church is called to express her ecumenical reality. In the light of desperate human need and her own missionary character and mandate, the Church is called to recover a sense of the apostolic urgency of her mission.

I. Christian Hope

Hilaire Belloc once wrote a little poem to a child, part of which ran as follows:

“And when at night your prayers you say,  
Darling! those tiny little hands  
Were also meant, I think, to pray  
For men who've lost their fairylands.”

Wherever we look today we find men who have lost their fairylands. This is, in truth, an era of disenchantment. The most deep-rooted despair is found in those lands which were the cradle of modern civilization. But there are lost fairylands in the East as well as in the West. Japan has seen the collapse of her earthly hopes, in the defeat of her armies and the collapse, in utter ruin, of her Asian Empire. Korea found that the price of liberation from the Japanese yoke was the bisection of her country and the bitter role of a pawn in the game of power politics, with all the tragic consequences that have followed in recent months. The new independent nations of Asia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia, are finding that freedom brings not only new hopes and opportunities, but new burdens and responsibilities, and unexpected frustrations. Africa finds herself caught between a disintegrating tribal system and the soulless, impersonal forces of an encroaching industrialism. China, with her vast population, has passed under the control of a government avowedly Marxist. Most of her leaders and considerable numbers of her intelligentsia display both the fanaticism and the fervor of the convert to a new religious faith. But there can be little doubt that for China disenchantment lies around the corner. She too will reap the consequences of secular illusion.

The worldly hopes men set their hearts upon are, in this generation, meeting with widespread disappointment. The shock of such disillusion is all the greater because it has fallen upon minds impatient of frustration and ill-prepared for catastrophe. The majority of our generation who think on these things, both in the East and the West, have been brought up on a view of history that has unfitted them to face its realities. They have been led to believe that the move-
ment of history is "progressive" and that progress is realized in the larger fulfilment of human hopes, the widening of the bounds of human freedom and a steady advance towards the achievement of perpetual peace. In this catastrophic period, growing numbers of people feel that history has somehow cheated them, and they are tending to lapse into hopelessness.

"We are," says St. Paul, "saved by hope." But the hope of the gospel is not based on a naive faith in the goodness of man. It is rooted in the knowledge that Christ is risen. It enables men to say in the face of discouragement: "Wherefore we faint not; for though our outward man is decaying, our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction which is for the moment worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory, while our eyes are fixed not on the things which are seen but on the things which are unseen. For the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are unseen are eternal."

The gospel which we are sent to proclaim to the world is not good advice on individual behavior or a "way of life" for man in society. It is the dramatic proclamation that Jesus Christ is King. It is the good news that He has already won the victory. "D Day"—the day of the decisive battle in a war—may come at a comparatively early stage in the campaign, yet the war may go on for a long time before "V Day," the day of victory, comes. Yet that decisive battle has settled the ultimate issue.

The Christian warfare continues. But the Christian knows that the ultimate issue is not in doubt. He can thus face the tragic realities of history without despair, its hopeful prospects, such as they are, without illusion.

We may not understand the mysteries of the divine economy in history. But we do know that Jesus reigns as Lord and shall reign until He has put all His enemies beneath His feet. This accent on Christian hope must challenge secular despair. This is the message which we have received. Our mission is to declare it to a world which has so largely lost hope, because of misplaced faith.

II. Ecumenical Reality

One of the most obvious and widespread grounds of contemporary disillusion is the failure to achieve world community. There is an acute awareness of the perils of this failure and a hungry desire for anything that will offer the hope of human unity. William Temple was not a man given to loose or intemperate speech. I have already quoted him as referring to the world-wide Christian fellowship as the great new fact of our era. He went on to speak of it as "providing for the spirit of Christ the agency by which He may transform
the world.” If we take seriously the faith of the New Testament then we can believe nothing less than this. The Church universal is the instrument through which Christ offers to a divided world the hope of unity.

But if the tragedy of our world is that it has achieved all the physical conditions necessary for world community, but has lost the spiritual clue, the tragedy of the Church is that it holds this treasure in vessels so earthen that the world does not take seriously the claim that it possesses the lost clue to human unity.

In the first World War, during the bloody battle of Passchendael, many hearts in Great Britain were heavy with sorrow and foreboding. Someone in the city of Glasgow had an idea that it would be helpful to expose the citizens of that great city to some of the great, steadying affirmations of Scripture:

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.”
“Let not your heart be troubled.”
“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith.”

Arrangements were made to have such texts borne through the streets by a procession of sandwich-board men. But there were not able-bodied men available for such a task. The young and fit were in the forces or the factories. So they were compelled to hire a number of old or unfit men, exempted from military service or employment. The boards, with their glorious message, were thus carried through the streets of the city by a pathetic parade of the infirm, the halt, the lame and the blind. An old Highland minister, down in the great city from some lonely northern village, stood on the sidewalk and watched them pass. When he got back to his little church in the glen he told his folks what he had seen in the city and added: “I could not see the mighty words of the gospel for looking at the wretched sandwich-board men who carried them.”

Is it not often thus with us? There is an obstinate contrast between the Church of faith and the churches as they are.

By faith and in experience, we see the Church emerging from the churches, and we see the scattered churches of the world coming together in a common return to the feet of their Lord and discovering the glory of the one holy Catholic Church.

And yet we know that the easy distinction between the Church and the world, so easy and tempting to make in discussion, is blurred because the churches themselves are so deeply invaded by the world. For too often we confront the secularized world with a secularized Church. We plan our strategies in terms of power. We count our battalions, our chariots and horsemen and forget that it is not by might or by power but by the Holy Spirit.
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In last resort, the Kingdom cometh not by vast assemblages or spectacular and high pressure publicity, but by personal dedication and self-denial.

As the world mission enters this new era, it will only do so effectively as it is an effective expression of the ecumenical reality of the Church universal.

Within the missionary enterprise the keynote must be partnership, not patronage.

Within the Church at large, we must learn to shed our parochial views, if we are to be taken seriously by the world. We have not yet learned as Christians to think of one world. Many of us still live in a mental atmosphere which predates Vasco da Gama. We think of the West as the center, and Asia and Africa as interesting but unimportant fringes of the real world. Our nationalism often reduces the Lord God Omnipotent to the dimensions of a tribal deity. Some forms of smug denominationalism often reduce Him in the eyes of the world to the level of a regimental mascot.

If the Church is to speak to the world today it must learn more fully than it has yet done to live and act ecumenically.

Missions and ecumenism are part of a single whole.

III. Apostolic Mission

This is not to be achieved by successful salesmanship or by impressive organization, but by a recovery of apostolic faith and purpose. There is an almost startling similarity between the catastrophic age in which we live today and the age in which the early Church fulfilled its mission.

The Roman Empire had spread the network of its administration “the boundless majesty of Roman peace,” across the Mediterranean world. It had bound mankind together into a closeness of contact and an intimacy of intercourse never known before. Secular education was spreading and teaching men how to be clever without teaching them how to be good. Despite all the achievement of a noble and humane civilization, beneath the surface of life a sense of insecurity and ultimate futility gnawed at the vitals of that ancient culture and ate into the heart of the great Empire. Men were beginning to doubt the concept of historic destiny. They were beginning to question whether human life had any meaning.

It was into the midst of this world, so like our own in many ways, that the earliest Church carried its challenge.

To that sophisticated Graeco-Roman culture the Christian gospel seemed a crude and alien thing, hopelessly irrelevant to the needs and aims of a humanist civilization. It was presented by a group of despised outsiders, admittedly deficient both in culture and the
graces of polite society. And yet—and yet—that which was folly to the Greek and a stumbling block to the Jew, proved itself to be the one dynamic and redemptive force in the midst of a decaying civilization.

"The crazy stable close at hand,
With shaking timber and shifting sand,
Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand
Than the square stones of Rome."

The Christian gospel had a piercing relevance because the crisis then, as now, was a crisis of faith. That gospel went like a sword, thrust to the heart of life, revealing new meanings at its very innermost.

It reminded men who had lost their way that even for our terrestrial maps we need to take celestial bearings.

It called men to face the grim facts of human sin, reminding them that if they were to be rescued from the dilemma of impotent ideals, if they were to be saved on any terms, it would only be by powers coming from and belonging to another order or dimension of existence. And they proclaimed the good news that God Himself had broken into history, in Jesus Christ.

"Who for us men
And for our salvation
Came down from heaven
And was incarnate
By the Holy Ghost
Of the Virgin Mary
And was made man."

The gospel that they preached was nothing less than a declaration that the new age had begun. God had visited and redeemed His people. Henceforth mortal men can live in the new aeon, for Christ had joined the Then and Now in an Eternal Is. Their gospel (and ours) is a much less intellectual and theologic thing than we often make it appear. It is not a homily about what man must do. It is a mighty proclamation of what God hath already wrought.

A recovery of apostolic faith and purpose is not something that we shall achieve merely by historical comparison. It will only ultimately be achieved by individual dedication. That is the uncomfortable issue that all of us would do almost anything to evade.

"He that saveth his life shall lose it."

We know that to be profoundly true. Yet we spend our lives trying to make that teaching void. We insist on the soft places, the immunities and the shelters of life, and what follows? We cannot escape the nemesis of a soul becoming daily a dwarfed and despicable thing.
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Or, we take the gamble of faith: we go out, not knowing whither; we spend ourselves to the uttermost; and every day proclaims to us that here is life's royal secret, that secret which none can utter but all who meet Christ's conditions may experience.

It is part of the peculiar genius of the Christian faith that it sums up all life's multitudinous questions in one central question, all life's dilemmas in one simple decision, which having been taken, carries all the rest with it, and carries them high. That one decisive question is:

“What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?”

Building on Past Experience

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Several years ago, our Nestor, Dr. John R. Mott, gave his series of lectures on “Five Decades and a Forward View.” It would be hard to think of Dr. Mott’s reminiscing on five decades of experience without pointing out their relevance to the present and the future. So in this review as we bring to a close the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference as most of us have known it, I cannot limit myself to the past but must point some lessons which I believe apply to the future. I believe I can do so without encroaching on the topic which is to follow. Indeed, if the two addresses prepared independently do happen to give double emphasis to certain points, there may well be double value.

There have been occasional nostalgic remarks made here and elsewhere which sound as if this turning point were the end of the Foreign Missions Conference, and we were starting something new. I should like to point out that the Conference has always been in process of development and change, constantly readjusting its pattern and emphasis to meet changing situations. The thing that has remained through all the changes has been the desire to promote fellowship and understanding among those in North America engaged in the foreign missionary enterprise and to increase the effectiveness of the work that they are carrying on. In some respects, our present transition is only another case where “the old order changeth, giving place to new, lest one good custom should corrupt the world”; and we need to remind ourselves that God still “fulfils himself in divers forms.” During the past year, the Conference has come to the conclusion that it can best increase the effectiveness of the work of its members by becoming a part of an integrated fellowship embracing the whole of cooperative church activity among Protestants and at the same time conserve most of the fellowship and understanding developed through the years.
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It is well to remind ourselves that in the beginning and for much more than a decade thereafter, the Foreign Missions Conference was almost entirely an annual meeting for exchange of experience and counsel, with a minimum interim structure and operation. Everyone was jealous for his particular way of doing things, and very much afraid of anything resembling outside interference even by suggestion. The only interim committee to start with was the program committee for the next meeting. The interim committee which was later appointed was not an executive committee, but had the significant name "Committee of Reference and Counsel," a body to which questions might be referred for study by the annual meeting, or which might conceivably on its own initiative give advice on such a matter as dealing with our governments and a foreign government at the time of the Armenian massacres or the Boxer Outbreak.

Then came the Edinburgh Conference in 1910, and the great impetus it gave not only to fellowship and understanding, but also to cooperative strategy, planning, and action. Certain specific tasks like the study of missionary preparation were laid on the Conference by the member boards, and it became necessary to employ officers to give full time to its work. It was not until 1917, however, that the Conference became incorporated under the legal title of "The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.," largely in order to give protection to individual donors to the Conference under the new income tax legislation. The feeling against the Conference's having administrative responsibilities was still so great that the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, the member boards of which desired to do certain administrative things together, was formed entirely outside the Conference and remained so for more than two decades. During those decades, a number of limited, localized pieces of administrative cooperation were developed like the Committee on the Belgian Congo, the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee, the Associated Mission Medical Office and the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work. With the development of the ad hoc East Asia Committee and the others that followed it, it became apparent that the most significant cooperative work of Conference boards was being done outside the Conference rather than through it. So eleven years ago the principle of representative committees within the Conference was incorporated in the Constitution.

These representative committees are authorized to do anything in the way of joint planning and administration which their member boards desire to do. Here again there appeared within the representative committees the distinction between those boards which desired to counsel together on the problems of a particular field or
type of work, and those which desired to develop enterprises to be jointly administered. Experimentation and other experience led to the conclusion that the field of operation of even a representative committee was limited to those things which all or practically all the member boards desired to do together, and that where some of the boards desired a closer administrative cooperation in a particular special or general project, it was necessary for them to establish a separate administrative agency, which could work in relationship to the representative committee but would be controlled by those boards which were willing to put funds and/or personnel at its disposal. Such developments are the United Andean Mission and the Inter-Board Committee for Japan. It should be noted, however, that the principle remains the same, namely that such programs are developed by the member boards which wish to do so and are not handed down by the Conference as a whole or by any representative committee. In this respect, there is a striking parallelism to the structure and philosophy of the United Nations, which are not without suggestions for our own cooperation. Almost without exception, administrative sovereignty resides in the member boards and only in a limited number of cases, like the Inter-Board Committee for Japan, have they transferred it to a central administrative agency. There is no proposal that this basic principle be modified as the Foreign Missions Conference continues its existence as the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council.

The regularization of the representative committees in 1939 led to more and more demands being made upon their staffs. In the first instance, the effort was made to provide service by the part-time use of staff, either of those in general services or in a few cases by sharing staff-services with outside organizations. During the period 1939-1945, these committees were concerned mainly with the particular problems caused by war and with planning for cooperation in meeting postwar problems. By 1945, the Conference decided that the work these representative committees should do was so heavy that the total staff must be enlarged, and just before the end of the war, the boards greatly increased their appropriations for the work of these committees at the home base, making possible an increase in staff and at least half-time service by a secretary to each representative committee. This staff had barely been assembled and become familiar with the work to be done when the adoption of the program of advance in 1947 called for the first comprehensive formulation of the task before North American foreign mission boards which had ever been made, in terms of principles and emphases accepted by their representatives to be followed by individual boards and also in terms of definite new cooperative enterprises to be developed on the fields.
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In "One World in Christ—a Program of Advance in Foreign Missions," an admittedly incomplete and imperfect formulation, there was presented a program for action by the member boards of the Conference which awaits implementation.

It is significant that this program was developed not only from a conviction that it would enable the boards more effectively to use together their existing resources, but also and mainly because the Conference was convinced that having such a program was the best way in which to increase those resources to a point commensurate with the needs and opportunities before the boards. While their dollar income had increased after the depression and during the war, its real value was dwindling faster than its apparent value was increasing. There was little encouragement that this situation could be remedied within the denominations by a shifting of percentages available for foreign mission work. It was believed that such a comprehensive formulation of the common task before the Protestant foreign mission boards of North America would assist the denominations in raising larger benevolence funds and would also strengthen the position of the foreign mission boards within the denominational pattern. There is ground to believe that the first objective has been attained to a limited extent. With one or two exceptions, the relative financial position of foreign mission boards within their denominations does not appear to have been changed by the cooperative effort in the Conference.

One final word should be said in tracing the development of the Conference. The main thrust in the development, from emphasis on fellowship and conference toward common services and joint administration of cooperative enterprises including home base promotion in certain aspects, has been that of a dozen boards more or less which have taken the lead in the whole process and to a very large extent have provided the increasing finances required. In many cases, the total contribution of a board toward all the objectives presented in the coordinated budget runs well into five figures and in at least one case into six figures. It is mainly this group that has felt the need for integrating their cooperation through the Foreign Missions Conference with their cooperation within their denominations by participation in the National Council. Again, it is significant that one of their main concerns has been the necessity for remaining en rapport with their total denominational life in order that they may thereby more effectively present the cause of foreign missions to their denominations and thereby secure the greater resources which their programs overseas require. It is this aspect rather than cooperative planning and action in overseas activities which finally led the Conference to vote to join in the establishment of the National Council.

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VIEWED IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, IT CAN BE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE DIRECTION OUTLINED HAS INVOLVED SERIOUS LOSSES AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL GAINS. THE ORIGINAL BASIS OF AN ANNUAL MEETING FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND MUTUAL COUNSEL PROVIDED A PLATFORM BROAD ENOUGH FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE. AT A VERY EARLY STAGE, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF ECCLESIASTICAL FAITH AND ORDER WHICH REPRESENT DENOMINATIONAL DIFFERENCES, EVEN THOUGH AT THAT TIME THERE WAS PROBABLY A GREATER DEGREE OF DOCTRINAL CONSENSUS THAN THERE IS AT PRESENT. COUNSEL ON VARIOUS MATTERS WAS IN NO SENSE BINDING ON MEMBER BOARDS, AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUIRED BY THE OPERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE WITH ITS UNSALARIED OFFICERS WAS PRACTICALLY NEGligible.

The second stage, at which the Conference was concerned principally with study, research, and common services also occasioned little questioning. It was supported to a considerable extent by outside gifts and by those boards which were interested. However, as the Post-Edinburgh Continuation Committees on the fields developed into National Christian Councils to carry on certain common tasks together and to stimulate more effective cooperation between the various missions and churches in a given area, questions concerning both the financial and the doctrinal implications arose. Study, conference, and common services were one thing. Common programs were another. The past twenty-five years have witnessed both the addition to Conference membership of a considerable number of new boards, and the loss from membership of almost as many other boards, either from dislike of the financial requests of the Conference or from a feeling that the emphasis on common programs involved doctrinal complications which were embarrassing. It is significant that during this period, those persons who have attended the annual meetings have constantly borne witness to the warm evangelical spirit of the Conference, though many have felt that at times it became obscured by discussions of the techniques of cooperative programs in which they were not prepared to participate. The pressure which has forced various boards out of Conference membership even down to the present has come, almost without exception, from outside the board in the denomination rather than from those members of staffs and boards who had had personal experience with the Conference. The letters I have received in the last five years reporting decisions to withdraw from the Conference have emphasized, to a far greater extent than courtesy required, appreciation for the work and fellowship of the Conference and regret that it was coming to an end.

NOW THE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE SITUATION IS CLEAR. THE VERY GREAT MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER BOARDS ARE STAYING IN THE DIVISION
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of Foreign Missions as members. The next largest number, owing almost entirely to denominational attitudes toward the National Council, are to continue their association as consultant agencies rather than as members. A smaller, but considerable and important group of boards which were members five years ago, have withdrawn entirely from any relationship to the Division as a whole, though many of them will maintain relationship with area or functional representative committees.

Certain conclusions seem to follow:

1. There is a continuing desire for fellowship and mutual counsel which is much wider than the prospective membership of the Division. I believe that one of the main concerns of the Division should be to explore all the possibilities of having its member and consultant boards join occasionally in a gathering with other boards formerly connected with the Conference and with boards now connected with the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association for fellowship and mutual counsel on the common task of helping in the spread of the gospel to all men everywhere. The Conference has laid increasing emphasis on cooperative activity. It has not ceased to be concerned with fellowship and mutual counsel. Let the Division never be content until it has reestablished fellowship on that basis with all evangelical organizations engaged in foreign missions from bases in the United States and Canada!

2. There are possibilities of continuing fellowship in projects of study and research. There is great need for more study so conducted and so presented to the individual boards that in the language of our old constitution and new by-laws, its influence and usefulness will depend upon “the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations.” One such study is now going on concerning the whole group of problems raised by the spread of communism. We had another one a few years ago dealing with effective evangelism, which was far from complete in its coverage. In such studies, every effort should be made to enlist the cooperation of all North American boards whether they are formally related to the Division of Foreign Missions or not, just as at present the facilities of the Missionary Research Library are open to missionaries and secretaries of all mission boards. I shall be saying something about problems requiring study at a later point in this paper.

3. The services of the Division should continue to be open to any board which desires them, with such arrangements for compensation in any given case or type of service as may be appropriate. A number of boards which were formerly related formally to the Conference have asked when they withdrew that they might continue to receive bulletins and other forms of service, and have made an appropriation for services rendered. The by-laws of the Division provide that representative committees may welcome into full participation in their activities representatives of organizations which are not members of the Division, and also provide for service to other boards on a correspondence basis with suitable compensation. The general services should similarly respond to every reasonable call for service without regard to whether or not the person asking it is related to a member board and without raising any question about compensation.
The doors of fellowship and service should always swing open at the slightest push.

4. Member boards should continue to welcome into participation in overseas projects other boards and agencies which share their interest and concern. Striking illustrations of the possibilities here are the development of the Paris training center for missionaries and the building of a Protestant Center at Dakar. In particular, every effort should be made to resist any tendency to restrict the range of cooperative activities and services overseas to missions whose boards are members of the Division of Foreign Missions. It is a temptingly easy but utterly fallacious standard, especially when applied to the membership of National Christian Councils. We are followers of the Master who warned against breaking the bruised reed and quenching the smoldering flax. Every movement toward fellowship, mutual counsel, common projects of study and research and common dealing with common problems should be welcomed both abroad and here.

Let us now return to the matter of study and research which I mentioned as one in which boards of a wide variety of positions on faith and order find a great deal of common ground and interest. We are still very far from realization of the century-old goal of establishing self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating churches. Devolution has solved some problems and created others. We have not yet learned the proper balance between local self-support and a comprehensive witness-through-service representing the resources of the world-wide Church. The proper place of salaried leadership in a Christian community of low economic status is still an unsolved question. A hundred other vital matters requiring study could be listed and many of them are in the original form of this address.

Without discussing alternative methods in research, I would suggest a way of providing for thorough study of such problems as these, growing out of two recent experiences in the Conference. World War II made it possible to gather a group of able rural missionaries under the leadership of Arthur Mosher, which produced the cooperative study: "The Christian Mission among Rural People," combining research in the existing literature with the best of experience and highly intelligent group thinking. The other experience is the significant contributions which Dr. Thomas Donohugh has made in his research and compilation in connection with both our program "One World in Christ" and the study of financing of foreign missions.

My suggestion for your consideration is the establishment of a Missionary Research Seminar or Institute with research Fellows, active and honorary. Its basic, changing group of Fellows would be a selected group of foreign missionary administrators to be appointed just as they retire from active service with their boards or the Conference for definite periods of one, two or three years, to work as a seminar on some of these great problems. Most of these men and
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women have spent years as administrators grappling singly with just these problems, yet their administrative duties have kept them too busy to do the study of existing literature and carry on the processes of group thinking which are essential for their solution.

Such a group might be supplemented by Fellows similarly appointed from the ranks of retiring missionaries for the study of particular problems, and occasionally younger missionaries on furlough could be made Fellows in the same way. If such a group could be so located as to make easy use of the resources of the Missionary Research Library and at the same time to have facilities for individual studies and group conferences, under a chairman appointed or elected for each project, I believe that the result would be some of the best pieces of practically applicable research that have ever been produced.

Such a seminar would not need to be expensive, since most of these Fellows would have a certain amount of income from pension or salary arrangements. If it were possible to develop a group of houses or apartments on one of the estates near New York like that at Seabury House, at least one of which can be had as a gift, make them available rent-free or at a moderate rental to Fellows and their families, and use the central mansion for common rooms and services, local library facilities and possibly a conference center for the Division committees, it might not be necessary to supplement that income at all. Where it was necessary because of inequalities in retirement provisions, some at least of the related boards might be expected to provide a supplement. One’s mind kindles at the possibilities! It would be wise administration to make very certain of termination of each active fellowship in residence at the Seminar, to be followed if desired by an indefinite period as an Honorary Fellow in sunnier climes where further contributions might be made. I pass on the suggestion for what it is worth to the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions, knowing that if it is good seed there is much fruitful ground in this room and in the Executive Board.

In closing, may I state one further conviction that has grown on me since Amsterdam. There I came to realize that real Christianity is still a minority movement in the world, even in areas that we have thought of as predominantly Christian, like our own two countries. Leaders of the Church in Europe have included it in the list of areas where vital Christianity is in such a minority position that practically a missionary situation exists. The obvious corollary of these facts is that we must end the artificial dichotomy of the world into areas of home and foreign missions. The world mission of the Church is one. The life of Christians and the whole life of the people in Canada and the United States, in Britain and Holland, either helps or hinders the work of the younger Churches and the missionaries among them.
An ineffective or sub-Christian Church here handicaps the witness abroad. Success for the efforts of the Churches in the Southland and in the North to uproot race prejudice and end racial discrimination will strengthen the witness overseas.

The structure of the new Division will afford an opportunity to act on this principle. There will be present in its meetings for the first time a large proportion of members at large of the General Assembly, assigned to our Division. Let us use this new opportunity not simply as a chance to introduce these new associates to the problems and needs of foreign missions. Let us make it also a chance to face and forward the world mission of the Church as an organic whole, of which foreign missions is an indispensable part.

The Challenge of the Future

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“The Challenge of the Future” is my assigned subject. My thesis is simple: for us, in this situation, the challenge of the future is the challenge to Christian unity. This thesis is not mine alone. It is the shared conviction of a vast and growing number of Protestant Christians. The prayer of Christ was, “May they all be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, so may they be in us—that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

The organization of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA is part of a growing response to that plea. Praise God that this purpose is making its growing place in the purposes of His followers.

The nature of this challenge to Christian unity is vitally important, for our recognition of its source has much to do with our reaction. Our summons to Christian unity comes from the very character of God Himself. It roots far deeper than the threats to our Protestant faith which loom so large today. Those threats from monolithic communism on the left and Romanism on the right are the expressions of the judgment of God upon our failures, yes. But if our movement toward unity is not rooted deeper than defensive reaction to such dangers, our unity will be so as to be but a snare and a delusion. Unless we can see through history to His story written in the events we know, our guidance will be shallow indeed. If we unite because we are afraid, we shall produce machinery rather than meaning, and our self-concern will blind our vision. Many of you know the story of the New Testament professor dictating lecture notes to a new stenographer. His statement, “Salvation is a cosmic
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process," was transcribed "Salvation is a cosmetic process." The challenge to unity is not one to a cosmetic process of putting on a front to fool the world; it is indeed to the redemptive process of remaking our lives after the pattern of God.

The Christian description of God as "triune" is based upon a tremendous and two-fold insight into the nature of truth. In the first place, truth in its ultimate form is not propositional, but personal; it does not consist ultimately in propositions but in persons. In the second place, truth, being personal, is real not so much in being as in relationship. That Person, who is ultimate truth, exists not in solitary splendor, but in the family of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Here is a mystery beyond our forthcoming, a fact which stands in eternal judgment over our disunities. If our movement toward unity is motivated by no force deeper than fear of danger, it will produce nothing more than elaborate blueprints. If our movement toward unity, however, is impelled by a deepening discovery of the unity of the God we serve, and our gratitude and love draws us nearer Him and thus nearer each other, this movement can produce the creative power of a pilgrim people led by a pilgrim God into the dawn of the day of the Lord in our land.

As this challenge to unity roots in the character of God, it is manifest in the very nature of life itself. J. E. Fison, in his creative little book, "The Blessing of the Holy Spirit," states the issue thus: life consists not in being, but in meeting. The essence of life is found not in what we are, but Whom we meet; not in the positions we hold, the theologies we maintain, the creeds we defend, the organizations we serve. True living is found in such moments as one at sea, when God’s glory was flashed across the sunset sky in such profusion that even the feathers under the wings of the sea gulls were tinted pink, and my heart burned with the glad knowledge that the God "whose dwelling is in the light of setting suns" is no less the God who dwells within my own heart. In such luminous moments we know that the radiant color He throws across a sunset sky is but a reflection of the glory He pours into every life that seeks Him. Indeed, life consists not in what we are, but whom we meet. Never is our deep unity with others more real than in such moments—for the more vividly we sense the indwelling of God in our hearts the more certainly we see Him dwelling also in the lives about us. In such moments we see how the things that we are serve as barriers between us and others, and we discover that the real point of contact even with the stranger on the street is the indwelling God whose abode is alike in the stranger’s heart and in mine. Come to such a meeting as this concerned with what you are: a secretary, a bishop, a leader, a Methodist, a Baptist, a Lutheran—and your concern is your prison. Come
to such a meeting concerned with the leadership of Christ, and that concern becomes your emancipation into fellowship. Thus does the Christian discover that balanced rapture which is the signature of the Holy Spirit upon a life; thus does he find the springs of gladness which are the real source of the Church's unity. The greatness of Isaiah lay in the fact that at a time when the old theology of his people was too small to include the new facts confronting them he saw a new vision of God which encompassed all the facts and gave them their true meaning. The key to new unity among the Christian Churches in this nation cannot be found in the plan of any new organization. I do not discount the importance of organization, and I praise God for all the gain represented in the new National Council of the Churches of Christ. But let us pray our Father that we all may enter this new body with a new vision of God, big enough to include all the separate values of all our separate Churches, near enough to draw us all to each other in renewed love and trust.

The judgment of God upon our civilization, apparent even in our newspaper headlines, shows us our need. Dr. Fosdick wrote of an old book on theology whose Table of Contents began thus: "Chapter One—Hell. Chapter Two—Hell, continued." For vast numbers of God's children that has been the story of the twentieth century: hell and hell, continued. We live in a day of cultural disintegration. A veteran law enforcement officer of the United States treasury told me within two weeks that crime in the United States is more rampant today than in all our history. He opined farther that the vicious tie-up between police and criminals recently revealed in New York City is duplicated in almost every United States city of ten thousand population or over. The swelling divorce rate, the Kinsey report on our sexual morality, the mounting numbers of admissions to our mental hospitals, the eager worship of so many at the throne of financial success, the widespread dependence upon cocktails for conviviality—all these point to a spiritual vacuum in the heart of our neighbors that a divided Protestantism can never fill. Has the unpredictable ever been more expectable than today? A few months ago the fate of China seemed to be in our hands; today our fate seems to be in the hands of China. History tells of the Revolution of 1848; by 1948 the revolutions come faster than the years. Consider what these words in all their revolutionary impact mean to these nations representing the vast majority of the world's population: India, freedom; Indonesia, republic; Philippines, independence; Japan, defeat; China, communism; Korea, the 38th parallel; Russia, the bolsheviks; Germany, Hitler; Italy, Mussolini; Spain, Franco; Eastern Europe, the Iron Curtain. We live in the overlap of the ages. Protestantism can only bring an effective answer to the seeth-
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ing needs of such an age as it is guided by a new vision of the eternal God who rules over and overrules the affairs of nations.

When James Mathews of the Methodist Board was in India last year, meeting Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the United Church of South India, he asked him how the union was working. Bishop Newbigin replied that their central concern was not the answer to that pragmatic question, but to a deeper spiritual one. He said that for twenty years they met, discussing how they could work out the union, each group insisting on its own point of view. Two decades thus passed. Then they came to the clear agreement that it was the will of God that they should get together. Deciding thus that in obedience to the will of God they would get together, they found a great relief and release, and in ten years achieved that union. Bishop Newbigin continued to say that their central concern was not whether they were working things out in what would seem to be a successful way, but whether they were doing the will of God as they find it.

Let us put our faith in the activity of God to an equally significant test. When it comes to discussing questions of church union, who defends the elements of special value and truth within your particular Church? Do you have to defend them, or are you able to trust that to the activity of the Holy Spirit? As long as the Hebrews of the Old Testament were near enough to God to know His activity, their religion changed and grew. By the time Jesus came to fulfil that religion, the priests were so far out of contact with the living God that they were occupied with defending their concept of a God who seemed quite unable to defend Himself. To help defend that concept, they helped crucify Christ. Their idolatry was no less dangerous than ours, when we seek at all costs to safeguard the special interests and habits of our own special groups. If there is something of distinctive value in your tradition, something of God, you do not have to defend it. The Holy Spirit will. That calls for a strategy of daring, but Toynbee reminds us that a civilization to grow must live dangerously. When we are afraid to trust our treasures in such strategy to the Holy Spirit, there stands over us the terrible word of the Lord, revealed in the whole history of the Jews, illustrated in the parable of the talents, crystallized in one fearful sentence of universal application, and admitting of no exception—"whosoever seeketh to save his life shall lose it." And that word, praise be to God, is followed by the promise "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Whence, then, comes the new unity to be expressed in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States? Is it the unity of a common facade in the presence of threatening dangers, or
the unity of a new vision of God? Both elements are present, of course, and they are not mutually exclusive, but they lead to different fruits. Our temptation will be to think, "This is it." "We have arrived." If we are thus content with a new machinery, our latter state will be akin to the small boy who trades a nickel for a broken knife, the knife for a burning glass, the glass for a handful of marbles, the marbles for a live toad, and then sells the toad for a nickel. He has made no profit, but he has done a lot of business. Because we come so often to these questions of union within Christendom less sure of the new vision of God leading us forward than of the new threat of dangers driving us on, we seem at times to suffer from spiritual locomotor ataxia—which medical disease is diagnosed in part by a constitutional unsteadiness of gait.

In response to his new vision of the Lord, high and lifted up, Isaiah responded, "Here am I, Lord. Send me." We must be very clear about those things which are essential to the spiritual vitality of this new National Council. Committees may change, organization may be perfected, nomenclature may be superseded, but only the consuming love for God and his children expressed in that response, "Here am I, Lord. Send me," can make such an organization an instrument of God. Without a burning missionary passion, this new group will be only an unannealed amalgam, a vast and expensive superstructure. With such a passion, the new National Council may help us to be, more than ever before, a pilgrim people following a pilgrim God to a new day for our world. A preacher announced the subject, "Why the Little Girl Fell Out of Bed." I do not recommend the topic, but the point he made in the sermon merits consideration as we enter this new group. "She fell out of bed," he said, "because she went to sleep too near the place where she got in." The essential contribution of the Division of Foreign Missions should be at this central point of a flaming missionary motivation which includes within its purview all God's children, at home or abroad, churched or unchurched.

That motivation we discover in all its power as we yield ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, who, indeed, "is able to do exceeding abundantly, more than we ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us." Too little do we realize the power with which He works in us. Mankind trembles today upon the brink of untold terror because too much we have thought power to be in the explosion of atomic bombs, and too little we have realized that it lies in the still, small voice of Him who made the atom. Power is not always where it seems. What is more feathery than a snowflake, what more adamantine than a mountain? Yet the feathery snow gouges valleys in the mountains, for its murmuring streams and
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glaciers grind the rock ribs of the mountains into dust. Where is weakness more apparent than in a wisp of cloud, where strength more impressive than in the Palisades? Yet the tender touch of the cloud against the rock leaves drops of water which creep into the thinnest crevices. Cold comes. The faint film of moisture is made ice, and the rock is heaved in twain. Man does it with driven steel and dynamite in thunderous explosion. Nature does it with a wisp of mist from the sunset, in silence. The mountain granite is shaped by the soft caress of the clouds. The victories of the mist are engraved on the stubborn shoulders of the retreating hills. Not in the earthquake, the fire or storm did Elijah find God. They gave him no strength. His strength, and ours, and the strength of every Christian movement, comes from the still, small Voice which leaves in the secret crevices of our souls that deposit of truth which, touched by God, heaves in twain the mightiest mountain of sin and fear, of hatred and lonesomeness, which bars the access of men to each other. Thus does that Voice prepare in the desert of our despair, in the wastelands of our wickedness, a highway for our God. Thus does that Voice lead us to that Christian unity which alone can enable us to capture the future for Christ.
"Time marches on" and brings with it new situations which were not contemplated when the Report to the Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting was written a year ago. Then the world was clinging to an uneasy peace. As these lines are written, it is holding its breath until it becomes clear whether the decision to send United Nations troops across the Thirty-eighth Parallel will involve the present regime in China in what may then well develop into a third world war. What these developments in East Asia may mean for the Christian Churches of the area, Protestant and Roman Catholic, is known only to our Heavenly Father. It is for His children and servants to try humbly to learn His will and courageously and with determination to try to do it. In Him is our wisdom, our courage and our strength.

The year has brought a still more dramatic and unexpected change in the plans of the Foreign Missions Conference and its member boards. A year ago, the Annual Report carried these words: "It was right for the Conference to decide that it should not enter the National Council if thereby the widest interdenominational fellowship in North America and its strong program of cooperation overseas would be shattered. The Committee of Reference and Counsel has appointed a joint committee with the Planning Committee for the National Council to work out a pattern of future relationships which will not thwart the desire of twenty-seven strong member boards whose denominations will be in the National Council for closer integration of their interests with those included in the Council. This question must receive as intense concern and prayerful consideration as (the one) decided at the 1949 Annual Meeting."

Today, the Conference is committed to become a part of the National Council when it is constituted on November 29, 1950, in the confidence that it has been possible to take this step without shattering irreparably "the widest interdenominational fellowship in North America and its strong program of cooperation overseas." There have been a few deeply regretted decisions to withdraw altogether from relationship to the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council which is "to continue and extend the work of the Foreign Missions Conference." Some of the member boards for clearly understandable reasons have felt that it would be better to assume the status
of "consultant agencies" rather than to become full charter members of the Division; but that still keeps them within the framework of wide interdenominational fellowship and strong cooperation since the representatives of such consultant agencies have all the privileges of the floor in the Division Assembly, except voting and election, and may have full status in the Representative Committees, if they so desire. Furthermore, it is expected that the great majority of the ten boards and agencies which hitherto have been in an extra-constitutional "affiliated relationship" with the Foreign Missions Conference will enter into the new status of "consultant agencies" with this clearly defined constitutional status.

No final count can be given until November 29, 1950. By that time all member boards of the Conference which have not declined to do so will automatically become charter members of the Division; and it is expected that all boards and agencies which have declined to accept charter membership as well as all those now in an affiliated relationship with the Conference will be recognized as consultant agencies unless they specifically decline to accept that relationship. The present outlook is that of the ninety-nine member boards and ten affiliates listed after the 1950 Annual Meeting, not more than ten will have withdrawn altogether from the fellowship.

This is so extraordinary a change of outlook that the way in which it took place should be written into the records of the Conference in this Fifty-seventh Annual Report. Consultations initiated by the joint committee with the Planning Committee led to the discovery that almost all of the member boards whose communions are to be in the National Council felt strongly that they would be handicapped in their relations within their own communions and in their promotion of foreign missionary interest if there were no Division of Foreign Missions within the National Council, which would at least help to keep foreign missions at the home base within the wide pattern of interdenominational cooperation represented by the Council. Consequently, the Foreign Missions Conference members of that joint committee proposed to the Annual Meeting in January, 1950, that such a Division within the National Council with main responsibility for home base relationships be approved and that the Conference continue to serve as the channel of cooperation in matters related to the work overseas.

There was unanimity in the Annual Meeting on only one thing: no one liked this proposal. Boards which would have to divide their interests between the Conference and the Division did not like the complex problems involved in such a dual relationship, and felt that it would weaken the effectiveness of the fellowship. Boards which did not want to be related to the National Council at all were unwilling to have the overseas operations separated from the home base
operations, for they felt the Conference would be weakened by such a division. This dissatisfaction with the proposed division of functions was deepened on the first evening of the Annual Meeting by a passionate address by Dr. Frank Laubach reporting on his experiences which led him to believe that the world was never more open to the gospel, but that the situation was so critical and so difficult that an even greater degree of cooperation between Christian forces was required rather than a loss of the unity of spirit already achieved in the Conference. Yet after a lengthy further conference that evening between members of the committee of seven members appointed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel and the representatives of those boards whose communions were not to be in the National Council, it seemed clear that some such proposal was the best that could be done without a reversal of the action taken at the 1949 Annual Meeting.

There had been an earnest seeking, in corporate and private prayer, for a clear revelation of God's will in the face of this apparent but unwelcome necessity. When the Committee of Seven met Wednesday morning for a brief session to make some slight editorial changes before making its report to the Committee of Reference and Counsel, once more it sought God's guidance. There was reluctance to adjourn and make a report with which no one was satisfied. As the group talked on in the spirit of prayer, one member who represented a board opposed in principle to the Conference's becoming a part of the National Council, suggested that one thing had not yet been tried: a careful restudy of the actual possibilities of retaining "the essential unity, continuity and autonomy of the Conference" within the framework and safeguards provided by the proposed constitution of the National Council. This proposal gathered momentum from its utterance, first in the committee, then in the Committee of Reference and Counsel which recommended the proposal, and finally in the business session of the Annual Meeting, where it was accepted without dissenting vote. The Committee of Seven was enlarged by representatives from two additional boards not favoring participation in the National Council, and entrusted to make the restudy and to make recommendations.

By speedy, hard work this committee, now consisting of nine members, worked out by-laws for a Division of Foreign Missions in the National Council which would "spell out" the provision for continuity and autonomy and took steps to preserve the largest possible degree of unity by a series of statements to the member boards which enabled them to appraise these by-laws and understand their purposes and implications. On the recommendation of eight of its nine members, and in accordance with authorization in the vote of the Annual Meeting, the Committee of Reference and Counsel called a Special Meeting
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of the Conference at Philadelphia on April 25, 1950, when, after a
day of prayerful consideration, the Conference took the necessary
actions to go forward with plans for integration as a unit into the
National Council. The vote was recorded as seventy-seven for the
action and seven against. (Details of the action will be found in
the Minutes of the Special Meeting in the Fifty-Seventh Annual
Report.)

Developments since this momentous decision seem to be confirming
the feeling that God's hand was in the whole process of these last
two years. So overwhelmingly clear an expression of the mind of the
Conference, given with various degrees of enthusiasm or continuing
regret, could seemingly not have been reached at the 1949 Annual
Meeting, in either direction. It was only the long months of prayerful
wrestling together in good faith with the problems involved that
brought so nearly unanimous a decision.

Aside from the provision for "consultant agencies" related to the
Division as a whole with the right to become full members of the
Representative Committees or to sustain a relationship to them on
"a correspondence basis" which provides for information and ad­
vice when requested, there is definite provision in the new by-laws
for occasional foreign missions assemblies under either Conference
auspices or still wider auspices. It is hoped that such assemblies,
free from administrative implications, may serve as a common meet­
ing ground for boards in the Division of Foreign Missions and other
boards, such as the Foreign Missions Conference of earlier days used
to provide. There must still be a common ground of fellowship and
mutual understanding between all those whose chief concern is the
salvation of the whole world, particularly of those peoples outside
the borders of the United States and Canada.

The detailed departmental reports will show that during all this
period of transition and reorientation, there has been no slackening
of the various aspects of the work of the Conference. All representa­
tive, standing and special committees of the Conference have made
progress in their work. Particularly have the area committees on China
and Korea helped to clear the thinking of their members on the
urgent problems faced in the rapidly changing situations in those
two countries. The threatened withdrawal from China within three
or four years of the great majority of foreign missionaries will mean
a new era of responsibility for the Chinese churches and a testing of
the building that has been done in a century and a half of Protestant
missionary effort, to determine whether that building on the one
Foundation has been wood, hay and stubble or enduring gold, silver,
and precious stones. We must do prayerfully all that is humanly
possible to aid those Churches under these changed conditions and
when we have done all, still pray that the almighty power of God may
do exceedingly abundantly above all that we may ask or think.

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One aspect of the Korea uncertainties is illustrative both of advance and of perplexity. Boards interested in the mission work in Korea, cooperating through the Representative Committee on Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication, had purchased and shipped a complete broadcasting station to be erected in Seoul to spread the gospel message and render Christian service in all Korea which could be reached by air even if not by God's messengers in person. Providentially, it had not yet passed Japan when hostilities broke out. It is still there intact, ready to be installed for still wider service when the situation in Korea is sufficiently stabilized. May Christ's whole Church be equally kept and ready to go forward into new opportunities for Him!

The Program of Advance launched in 1947-1949 is still far from being implemented in its entirety. Individual items like the Seoul radio have been carried forward. The basic difficulty is that most member boards are still caught in the net of spiraling inflationary costs for their existing work which have neutralized the very substantial apparent financial gains since 1947. The total overseas expenditures of member and affiliated boards reported elsewhere in the Fifty-seventh Annual Report top the reported expenditures of the Twenties, but with a dollar worth only about 75 per cent or so of the 1928 dollar, it is obvious that the actual resources of member boards are still far below what they were then. There seems no evidence that there has been a corresponding decline in the giving ability of church members, as Dr. Thomas Donohugh's careful study made clear. Those charged with responsibility for the spread of the gospel overseas must therefore face the fact that interest in foreign missions has not kept pace with a steadily growing Protestant church membership in the United States. It must be hoped with devout prayer that the new relationships within the National Council will help to make concern for the extension of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad central in the life of the communions related to the Council and in the hearts of their members rather than a tangential side-interest for the "missionary-minded" only.

There is one other development of the year which is of immediate concern to many member boards. For many years, the Foreign Missions Conference has joined with other bodies and member communions in improvised meeting of catastrophes overseas, particularly in mission areas, caused by war, flood, famine and pestilence. Four years ago it authorized the formation of Church World Service, Inc., to coordinate the vast program of post-war emergency service. With the prospective formation of the National Council, it has been decided that there should be within its permanent structure a small nuclear unit to conserve the lessons and skills of the years in this field and to render competent coordination and guidance in such programs previously carried on by Church World Service, Inc. as should still
be continued and in future emergency programs which the denomina-
tions feel compelled to undertake. The report from Church World
Service, Inc. appearing at a later point will be a report of stewardship
as it closes its career as a separate, operating emergency agency of
the churches. The Division of Foreign Missions will continue to
maintain close administrative and advisory relations with the new De-
partment of Church World Service within the National Council as
it has done with its predecessor temporary organizations. It will have
a standing committee on relief and reconstruction services which will
conduct such programs of relief and reconstruction in mission areas
as the denominations desire, in close correlation with the depart-
ment. The extent and significance of the practical Christian witness
of the department will depend upon the continued expression of de-
nominal concern in the continuance or establishment of appropriate
denominational units for relief, inter-church aid and reconstruction,
since the department is to depend entirely on denominational support.

As in its fifty-eighth year, the Conference moves on into the NCCC
USA, it does so with the conviction that it can serve the cause
of foreign missions more effectively in the new relationship, it looks
to God in confidence that his power, which so long has led us, surely
will still lead us on. The same spirit of craving for fellowship and
consultation which led to the calling of the first cautious meeting of
the Conference in 1893 will still find ways of satisfying itself whatever
the difficulties of organizational relationship. That recognition of
fellowship in the common task and that desire to make it more
significant are the heritage which under God will find still more
significant fulfillment in the years ahead.

Wynn C. Fairfield

Africa

Literacy and Literature. Literacy is progressing in a good many
African areas. The 1950 visits of Frank C. Laubach, Robert Lau-
bach, Dr. and Mrs. J. Maurice Hohlfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip
Gray have been welcomed in Africa and have been useful in gaining
additional support in North America for Africa literacy and litera-
ture work.

During the fiscal year 1949-50 a total of $31,050.32 was allocated
through the North American Section of the International Committee
on Christian Literature for Africa for various projects, among them
being $11,857.57 for purchasing and shipping paper to Britain for
Africa literature production; $7,059 sent to the Belgian Congo for
literacy and literature work; $1,500 to Mozambique for producing
literature for newly literates; $4,758.25 to London for subsidizing the
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magazine "Listen"; $1,175 for salary of a literacy and literature worker in Liberia.

These funds have come from church boards and individuals; from World Day of Prayer offerings; and through the close cooperation of the FMC Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature and the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Inc.

Education in the Belgian Congo. Practically all education in the Belgian Congo is under the direction of missions, Catholic and Protestant. From about 1923 to 1948 the government liberally subsidized and otherwise aided Catholic schools but gave no aid or recognition to Protestant schools.

During the brief period after World War II when, in a coalition cabinet in Belgium, the Liberal party was permitted to have the Ministry of Colonies, Parliament passed enabling legislation to end this state of things and to give that equal favor and protection to all religious missions which the Belgian Colonial charter and various international treaties have for many years required. Succeeding cabinets have had Catholic Colonial Ministers, as had been the case for twenty years previously. The legislation is, however, being gradually implemented.

A union medical teaching institution is being started near Kimpese, the Institut Médical Evangélique. Five missions are in it thus far. The government and the Belgian philanthropic foundation, Fonds du Bien-être Indigène, have made large grants to it. It could be the beginning of a Protestant university in Congo. It should be.

The union publishing house at Leopoldville, La Librairie Evangélique au Congo (LECO), is well established. Between July, 1948 and December 31, 1949, LECO Press produced 1,323,440 pages of periodicals and 13,420,912 pages of books, a total of 14,744,352 pages. Net sales for the year 1949 were: Bookshop, Frs. 3,485,988.40; Press, Frs. 784,574.00; a total sales of Frs. 4,270,562.40 (about $86,000).

Dakar Christian Center. Through generous contributions from American mission boards working in French West Africa and from Riverside Church, New York City, it has been possible for American Christians to help their French colleagues develop a much-needed Christian Center in Dakar. Land in the heart of the city was given by the government, and large cash contributions were made by French business and other interests in the colony. Latest report is that the new building will be ready for occupancy in December, 1950.

Orientation Centers in Europe. In 1921 there was opened in Brussels the first orientation center in Europe for Protestant missionaries going to colonial territories for work. This was the first overseas
project of the first "area committee" formed by member boards of FMC: the American Committee on Work in Congo, of which Dr. Thomas S. Donohugh (Northern Methodist board) was chairman and Dr. P. H. J. Lerrigo (Northern Baptist board) was secretary. Dr. Henri Anet became the first Agent de Liaison of this Bureau des Missions Protestantes in Brussels. Later similar work was undertaken in Portugal and France, and all three areas are now supported and directed by Scandinavian, Continental, British and North American boards concerned, and by the Christian Councils in Belgian, French and Portuguese Africa areas. Their objective is to enable missionaries to become more familiar with the languages of the governing powers, their educational systems, their cultures, their colonial histories, policies and problems, etc.

In August, the Rev. H. Wakelin Coxill, Director of the Brussels Bureau, reported that there were 142 missionaries then studying in Brussels. There were thirty children in Belgium with their missionary parents.

The Rev. C. A. Chazeaud, Director of the Paris Centre, reported that from January through June, 1950, there had been a total of 135 missionaries studying in Paris in preparation for work in French territories overseas.

The Lisbon Liga and evangelical work in Portugal has suffered grievous loss in the death on September 10th of Mr. E. R. Holden, for many years honorary secretary and treasurer of the Liga. Missionaries studying in Portugal are fewer, partly because certain strong Portuguese influences are being used to keep Protestant missionaries from entering and working in Portuguese areas, and partly because the Liga is not now adequately manned.

African Students in North America. More and more African students are coming to North America for advanced education. During the current year there are more than five hundred of them here.

In 1946 there was formed the Committee for African Students in North America (CASNA) to give aid to these colonial students whose problems are in some ways quite different from those of citizen students from self-governing countries. This committee has close contact with the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students and the Institute of International Education.

During the past year generous grants to the Institute of International Education from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Phelps-Stokes Fund have made it possible for the institute to set up an Africa Division working with African students. Additional funds are urgently required for modest grants-in-aid to deserving students.

Emory Ross, Executive Secretary
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Europe

The Committee on Cooperation with the Churches in Europe was created in February, 1947, within the corporate body of Church World Service, Inc. and was recognized as the Europe Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. It is in the line of historical continuity as successor to many of the functional responsibilities of the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction and the Commission for World Council Service which, with the Church Committee for Relief in Asia, were brought together in the formation of Church World Service, Inc. on May 1, 1946.

This committee has endeavored to keep before the American denominations the material and spiritual needs of Europe which call for ecumenical action and, by consultation, to assist those which have independent programs to coordinate and correlate them in terms of the total challenge. In effect this committee has been both the liaison between the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches and the American denominations, and the responsible representative of the Department before the North American denominations. Its special status as the Europe Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has been a happy relationship, avoiding unnecessary duplication and emphasizing its close relationship to the member boards of the FMC and its service to those boards.

The committee includes in its membership thirty-one representatives nominated by denominational bodies and agencies, and executive consultants from the Conference of USA Member Churches of the World Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the International Missionary Council.

Upon recommendation by the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches, the committee commended to the American church boards and relief committees for their support in 1950, a wide variety of inter-church aid projects in various countries, and the figure of $591,500 as representing the minimum program needs of the administrative budget, the refugee services and the health and scholarship committees. This amount has been subscribed. Many of the inter-church aid projects in eleven countries have been taken up by the denominations, funds being allocated through our committee, and in addition large support has gone forward direct from the denominations to coordinated programs in which they are individually engaged.

During the year, eight young ministers and theological students and three young women have been under direct appointment as youth workers in Germany and France. Three clergymen served as
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CRALOG Directors in Germany, superintending the distribution of material assistance and contributing greatly of their time and ability to the spiritual life through the churches and universities. Three other ministers serve by appointment of this committee as members of the field staff of the Refugee Services of the World Council of Churches.

Material assistance has been directed with particular reference to the needs of refugees of all classes, including displaced persons in Germany and Austria, the refugees in Italy, France and Belgium, and the drought areas in Greece and Yugoslavia. The amount of this year’s help, which included shipments also to Czechoslovakia, Finland, Holland, Poland, Trieste and Turkey, will exceed one and a half million pounds of clothing and six million pounds of food.

It is of particular significance that the North American denominations have met the challenge of the enlarged program of spiritual resettlement and material assistance to refugees in Europe by appropriating funds sufficient to meet the requirements of this ecumenical undertaking administered by the World Council of Churches.

WAYLAND ZWAYER, Secretary

Far Eastern Joint Office

At the close of World War II, members of the Committee on East Asia, which embodied the mission work in China, Japan, and Korea, decided that the emerging opportunities for the Christian enterprise made it necessary to have representative committees for each area. The Committee of Reference and Council ratified this proposal and in January, 1947, at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, the Far Eastern Joint Office was set up with China, Japan, Korea, and Philippine area committees. Sometime later the Southeast Asia Committee, covering Burma, Indonesia, Malaysia, Micronesia, and Thailand, and the Okinawa subcommittee were also transferred to this office, which thus became responsible for correlating the administration of cooperative work in all of these areas.

The revolutionary changes in China during the past two years, the recent upheaval in Korea, the general unrest in other parts of Asia impelled boards interested in East Asia to meet together for fellowship, consultation, and planning of a new mission strategy. So a Far East Conference of board secretaries, missionaries, and nationals was held on September 11-13, 1950, at Riverside Church in New York City. Rev. Charles W. Ranson in the keynote address emphasized the following policy: concentration upon the primacy of the gospel and the centrality of the Church; vigorous initiative from the field.
and mobility of program and personnel; and effective unity in our common planning.

The conference brought forward recommendations for each area in line with this policy. These representative committees which will have the task of implementing this policy are under the able leadership of the following chairmen: China, Frank T. Cartwright; Japan, John C. Smith; Korea, Margaret Billingsley; Okinawa, Thoburn T. Brumbaugh; Philippines, to be elected; Southeast Asia, Hazel F. Shank.

The chairman of the FEJO Committee, Lloyd S. Ruland, visited Hong Kong and Indonesia in the fall. Plans are being considered for a trip of the secretary, starting in July, 1951, for consultation with the National Christian Councils and the Christian leaders in these countries and with the British and Dutch mission societies. It is hoped that this trip and visits of other secretaries may be synchronized so that conferences can be held with representative Christian groups to consider the cooperative Christian program which the rapidly changing situation in East Asia requires.

Rowland M. Cross, Secretary

China

The year since the People’s Government came to power in Peking has seen increasing difficulty and tension throughout China. Many restrictions have been imposed upon Christian institutions. Christian middle schools have been most seriously affected and it is estimated that by year’s end one-half will be closed. Church World Service has reduced its relief program to the maintenance of child welfare centers. Strong feeling against the American government increased sharply with the outbreak of the Korean war and the dispatch of the American fleet to Formosa. The number of missionaries has steadily declined but approximately 1,150 Protestant missionaries still remain in China (fall of 1950), of whom six hundred are from North America.

The so-called “Christian Manifesto” resulting from a conference with Chou En-Lai and signed by a number of Chinese Christians was published this fall. While not approved by the Chinese Church as a whole, it may be said to represent the policy which the government expects the Church to follow in the future. This manifesto calls upon Christian Churches and related organizations which still rely upon foreign personnel and financial aid to plan “within the shortest possible time” to realize the “objective of self-reliance and rejuvenation.” They are also called to achieve a deeper understanding of the nature of Christianity itself, closer unity among the denomina-
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tions and reform in church organizations. They are asked to emphasize the anti-imperialistic, anti-feudalistic education and such forms of service to the people as productive labor, teaching them to understand the New Era, medical and public health work, and care of children.

But there is another side to the picture. The Christian colleges (United Board of Christian Colleges in China) opened this fall with a good enrollment. Regular Christian activities appear to be increasing and a good spirit prevails among the Chinese faculty. Nearly one hundred missionaries continue on the faculties and one teacher in America has a permit to return to Yenching University.

The National Christian Council carries on its extensive program. Foreigners have resigned from all administrative positions and Chester Miao became acting general secretary in place of George K. T. Wu. The rural department has linked together in spiritual fellowship country churches throughout China and strengthened the five Christian rural service unions. The committee on medical work under the leadership of Dr. George OuYang lists 140 Christian hospitals for the large supply of medicines turned over to that organization by the International Relief Committee. The home and family life committee under secretary Doris Pan Wang has active centers in many parts of China. The newly developed technique for reaching industrial workers through institutes, special literature and Labor Sunday, is guided by a competent committee. The audio-visual committee has put out small distinctive crosses worn by Christians, posters for Christian homes, slides on the life of Christ and on public health and child care. The Shanghai Christian radio station continues its broadcasts. The NCC has one foreign secretary left for student evangelism but Chinese secretaries are conducting a restricted religious and social program. The Council of Christian Publishers has circulated its Christian books with little difficulty. Christian magazines are subject to censorship. "Christian Farmer" has been discontinued but a new paper, "Christian Service News," is attaining a good circulation in North China. The National Committee for Christian Religious Education has issued an excellent hymnal and worship book for children. The Religious Education Fellowship has over two thousand members.

The Church in China is becoming more indigenous both through the increased emphasis upon self-support and self-direction and through the rapid growth of sects such as the communal Jesus Family.

Most of the China Committee member boards have encouraged their missionaries to remain in China, except for considerations of health, as long as their Chinese colleagues desire them. An NCC cablegram and letters (September 29) answered one question raised by the manifesto by urging continuation over some years of all sub-
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sides for Chinese churches and Christian organizations while self-support is being evolved. The China Committee respects this point of view. In every way possible we must do our part to maintain fellowship and helpful relationships with our Christian brethren in China.

Rowland M. Cross, Secretary

Japan

Reconstruction has gone forward rapidly. Of the 462 church buildings destroyed during the war, about two hundred have been reconstructed. Work on Christian school buildings is nearing completion. About two-thirds of the new campus of Union Theological Seminary in Tokyo is finished.

Because of financial stringency, institutions have admitted large numbers of students, and this makes it difficult to keep the schools Christian. The new Christian University should contribute to the solution of this problem through its teacher training program.

Encouraging progress has been made in missionary appointments. In October, 1949, in forty-eight denominational organizations there were 560 missionaries. Since then the Interboard Committee has increased its numbers by nine reappointments, 110 new appointments including thirty-four short-termers and ten transfers from China. Figures are not at hand for other groups, but it is safe to estimate that the total is nearly equal to the minimum of pre-war normal years, which was 950. In addition there are over one hundred Korea missionaries in Japan. Plans are being discussed for the use of facilities and personnel of mission hospitals to provide more adequate care of the health of missionaries.

The Protestant Christian Center on the Ginza, Tokyo, houses the Council of Cooperation, the National Christian Council, and (as soon as space is available) the Church of Christ.

The Christian Literature Commission of the NCC, under the leadership of Bishop Shoichi Murao and Dr. Floyd Shacklock (recently arrived in Japan), is prepared to carry through an extensive program of literature production and distribution. Mrs. Shacklock has been working on Christian education curricula.

Institutes are being held for the training of audio-visual workers, especially in the use of *kami shibai* (drama in pictures). A contest was held to encourage the writing of script, and winning titles were “The Whistling Boy” and “The Boy in the Mountain Village.” Dr. Arthur Rinden of China has accepted a temporary appointment for audio-visual work in Japan.

Dr. Charles W. Iglehart is now honorary associate secretary of the NCC, succeeding Russell L. Durgin whose invaluable service dur-
ing post-war years terminated in July when he was sent home on sick leave.

Relief will be carried on for another year, under the continued leadership of Dr. G. E. Bott.

Dr. John C. Bennett made a valuable contribution to the thinking of Japanese Christian leaders through his seminars and his writings on the relation of Christianity and communism.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa and President Hachiro Yuasa of the Japan International Christian University were among the many fine Japanese Christian leaders who have been in Canada and the United States during the past year. An estimated eighty persons are here on board scholarships. American Christians can help these students to become a powerful influence for the Christianizing of Japan.

The Far East Conference calls attention to the important minority groups, numbering more than half a million, now finding residence in Japan, and urges their inclusion in an enlarged evangelistic program. This program aims to reach the following groups: lay women in the local church, industrial workers, youth, farmers. Much has already been done. Through institutes and conferences under the leadership of Dr. Irma Highbaugh, Christians are catching a vision of the meaning of the Christian home and its place in the community. For youth there is a well-developed effort in conferences and work camps. Rural work has been geared to reach the farmer and also the 99 per cent of the villages which have no Christian church. About $20,000 has been spent for equipping the National Rural Service and Training Center at Hino, near Tokyo.

In Japan, Christianity is being weighed in the balances. Therefore, the Japan Committee urges full support of the united program of the larger evangelism.

ROWLAND M. CROSS, Secretary

Korea

The year 1950 found the Korea Committee, the missionaries, and the Korean Christian leaders implementing plans for Christian advance in Korea. The gospel was soon to be broadcast across the 38th parallel over a Christian station. The Christian Literature Society was increasing its publications which in the first three months of 1950 totaled 50,834,000 pages. Funds were in hand for the wide distribution of John C. Bennett’s Christianity and Communism. The National Christian Council was conducting a vigorous evangelistic campaign in disaffected areas.

Then came June 25, when the North Koreans swept south in all-out aggression. Most of the North American missionaries, including John C. Smith of the Presbyterian USA board, who had just
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arrived for consultations with his mission and the NCC, were quickly evacuated to Japan by government order; six were caught in Sondo; and one woman missionary remained behind the lines farther south. Two or three missionaries became chaplains, and several helped the refugees by distributing Church World Service supplies from Pusan. Korean Christians, like the Christians of New Testament times, were harassed, imprisoned, or scattered abroad, some becoming martyrs to their faith.

Christian missions are at a turning point. The Far East Conference recommended the formation of a strategy committee composed of missionaries on furlough, nationals in America, and board representatives, to be responsible for contact with United Nations agencies; preparation of literature for church and literacy program; preparation of materials for soldiers of the UN in Korea with emphasis on the Christian and cultural background of Korea; conference of Korean Christian students in America; and assistance to Christians in Korea in forming policy for the future. It was further recommended that boards plan now for "a balanced program in Korea," recruiting and training personnel for this purpose.

Realizing the tremendous need for all kinds of relief the Korea Committee through Church World Service launched an extensive relief program with Henry D. Appenzeller appointed to be director in Korea.

We hope and pray that the suffering Korean Church, drawn into a close fellowship by the tragic events of the past months and supported loyally by the Church of the West, may press on to build a Christian Korea.

Rowland M. Cross, Secretary

Okinawa

Rev. and Mrs. Otis W. Bell, Jr., with their two children, are now resident in Okinawa, where a missionary house has been built for them. Three other missionaries are in training in the United States. Rev. Yoshio Higa also returned in March. He and Mr. Bell, with the Christian workers of the United Church, have an intensive program of Bible classes, Sunday schools, women's groups, institutes for the training of workers, the securing of Christian literature, the distribution of Bibles and hymnbooks, visits to the leper colonies, radio programs, and relief work especially among widows and children. Protestants have been invited to appoint an English teacher to the newly established University of the Ryukyus.

Robert Smith, back from Okinawa after two years with Church World Service, lists needs as follows: Christian leadership—more missionaries and more young Okinawans trained as ministers and

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teachers; a simple administrative center in Naha; a building program including reconstruction of church buildings.

The Far East Conference recommended that further effort be made to enlist the cooperation of FMC boards in an interboard committee to serve the Church of Christ of Okinawa and that this interboard committee, with other boards and agencies at work in the Ryukyu Islands, be integrated within the Okinawa Committee.

Rowland M. Cross, Secretary

Philippines

At the first meeting of the year, the Philippine Committee welcomed twelve Filipino friends studying in this country, and a number of missionaries on furlough, to share in the deliberations.

The Philippine Federation has had a good year. Rev. Paul R. Dotson of Young People's Work reported that the Christian message was presented to 20,000 students and that funds are needed for an associate director and for national student workers. Mr. Cornelio M. Ferrer has succeeded Mr. Allen Huber as director of the Rural Church Department. With the help of excellent literature, the program for the 2,500 rural churches is flourishing. China missionaries have brought inspiration and new ideas to the home and family life work and the literature department.

The Philippine Committee has been fortunate in having Dr. Benicio T. Catapusan, secretary of the Association of Christian Schools and Colleges, as a consultant for some weeks during his stay in the United States. The association serves sixty-five middle schools, colleges and Bible training schools. These institutions contribute one-third of the present budget but larger support from the boards is needed so that the secretary can maintain close contact with each school and with the government department of education.

The September 28 meeting of the Philippine Committee approved the establishment on a permanent basis of a Christian medical college in the Philippines. This project has the support of the committee in the Philippines, the Christian Medical Council and eight mission boards.

The total Protestant community in the Philippines consists of 700,000 evangelicals, with 2,250,000 Aglipayans, whose regular bishops are recognized by the Episcopal Church. Protestants are freely elected to all kinds of public office.

Mr. Ranson noted in the Philippines an awareness of the need for spiritual recovery following the war and stated that the Federation is in a sense the key to the Christian future, because “it offers the instrument by which we may begin comprehensively to plan a united evangelistic advance.”

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Southeast Asia

Surging currents of new life characterize the countries of Southeast Asia. Extreme nationalism and communism compete with Christianity for the allegiance of the people. There continues, in some instances, government limitation on the type of missionary granted entry permits. These difficulties coupled with the great opportunities present Christianity with an outstanding challenge.

Gradual devolution of responsibility is taking place, but there is a lack of financial resources, educational and medical facilities, and trained personnel. There are many impoverished areas. Christianity must serve these human needs. The recommendations of the Far East Conference emphasize a union Christian hospital in Rangoon; training of national leaders for all departments of work in Burma, Thailand, and Indonesia; Christian colleges in Burma and Thailand; practical as well as theological training of missionaries; and presentation of the Christian message to the laboring classes.

Immediate problems face the Southeast Asia Committee in Indonesia and Micronesia. The cessation of government subsidy to the Indonesian churches and the limited resources of the Dutch societies have caused stringent financial circumstances. Rev. I. P. Simandjoentak, secretary of the Council of Christian Education, and Rev. P. T. Sarumpaet, principal of the Sipoholon Seminary, urged American aid to strengthen existing churches. In May, the National Council of Churches was established. Its tentative program includes training of Christian teachers and preparation of books for primary, secondary, and Sunday schools, and the production of Christian literature materials for all age groups. This council invites our cooperation.

The American Board pioneered in Micronesia and has been largely responsible for Protestant mission work there. Since the war new islands have been opened to Christian work, and the American Board has requested the SEAC “to make a study of the needs of Micronesia, looking toward making the Protestant program there an interdenominational effort in which boards will cooperate in sending missionaries.”

We are providing moderate amounts for existing literature programs in Southeast Asia. Literature production in Burma is near an all-time high. The literacy program in Thailand has the support of Mr. Boonchuey Sombongse, Adult Education Director in Thailand. Literacy campaigns are projected for Indonesia, Sumatra, and Borneo; a literacy campaign has started in Malaya.

Ma Kim Myint (Kitty Roberts), American trained, is giving able help in the audio-visual work in Burma.

The need and opportunity for Christian work in Southeast Asia is now. Fluidity of program and personnel of American boards is
required to meet this Macedonian call. Christians in these areas have remained steadfast through these difficult postwar years; they deserve our loyal backing.

Rowland M. Cross, Secretary

India, Pakistan and Ceylon

Broadly speaking, law and order has been maintained in these countries throughout the year under review, and the strained relations between India and Pakistan have been improved greatly.

Opinions differ regarding the menace of communism. At present the situation seems to be under control, but any lapses in the effectiveness of government or any shortages of food due to failure of rains open the way for agitation. The orthodox Hindu Mahasubha is strong in Western India and in places offers stiff opposition to any movement that threatens Hinduism.

A courageous effort is being made to introduce prohibition in large areas of India and to enforce it, with considerable success. For the time being this decreases the revenue available for nation building enterprises and limits grants to aided education.

The Church of South India is progressing well. The North Tamil Council of the former United Church of South India has voted to enter the Church of South India and Rev. A. J. Appasamy was consecrated as its first bishop in September. The Most Reverend Michael Hollis, Moderator of the Church of South India, with Mrs. Hollis, spent most of September and October in America and made many new friends for the union movement by their thoughtful presentation and their friendly spirit. Further progress in union is being made in northern India and in Ceylon.

Dr. Rajah Manikam, secretary of the Christian Council of India and Pakistan, was in America during June and July to attend meetings held in Toronto in connection with the International Missionary Council, and this visit gave welcome opportunities for closer contacts with the situation in India. Dr. Manikam has accepted an invitation to be the first secretary for East Asia of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches, and his replacement in the work in India presents a difficult problem.

Rev. Russell Stevenson, who is to become the new secretary of the Committee on India, Pakistan and Ceylon on January 1, 1951, has been spending several months of the last half of the year in these areas, familiarizing himself with the work and making personal contacts with the friends with whom he will correspond in the days to come. Excellent reports of his visit are being received.

The Christian Council has set up three commissions to study
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(1) presentation of the gospel in the modern context; (2) leadership in the Church; and (3) financial support of the Christian enterprise in India and Pakistan, these commissions to report of the meeting of the Christian Council in November. These topics are indicative of major problems which are being faced.

The Christian Council has continued its significant work with the government in these countries. For the time being at least the devaluation of the rupee has made the dollar go much further in India and Ceylon in terms of salaries and appropriations for general work. But rising costs and rising standards in educational and medical work, as well as pervasive temptation to minimize a clear Christian witness in these institutions, constitute major problems.

There is urgent need for improving and extending the work of the great Christian institutions in these lands which are assuming leadership in the Orient, and for building up the churches among one fifth of the world's population.

RAYMOND A. DUDLEY, Chairman

Cooperation in Latin America

The year 1950 has been notable for progress in various aspects of the cooperative program of the Evangelical forces in Latin America. The long-planned religious education consultation was held at Cienfuegos, Cuba, from April 16th to May 12th. In that month a group of fourteen especially prepared commissioners met with five North American consultants and outlined a complete new interdenominational curriculum for Spanish-speaking church schools. Following the conference provision was made for full-time service of an editor to assist Prof. G. Baez-Camargo, literature secretary of the CCLA, under whose direction the materials will be put into print without delay.

The radio evangelism program under CCLA's sponsorship marked gains also. The first musical records produced at the recording studios in Buenos Aires and Mexico City are now available, some of them of very high quality according to the ratings of the experts. Dr. M. Garrido-Aldama, secretary of CCLA, did some teaching at Buenos Aires and assisted in producing tape recordings. Demands for the first issue of records (2,500 copies) exhausted the supply four months after issuance. The first number of a quarterly bulletin on audio-visual aids for evangelical work in Latin America will be issued in 1950 by Dr. Garrido-Aldama. Financial assistance was given to a series of daily five-minute broadcasts at Montevideo, organized by an interdenominational ministers' committee of that city to substitute
for the series at Buenos Aires discontinued by Argentine government order.

Four workers intending to devote themselves to radio in their respective fields of Latin America attended the religious radio workshop at Temple University in August to study under the leadership of S. F. Mack, chairman of CCLA's audio-visual aids committee. That committee will provide part of the equipment and expense of this personnel on the field.

The evangelical literature production programs at Buenos Aires and Mexico City are expanding. Mr. Luis Odell, manager of the Buenos Aires publishing house, will spend the latter months of 1950 in the USA. Through visits in Latin America en route and consultations in the USA he aims to survey the continental field and facilities for distribution and to study techniques used by American religious publishers. Returning via Mexico he will consult with Prof. Camargo and the Mexican literature personnel in mapping plans for the future.

La Nueva Democracia, Spanish quarterly magazine, completes its thirtieth year of publication under CCLA's auspices. Its well known editor, Dr. Alberto Rembao, enjoys not only earned literary acclaim but the friendship and confidence of Latin American leaders, many of whom call on him in his office from day to day. Dr. Rembao has been named research consultant of CCLA; his office is the source of up-to-the-minute information concerning the Latin American scene.

The committee's evangelist to the unchurched and cultured classes of Latin America, Dr. George P. Howard, completed a manuscript for the 1951 study of Latin America in the churches of the USA during his furlough the first part of the year. He returned to South America in August, planning to work in Argentina for the next several months.

Argentine barriers, raised last year, which tended to limit certain aspects of Protestant religious activities have proved less effective than anticipated. Fanaticism resulting in violence against Evangelicals has been reported at various points in Latin America. Some regard this as evidence of a general rise of religious intolerance of Protestantism in Roman Catholic dominated areas; others discern in these incidents the opportunist tactics of unscrupulous leaders in a confused situation where any liberal is likely to be called "Communist." These unhappy events create grave difficulties for the total evangelical cause in Latin America and call for the utmost restraint and tact on the part of the evangelical leadership in dealing with governmental authorities.

Cooperative work in the Spanish-speaking West Indies has made encouraging headway during the year, the Union Seminary at Matanzas, Cuba, youngest of the union seminaries, doing a very fine job.

The two interdenominational mission boards, Board for Christian
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Work in Santo Domingo and United Andean Indian Mission, administration of which heads up in the CCLA offices, grow in effectiveness and break new ground in missionary methods as they develop. These pioneering programs are watched as the proving ground for cooperative planning in the missionary world. Their success is important and it is heartening to report that both ventures have been greatly blessed.

The year 1950 marked the retirement of several of the long-term, honorary officers of the committee and the resignation of its executive secretary. Elections, however, brought other personnel into different responsibilities so the committee's work has been uninterrupted.

HELEN M. EKLUND, Associate Secretary

Near East

The Near East Committee works in close cooperation with the Near East Christian Council in the interdenominational program carried on in the Near East. Since nearly every area in the Near East has only one American board working there, cooperative work is not carried on in as many lines of work as in some other parts of the world.

One of the fields where there has been a cooperative program in the Near East over many years has been in the planning and production of Christian literature. In this strong Moslem area, Christian literature is one of the most important and one of the most effective ways to carry the Christian message to the people. The Near East is made up of so many religions and racial groups that it is a constant challenge to produce Christian literature which will catch the interest and be helpful to the people with these varied backgrounds.

The Near East Committee in cooperation with the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Near East Christian Council have been deeply concerned with the problem of illiteracy in the Near East. Literacy campaigns have been carried on in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Iran. Plans are under way for campaigns in North Africa in 1951.

The committee has been deeply concerned with the Palestine refugee problem and has been serving Church World Service as its Near East Committee in its efforts to secure funds and in some of the planning of contacts with the field. This problem looms large in the plans and work of the committee in the months that are ahead.

This year the committee is especially concerned to utilize every opportunity which it can to help interpret the opportunities which the Christian Church has in the Near East. The mission study theme for
1950-51 in the churches is the Near East. Although the Near East is an area of the world that is not far from America, it is the part of the world about which the Christian Church knows distressingly all too little. Members of the committee and missionaries in the Near East have helped in the preparation of many of the materials which are being used in the study.

Realizing the difficulties of work in the Near East, and concerned to help all those working in the area as much as possible, the committee has had for several years a sub-committee on The Christian Approach to the Moslem which brings together study material and information on this vital subject.

A Fellowship of Prayer sponsored by the committee seeks to undergird the work in the Near East, for the committee is convinced that "a great and effectual door is open, but there are many adversaries."

William N. Wysham, Chairman

Associated Mission Medical Office

The past year in this office has witnessed some important events. One of them resembled the ebb and flow of a tide, and a high tide at that. The reference is to the withdrawal of the Methodist Board in January and the resumption of the former relationships in July. The changes that were necessitated were considerable, involving quarters as well as staff, to effect required economies. Adjustments were made whereby the Methodists took over two consulting room suites and the filing room and our staff was reduced by the relinquishment of Dr. Loren S. Morgan, who had rendered effective service for more than two years. The budget had to be revised accordingly since the income was severely affected.

During this temporary period the staff consisted of Dr. Josephine C. Lawney, Dr. Eva J. Weddigen, and the director. When the Methodist Board resumed old and normal relationships with us further staff changes occurred. The time had come in June for Dr. Goheen to retire and his successor as director was appointed in the person of Dr. J. Horton Daniels of China. At the same time Dr. Frank S. Beck of Bolivia was added. These two men began active service on September 1.

The number of participating boards is therefore now again nineteen. The medical care of the office employees of the Methodist Board was turned over to Group Health Insurance in January. For a time we participated in this arrangement but recently Group Health Insurance has disqualified our service as being connected with the employers. The loss of this burden—for it was no less than that—
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has been welcomed since it has released time for the care of more missionaries.

The financial changes required during the period of ebb and flow mentioned above resulted in welcomed economies. It was found possible to take over our own accounting and purchasing with considerable savings. The budget was finally adjusted to $41,559.75.

The volume of work done as revealed in the statistics is naturally less than for preceding years because of that long ebb tide. Statistics for the twelve months from August 1, 1949 to August 1, 1950 show 1,340 examinations done in the office; 2,445 health conferences; 279 treatments; 937 examinations of other physicians reviewed by us. The laboratory tests numbered 4,811 specimens. Correspondence included 3,877 letters. The cost of work done for each participating board depends on these figures, hence they have a definite relevancy.

The future is bright with promise as new and able members take over the duties of the medical staff and they will be supported as in the past we are sure, by our capable and loyal administrative assistant, Miss Edith Simon, and her associates.

ROBERT H. H. GOHEEN, M.D., for the Director

Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work

"Consolidation" rather than "expansion" characterized the work of the council during the past year. No major new projects were instituted, but rather an effort was made to increase efficiency in maintaining the various activities. The facilities afforded by the new office (Room 1111, 156 Fifth Ave.) have been a decided aid in this endeavor.

Then too, thanks to increased contributions from mission boards and individuals, as well as "extension service," "release service" and foreign visitors' "office service" fees, last year's deficit ($732.46) was not only met, but there was a balance ($335.30) in the treasury. The total receipts for 1949-50 were $14,702.39, of which $8,279.70 was contributed by fifty-nine supporting societies. Two new boards were welcomed to our membership, the North American Baptist and the Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

The program for the counseling and placement of doctors and nurses from overseas has gone on apace, although there has been a steadily decreasing number of applicants (nationals) from China, Hong Kong and Formosa. About 125 were cared for last year, only twenty per cent of whom held mission board scholarships. The most heartening aspects of this program have been the fine cooperation of medical leaders across the country and the almost universally favorable reports they have sent in regarding appointees sponsored
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by this council. It has been a most gratifying experience to co­
operate with board secretaries in formulating programs of study and
clinical experience for an increasing number of nationals coming to
North America on board scholarships. Counseling of furloughing
medical missionaries and nurses, necessitating much correspondence
many months before their arrival, continues as one of the basic and
we believe one of the most valuable services rendered by this office.

Then there is that slowly but steadily increasing stream of candi­
dates seeking help in admission to schools of medicine, nursing, public
health, social work and hospital administration, as well as to hospital
internships and residencies, many of whom turn to this council for
guidance.

Our “release service” for medical missionaries has grown rapidly
to about 120 participants scattered all over the world. Besides the
bimonthly mailings of material from this office, a dozen of the larger
pharmaceutical firms, provided with up-to-date lists of names and
addresses, mail their excellent scientific periodicals and bulletins to
participants in the service.

The course of medical training for non-medical missionaries, con­
ducted by the council, is now in its seventh year. Groups and indi­
viduals from each of five nearby theological seminaries attend each
year, a total of twenty to twenty-five. Related to this is the “extension
service” for non-medicos, which seems to be appreciated by about
350 members who receive the material mailed out quarterly.

The secretary and members of the executive committee have par­
ticipated in numerous conferences with the various area committees
when the major medical concerns of these areas have been considered.
The emphasis has always been on the strengthening of the interde­
nominational medical councils on the field and the undergirding of
cooperative projects.

During the past year again the council was instrumental in allo­
cating and distributing a large supply of government surplus atabrine,
three million tablets, to the hospitals and missionaries of about fifty
British, Canadian and American societies, with Church World Service
assuming responsibility for the shipping of the cases.

The twentieth annual conference on medical missions was held in
May, 1950 at the Riverside Church, New York, immediately follow­
ing the New York State Medical Society Convention. Recent ad­
vances in the treatment of tropical diseases, trends in medical nursing
education, medical missions vis-a-vis communism were some of the
important subjects presented and discussed. On Sunday evening,
at a joint meeting of the conference and the Riverside Youth Guild,
a panel of four, one nurse and three doctors, presented a vivid pan­
orama of medical missions before a large and interested audience.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Council, June 29, 1950, the secretary presented a program of advance for the CMCOW, calling for the addition of two associate secretaries, a nurse and a doctor, and more than doubling the present budget, in order to expand and perform much more effectively the functions for which the council was established.

DOUGLAS N. FORMAN, M.D., Secretary

Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication

Operating on a three-year project basis with an asking budget of $650,000, this committee completes its first full year of operation on December 31, 1950. Active membership is open to all boards agreeing to make their major audio-visual expenditures for work overseas on a cooperative basis. By the end of 1950 a total of $155,405 will have been allocated from RAVEMCCO funds for audio-visual and radio projects in the following areas: India, Pakistan, China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, Near East, Africa and Latin America.

An additional $100,000 was subscribed in 1949 and 1950 for a Christian broadcasting station at Seoul, Korea. Between $20,000 and $30,000 had been spent on preparation of studio quarters and the transmitter site and $47,000 worth of radio equipment was on the high seas at the time South Korea was invaded. The condition of the studio quarters in Seoul is unreported as this report is being written. The transmitting equipment was diverted to Hong Kong and later transferred to Kobe, Japan, for installation in Seoul at the earliest possible date after hostilities cease.

The Christian radio station in the Philippines, located at Silliman University, Dumaguete, began testing July 3 and went on a full three-hour schedule nightly (6-9 p.m.) on August 27. (Station DYSR is on 850 Kc.; shortwave station DYH4 is on 6.055 Kc.) The staff is interdenominational with Presbyterian USA, American Baptist and Methodist engineering and program personnel.

Integration of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America sub-Committee on Radio and Audio-Visual work into RAVEMCCO was effected early in 1950. (The Committee retains sufficient autonomy to continue representing home as well as foreign boards.) Under this operation recording studios are active in Argentina and Mexico. By the end of 1950 additional studios will be operating in Brazil, Cuba and Puerto Rico, making gospel records and radio program transcriptions.

RAVEMCCO had five people on scholarships at the Protestant Radio Commission's Religious Radio Workshop at Temple Uni-
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versity, Philadelphia, in August. The first Christian nationals to come to the USA for intensive study in mass communication on RAVEMCCO scholarships will arrive from the Philippines and Pakistan in late December.

S. FRANKLIN MACK, Executive Secretary

Rural Missions Cooperating Committee

Recent world events have laid bare the need for a more adequate Christian ministry to rural people. The increase of mass poverty, the growing unrest among underprivileged peoples of the world, and their legitimate pleas for a fuller measure of social and economic justice challenge us to demonstrate in more concrete ways the relevance of the gospel to the problems of daily living.

The responsibilities of the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee are many and varied and we try to coordinate our efforts around three chief objectives: the rural church and its community, Christian home and family life, and a balanced program of rural reconstruction.

In China, five Christian Rural Service and Training Centers have been able to maintain a ministry of service and testimony in spite of difficulties. The Rural Church Department of the Philippines with a full-time director has become more firmly established as a channel of help, counsel and inspiration for rural churches there. In Japan, under the guidance of the Committee on the Life and Work of the Rural Church, the National Rural Service and Training Center has gone forward in helping to coordinate the work of eleven different mission boards and societies.

Grateful response to the institutes and conferences on Christian home and family life, conducted by Dr. Irma Highbaugh and others in China, Japan and the Philippines, reflects the growing interest in this field. Under present disturbed conditions, the family becomes more than ever before our basic Christian unit.

But personnel qualified to deal effectively with present day rural problems has been a limiting factor in practically all projects. A forum on rural missionary training was held at Buck Hill Falls, January 13 to 14, 1950, under the auspices of Agricultural Missions, Inc, and the Committee on Missionary Personnel. Seventy-six people registered for the forum.

The secretaries of the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee, John H. Reisner and Ira W. Moomaw, in cooperation with the Student Volunteer Movement, visited fourteen agricultural colleges to confer with students in agriculture and home economics, and with faculty members, as to the nature of work in rural missions and the type of training required. Interest of both students and faculty mem-
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bers is most encouraging and it would seem that in the recruiting of young people for missionary service we might well draw more heavily upon these institutions. Several mission boards have begun to accelerate the recruiting and training of young people qualified for rural work. In 1949, there were two boards which appointed for the first time a missionary trained in agriculture.

The usual rural missions courses were held at Cornell University, at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and at Scarritt College Rural Center. The Institute on Extension Methods and the Field Internship were also offered. This provides three weeks of graduate study in extension methods, followed by six weeks or more in the field service under the guidance of skilled extension agents.

E. D. Alvord probably more than any missionary has demonstrated the usefulness of extension methods in developing agriculture and rural life. As a missionary of the American Board he was loaned to the government of Southern Rhodesia for a period of years during which he was able to demonstrate the value of extension techniques both for technical improvement and for the development of lay leadership. Mr. Alvord, now returning to the field as a missionary, spoke to an interested group of people at a luncheon held by Agricultural Missions, Inc. on September 13.

"Rural Missions" and the "Rural Church at Worship" in quarterly editions of eight thousand copies were published and sent without charge to missionaries and national church leaders in forty-four different countries. Ten issues of the "Christian Rural Fellowship Bulletin" of six thousand copies each were published and supplied to members both in the United States and abroad. Five numbers of the Mimeographed Series were published.

"Living As Comrades" by Dr. Daniel Johnson Fleming has just come from the press. Dealing with the present day issue of a Christian level of living, the book has been enthusiastically received. An edition of six thousand copies has been printed and there were pre-publication orders for 3,500 copies.

The secretaries of the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee have an important opportunity for consultation with the many missionaries and students who pass through the office. Such consultations may range from sources of particular types of training, literature and supplies, to the consideration of long-range plans for major projects on the fields. The office is also in contact through personal correspondence with nearly two thousand missionaries in thirty-two different countries.

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk has just completed a thorough study of land and population problems in Africa. His tour, made under the auspices of Agricultural Missions, Inc., with the support of the
Carnegie Corporation of New York, promises to have wide significance and interest to both British and American missionary societies. Dr. Lowdermilk, probably the world's greatest authority on land and population problems, declared: "Studies of many countries and civilizations convince me that we just cannot build a safe and sane society on eroding land nor can we build the Kingdom of God on eroding land. It is a grave error to assume that Africa has an abundance of land. Within a generation we may find famine conditions there, not unlike some in Asia."

The Committee of the Churches on International Affairs has recently confirmed the appointment of John H. Reisner as its official observer to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The CCIA has been established by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council. There are now approximately 160 different church groups related to the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council has fifty-seven constituent bodies. These two groups include a total Protestant constituency of 160 million people. Rural rehabilitation along broad lines is becoming a matter of world policy and concern, both by the United Nations and by governments, including our own State Department. We shall no doubt hear more of such efforts in the future and it is most important that the Protestant Church and mission bodies maintain a direct contact at the level where major policy is formed.

JAMES K. MATHEWS, Chairman

Treasurers Committee

The members of the Treasurers Committee have been particularly interested in the work done for the Research Committee by Dr. Thomas S. Donohugh and have collaborated with him in "A Study of Salaries and Allowances Granted to Missionaries Serving under Foreign Mission Boards of Canada and the United States."

The committee has also given careful consideration to the investigations of Dr. Lennig Sweet of the YMCA on the applicability to missionaries' salaries and allowances, of the Standard Civilian Allowance Scale by which the United States Government attempts to provide substantially equivalent incomes to its personnel of equal rank in different parts of the world. This scale is based on frequent and detailed reports of current prices collected at 425 posts throughout the world.

Dr. Gilbert Darlington shared with the committee the fruits of his experience in administering the more than 13,000 annuity agreements of the American Bible Society and gave much helpful advice. H. Har...
old Whitman, assistant vice-president of the National City Bank of New York, discussed with the committee some of the current problems in foreign exchange. This is a perennial subject but is constantly presenting new facets.

The committee conferred with representatives of Church World Service on the matter of purchasing, warehousing and shipping services for mission boards after it becomes a central department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

The committee has proved to be a convenient place for mission board treasurers to exchange experiences about the various problems with which they have to deal.

JAMES E. WHITNEY, Chairman

World Literacy and Christian Literature

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature is grateful that 1950 has brought nearer to realization the goals set five years ago when the present office was established. Well-printed literature for new literate adults in quantity is becoming available in Africa, the Near East and Far East. The denominational boards are sending missionary trainees and furloughed missionaries, sixty this year, to literacy and literature courses at Kennedy School of Missions, Scarritt College, and Syracuse School of Journalism. Christian councils around the world are recognizing more and more the necessity for having personnel highly trained in literature skills in charge of the production and distribution of Christian literature, and are providing training here and abroad for Christian nationals.

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature sent $135,995.84 abroad in 1950 for literacy and literature work. These funds were contributed by mission boards (65 per cent) and private donors (35 per cent); they were sent through the area committees of the Foreign Missions Conference to support the growing programs of Christian literature in Africa, Burma, China, India, Japan, Korea, Latin America, the Near East, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand. In Korea and Thailand, the missions emphasized the production of primers and literature to follow literacy campaigns begun during the Laubach visit in 1949. A total of $12,445.05 went to India and Pakistan in the form of paper to speed printing projects held up by India’s strict paper quota. The United Lutheran and Disciples boards matched funds with an American foundation to purchase two new presses for India, at Guntur and at Jubbulpore. Missions in French, British and Portuguese speaking areas of Africa set up careful campaign organizations in preparation for Dr. Laubach’s 1950 visit.
In Liberia, the government officially launched a national literacy campaign. The Laubach party arrived there in January 1950 in time for special inauguration ceremonies sponsored by President William V. S. Tubman and presided over by campaign director Norma Bloomquist. The team participated in a three-day seminar on literacy methods.

From there the literacy team went on to Angola, Mozambique, Nyasaland, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, and the French Cameroons, completing charts in over twenty new languages. The team consisted of Dr. Frank Laubach, Robert Laubach, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gray (artists), Dr. J. M. Hohlfeld, consultant in linguistics, and Mrs. Hohlfeld, secretary for the team. After working in the Quessua and Dondi areas of Angola the party divided into two teams, the Hohlfelds visiting Nigeria, Belgian Congo and Liberia as a follow-up to Dr. Laubach's 1948 tour, and the rest of the party going on to East Africa. In the Cameroons this year Dr. Laubach worked on charts in the 200th language since he first started his picture-word-syllable system of teaching illiterates to read in the Philippines.

Samples of the *Story of Jesus*, with four-color covers, printed in vernacular languages arrived in New York from Thailand, Korea and Africa, where they are being used as follow-up literature. The *Story of Jesus* has now been printed in twenty-three different languages, and ten more are in process in Latin America, India, Africa and the Near East. Eighty thousand sets of eight four-color covers each were sent in 1949 to eleven countries, there to be bound around their language editions. Eighteen donors have provided $10,000 (paid out in $500 units) to speed the printing projects, and *Story of Jesus* has skyrocketed into a missions best-seller.

The foreign religious journalism course at Syracuse University prepared nationals from Argentina, Africa and India for literature work in their own countries. Three outgoing missionaries were there training for literature jobs abroad.

The year 1951 opens up two new areas for the committee's work, Okinawa and Indonesia. The literacy team initiates campaigns in three countries of North Africa and four of the states of the republic of Indonesia.

**ALFRED D. MOORE, Secretary**

**Church World Service**

Since Church World Service was formed in May, 1946, the Churches have given through this agency for overseas relief and reconstruction and for the resettlement of displaced persons more than $20,600,000. This sum has not only provided relief and reconstruc-
tion services and administration but has financed the shipment and
distribution of about 52,500 tons of supplies valued at $33,000,000.
In four and a half years, therefore, total overseas aid through CWS
has amounted to $53,600,000.

The report on reconstruction and inter-church aid in Europe
through the World Council of Churches is presented elsewhere.

The CWS Department of Displaced Persons reported as of Sep­
tember 15, 1950 the receipt of 40,509 assurances, covering an esti­
mated 85,000 persons, of whom 20,855 had already arrived in the
U. S. A. The difference between the last two figures indicates the
minimum responsibility remaining on the American churches for the
resettlement of displaced persons.

Relief and reconstruction operations in Asia have continued on the
lines established in earlier years with some changes due to changing
conditions. The change of government in China has necessitated a
considerable reduction in the relief program. The child welfare work
continues and seems to be appreciated by the new authorities. Mil­
ions of Chinese have been affected by drought and flood but in the
new situation there was little CWS was able to do, in spite of much
effort. In Burma, too, political conditions made it difficult to do
much toward meeting the very great need. The programs in Japan
and Okinawa have continued on a somewhat reduced scale. Service
to Palestine refugees and to refugees and flood and drought victims
in India and Pakistan have continued in the fullest possible measure.
The latter two countries are suffering more disasters in 1950 than
for some years past. The small programs in Malaya, Philippines and
Thailand are being discontinued.

Because of the refugee situation CWS has in the past year been
giving major attention to the needs in Korea. Events of recent
months have multiplied the sufferings of the people greatly and
brought a new urgency to the appeal to the American churches. It
is not yet possible to set up a voluntary agency relief program, but
the churches must be ready when the time comes—it may be any day!
Christianity was growing and flourishing in Korea. We must not fail
those churches in their hour of need—the need of the churches, the
Christians and of their communities.

Arnold B. Vaught, Deputy Director,
Dept. of Overseas Operations

English-Speaking Union Churches Overseas

The English-speaking union churches overseas display an admir­
able vitality in the midst of the manifold vicissitudes which affect
the communities they serve. In the past year most of the fifty
churches with which the Foreign Missions Conference is in correspondence were able to maintain their normal activities and several made a distinct advance. Others, however, found themselves in unusual difficulties, due to political developments or business recessions.

Among those which registered an advance may be mentioned the Anglo-American Church of Beirut which called a full-time pastor for the first time in its existence of 127 years; the Union Church of Guatemala City which is completing a church edifice for which most of the money has been raised locally; the Union Church of Lima, Peru, which is forging ahead under the leadership of its first pastor, and the American Church of Berlin which is expanding its useful ministrations in a very unique situation.

On the other hand, political events in China have made necessary a large-scale evacuation of English-speaking people and so have greatly affected the churches ministering to them. In Manila a business recession has led to a reduction in the size of the American community. In Medellin, Colombia, the departure of the Language School to Costa Rica has taken away not only a large segment of the congregation of the Union Church, but also the chief source of the leaders of its worship services. The Union Church of Seoul, Korea, has had the hardest time of all, its congregation having been entirely evacuated with the exception of a very few individuals whose fate is not known on this side of the world.

The Committee on English-Speaking Union Churches Overseas is able only to assist a few of these congregations by moderate grants-in-aid for a short period to help in meeting special needs. The strategic importance of these churches can scarcely be overestimated.

LLOYD S. RULAND, Chairman

Finance

In January, 1950, the Committee of Reference and Counsel adopted the recommendation of the Committee of Five on Structure and Staffing, that the functions of the Committee on Finance and Headquarters should be taken over by the Executive Committee, which should be made responsible not only for appraisal of the administrative budgets of the various units and committees of the Foreign Missions Conference, but also for reviewing and evaluating their overseas budgets and emergency requests.

In accordance with these new regulations, the Executive Committee on June 5, 1950 gave a full day to the examination of budgets. Wherever possible the chairman of each committee appeared in person with the secretary to present the budget and to answer questions.
The various budgets were thus given very careful and thorough examination. The Executive Committee made certain valuable recommendations for next year. All budgets will be prepared on a standard form so that they will be comparable. Certain improvements in procedure will also be adopted.

Another important change was the adoption of the calendar year as the fiscal year, instead of the former practice of running from April 1 to March 31. This has involved considerable adjustment, but has been welcomed by many boards which also are on the calendar year. The boards have all been very cooperative in helping to make this change.

As the time for the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America drew near, it became necessary to have many conferences with the Planning Committee about finance and the handling of accounts. As these conferences are still in progress at the time of writing this report, the final results cannot yet be described in detail.

Charles H. Corbett

Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students

The committee, in its fortieth year, serves the overseas students coming to the United States for higher education. The official census of foreign students conducted jointly by the committee and the Institute of International Education listed 25,823 students in colleges approved by the Department of Education and 1,568 foreign students attending approved schools, a total of 27,391.

We report, with gratitude, an increased interest and support from church groups and church related agencies. Not only is this support financial, but individuals and groups associated with the churches are cooperating in those activities designed to introduce these guests to the higher social, cultural and religious values inherent in our society. The strength of the committee is not in its professional organization but in the scores of persons across the country working day by day under committee guidance. The ultimate goal is that every single guest student will find in America a significant fellowship with community persons, a fellowship that will supplement his educational goals and give opportunity for that sharing of values basic to international understanding and world peace. The goal is attainable. It can be met by the Christian forces. The Committee on Friendly Relations provides the means.

In reporting the advances for the year, one factor should be very clear. It is within the span of the last five years that the interchange program of students has reached the proportions of a
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gigantic international program. The committee has succeeded in
developing a strong and basic foundation program. The refinements
of that program, including a host of specialized services, have yet
to be developed. The understanding and cooperation of church groups
is essential to the total program.
The basic program is as follows:

1. Foreign ministries of education, American consulates and embassies,
American colleges and universities, church personnel abroad all coop­
erate in sending to the committee names of students selected to come to
the states for study. An overseas correspondence is carried on by the
committee with these students before they leave their homelands.

2. The committee is the first agency to meet students at the ports of entry.
All ports of entry are covered. A Canadian committee cooperates, cov­
ering Canadian ports.

3. On local campuses, the committee works with the United Student Chris­
tian Council groups as well as other natural student groups in the pro­
gram of orientation and integration of the overseas students. Published
program papers and campus visitation keep the committee in an active
relationship to local campuses, and in a position to counsel and guide
in local campus programs.

4. The experiences possible in the local community are actually of greater
significance and value to our guests than the extra-class experiences of
the campus. The spiritual life of America cannot be sensed in a lecture
hall, laboratory, or even campus activities. It is within the American
home, within the church, within the civic group that the real America is
found. Hospitality to foreign students has become, under the guidance
of the committee, an educational, social and spiritual consciousness for
the guest student.

5. Over fifty per cent of our foreign students come out of a Christian back­
ground. The committee serves all students regardless of race, color,
nationality or religion. Our highest Christian purpose is to respect the
inherent dignity and worth of all personalities. However, we recognize
and we openly state that we have a special responsibility for Christian
students. We inform the various churches of the presence of their
students, giving names and addresses. We want them in the church, not
to Sunday worship services alone, but as students of the character train­
ing programs of the churches. They should be widely known by church
folks. They should be in evidence at church conferences and in all youth
groups. They should return to their homelands feeling a fellowship with
Christian America, a fellowship that will know no boundaries.

J. BENJAMIN SCHMOKER, General Secretary

Interchange of Christian Leadership

The Committee on Interchange of Christian Leadership exists to
serve, as far as its resources in time and funds permit, Christian
leaders coming to North America from overseas, and North American
Christian leaders visiting foreign lands. Typical of its services are
such activities as this: providing letters of introduction for a state
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officer of the United Council of Church Women on her way to Africa; assisting the United Council of Church Women in entertain­
ing visitors from Germany; arranging informal luncheons for men and women from other lands passing through New York City, and bringing visitors into touch with FMC and other secretaries working along lines of particular interest to them. The field of such oppor­
tunities is a very wide one, and while the committee can embrace only a few of the opportunities open to it, the values inherent in them are very decided, from the point of view of Christian leadership both here and abroad.

MILDRED G. DRESCHER, Secretary

Inter-Council Field Department

The Inter-Council Field Department has pursued its course of working toward a more unified approach to local communities and churches, both through coordination of emphases and timing of visits from field secretaries and deputations of speakers for public meetings. This work will prove its value as the eight agencies go into the National Christian Council of Churches in the USA, having served as a helpful preparatory step in bringing the groups together, and promoting acquaintance with the various constituencies.

Manuscripts for several numbers in the Church Cooperation Series are in process of publication. These booklets, serving as guides to inter-council services and possibilities, are having a widening sale and use.

SUE WEDELL, Secretary

International Relations

The Conference has continued to cooperate with the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA throughout the year. The Staff Liaison Committee has been very active in discussing and recommend­ing action on many matters of major importance in the international field.

SUE WEDELL

International Christian University in Japan

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America approved in general the proposal regarding the establishment and maintenance of the International Christian University in Japan at its meeting on
March 5, 1948. This was a concurrent resolution with the Federal Council of Churches and out of these two endorsements the organizing committee began its work, which resulted in the establishment of the foundation and its incorporation under the laws of the State of New York. Immediately an appeal was made to the boards working in Japan to appoint official representatives to the foundation and work was begun on a constitution and bylaws for the foundation and a similar development for the university in Japan.

The boards were then asked to contribute to the general fund for the university and a total of $1,100,000 was made available. The foundation then proceeded to study ways and means for a financial campaign for $10,000,000 to cover a period of two years, the first year to be general organizational and educational activity and the second year actual solicitation in as many communities as possible. The firm of Tamblyn and Brown was engaged as financial counselors. They at once began to develop a nation-wide organization with special attention to educating the communities on the project. A similar effort was to keep all of the denominations interested in the project and to secure their cooperation.

The solicitation of funds was not to begin until May, 1950, and in many communities the financial campaign was put on at that time. However, the early results were meager and before we could even analyze the situation, the Korean war was upon us, which shut down practically all activities during the summer. To meet this, the Korean broadside was issued, in which prominent men showed that the Korean war accentuated the need for the university rather than lessening it or delaying it. The broadside must have answered that question because the inquiries stopped almost at once. However, after this setback the solicitation had to be reactivated in practically all communities, which was undertaken in September of 1950 and is now going on.

A further study of the situation in the field by both paid and volunteer workers brought the conviction to the foundation that not much cooperation was being given by the churches in the communities. The foundation recently gave prolonged consideration to this very vital and necessary part of our campaign. Indeed, it is safe to say that, unless we get wholehearted cooperation from the churches in the local community, there will not be much chance of developing a Christian college in Japan. The very emphasis on the word "Christian" means that the churches must manifest interest or the campaign will not be understood or encouraged by Protestant church people.

In the meantime, the development of plans for the university itself has gone forward in the most satisfactory way. The provision of the magnificent campus by the Japanese of 350 acres at Mitaka, the organization of the trustees, the university council, the securing of a
president for the university, Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, have all been very heartening. The acceptance of Dr. Maurice E. Troyer of the School of Education of Syracuse University of the vice-presidency in charge of curricula and instruction at once gives quality to the academic side of the university development. Mr. Harold Hackett with twenty years' experience in Japan, and more recently in the treasurer's office of the American Board in Boston, accepted the position of vice-president in charge of financial and business affairs and is now in Japan giving attention to all phases of the development of the physical plant of the university. On the side of university planning, there is deep satisfaction. It is necessary to go ahead with university planning parallel to the financial campaign so that as money is available it may be spent to the university's advantage. This coming year will tell whether or not this interchurch project of such international significance and of such outstanding merit will be financed by the Protestant churches of the United States and Canada.

R. E. Diffendorfer, President,
Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc.

The Interseminary Movement

The Interseminary Movement links students and faculty in one hundred thirty theological schools across geographical and denominational boundaries. Most of the staff are students and the programs are initiated by the students.

There are eleven field representatives working in eight regions. All are students who give one or two days a week to the program. Eight regional conferences are held annually in which about three thousand students and faculty participate.

The movement stirs up campus interest in Christian unity; represents among seminarians the World Student Service Fund for relief among students abroad; encourages inter-seminary teams to go out among college students and other youth to present the appeal of church vocation; brings seminarians together annually in a small delegated Student Assembly and every three years in a great Triennial Conference.

The second Triennial Interseminary Conference was held in Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, December 27, 1949—January 1, 1950. Four hundred thirteen delegates were present, representing eighty-three schools and forty-three denominations. It was decided that no official report of the conference should be issued but that Bishop Neill's lectures which were given at the conference should be developed into a book.
There is every indication that the conference had a deep spiritual meaning both for those present and for the whole movement.

MILDRED G. DRESCHER

**Missionary Personnel**

The Committee on Missionary Personnel was authorized by the Foreign Missions Conference in 1930. The members of the committee are representatives of the candidate departments of the various boards and other agencies sending out missionaries and of the training schools. The functions of the committee are to consider qualifications, recruiting, selection, preparation and furlough study of missionaries; to sponsor annually an interdenominational conference for all new missionaries ready to sail for their fields of service, and to evaluate training centers and courses of study.

Under the auspices of the Committee on Missionary Personnel and the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee a conference was held on the “Training of Missionaries for a Changing Rural World.” The discussions centered around the factors requiring special emphasis upon rural work, the high cost of inadequate training, and selection of missionaries in terms of personnel, financial cost and achievement on the field, and essential training requirements for special types of rural work.

The interdenominational Outgoing Missionary Conference was held in Hartford, June 12-17. The enrollment was less this year due to the large number of denominational meetings scheduled for June. Eleven boards and agencies were represented by the ninety-eight newly appointed missionaries, who were going to twenty-five mission fields and serving in twenty different types of work. There were area and functional workshops, inspirational addresses and discussions of present day problems on the field. The fellowship created a fine spirit of understanding and cooperation which should be helpful in the mission fields.

The book by Dr. E. A. Nida, “Learning A Foreign Language,” was published early in 1950. It is meeting a long-felt need and is being widely circulated.

A sub-committee prepared forms to be used by institutions for reporting progress of the missionary candidates while in training.

Each year training places and courses of study are evaluated by a sub-committee, and this year a number of courses were added to the list.

The committee also collects the statistics and prepares the report of the new missionaries sent out each year by all the boards and agencies.

M. O. WILLIAMS, JR., Chairman
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Missionary Research Library

The member boards have made greatly increased use of the Missionary Research Library during the past year, and many requests for service have come from new quarters. By partial reorganization of the staff it has been possible to convert two positions formerly held by student wives to permanent appointments, and this is a major gain in continuity and efficiency. Union Theological Seminary has granted the library a larger number of student assistants. However, the staff is still somewhat too small to cope with the steadily increasing volume of service demanded of the library.

Along with an increase in use by its American constituency, a new era of international service appears to be opening to the library due to its position as the greatest missionary library in the world. In the light of requests now coming from abroad, a study must be made of the means by which the library can undertake such service without diminishing its work on behalf of the member boards and the American public. It is apparent that the library has a major responsibility to the entire world mission of the Church which can be filled by no other agency.

Through a grant from Dr. John R. Mott, supplemented by others from the International Missionary Council, the Foreign Missions Conference, and Union Theological Seminary, the director made a visit to the national missionary conferences, the majority of the missionary societies, the missionary libraries, the professors of missions, and the important study and research centers in nine European countries. Complete cooperation was secured from all these agencies in depositing their publications gratis in the Missionary Research Library. Arrangements for exchange were concluded with important libraries, and many avenues of mutual helpfulness were explored.

The exhibit in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference took the form of basic books on the major themes of the meeting, and two special bibliographies were prepared as well as the annual list of accessions. There was so great a demand for the lists on “The Christian Approach to Islam” and “The Christian Approach to Communism” that these were reprinted in quantity.

An Occasional Bulletin is now being issued and has been received with appreciation. It provides a means of publication for small research papers, the reprinting of important documents and articles in foreign journals, and the reporting to the American constituency on missionary literature and the developments in national Christian literature programs in various parts of the world.

The monthly Book Notes are now sent to five hundred thirty-one libraries and persons and are widely used for guiding the purchases of books for the missionary sections of these libraries. Miss Katharine
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R. Green's series of biographical sketches of Chinese Christian leaders will soon be published in mimeographed form.

The library has been greatly enriched by a large selection of books, pamphlets, and personal papers from the library of Dr. Robert E. Speer, a gift of Mrs. Speer. It is very fitting in view of Dr. Speer's long years of interest in, and effort on behalf of, the library, that through the use of these books and materials his contribution to its work will be continuously renewed. Another major addition is the papers of Dr. D. Willard Lyon, the first YMCA secretary in China. These were presented by Mrs. Lyon.

The agreement between the Foreign Missions Conference and Union Theological Seminary with respect to the operation of the library has been renewed for another ten year period.

R. Pierce Beaver, Curator

Protestant Film Commission

When the Protestant Film Commission was organized four years ago, the functions outlined for it were to provide a mutually helpful contact with the entertainment film industry and to make quality films for the churches. It has had notable success along both lines.

The first Protestant Film Commission productions were mission films, and primarily foreign mission films, because the foreign boards were willing to finance films paralleling the current mission study themes. "Kenji Comes Home" and "South of the Clouds" are the latest in this series. The latter, a film of the Near East, received a first award at the recent Cleveland Film Festival. To the foreign missions films have been added "Prejudice," "Second Chance," and three curriculum enrichment films. The recently released home missions film, "Again Pioneers," was premiered in over one hundred cities on November 6, 1950.

In the realm of industry liaison, Protestant Film Commission's Hollywood Committees have reviewed over sixty scripts and have on occasion collaborated with studios in the course of production. An example is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Stars in My Crown," an excellent film on a religious theme. Over a million dollars' worth of Protestant Film Commission films are now in production or at various planning and financing levels, including a foreign missions film for 1951, a series on mental health, additional curriculum films and a series on Christianity and Democracy.

It is anticipated that a mail vote of the membership will endorse the Protestant Film Commission's participation in the proposed department of broadcasting and films of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

S. Franklin Mack
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The Protestant Radio Commission

The Foreign Missions Conference, along with eight other interdenominational bodies and sixteen denominations, formed the Protestant Radio Commission in 1949. During the first year of its existence the commission accomplished a great deal in the production of religious radio programs and in coordinating the broadcasting efforts of the cooperating groups. The expenditures of the Protestant Radio Commission in 1949 totalled $115,324.50. Something of the operational growth of the commission is indicated by its 1950 budget of $302,197.50 and its 1951 budget of $482,976.00.

During the year considerable success was attained in placing missionaries and Christian nationals on established radio and television programs. During the eight months January through August, 1950 there have been seventy-seven such mission programs (radio fifty-eight, television nineteen). Among the foreign missions highlights were the following:

Toyohiko Kagawa was interviewed by Nancy Craig on the ABC network and by his old friend, Sterling Fischer, on the NBC network.

John Coventry Smith, immediately after his return from Korea where he had been at the time of the invasion, was interviewed on "Headline Editions" of the ABC network and on the NBC network program "We, the People"—simulcast on both radio and television. Also closely tied in with the news were the appearances of Horace Underwood of Korea on the CBS television network program "Vanity Fair" in an interview by Dorothy Doan.

Charles T. Leber, just back from an itineration in Europe, gave a stirring report on the religious situation in Spain and Portugal on the "News on the Human Side" program of station WOR, which is said to have regular listeners in eighteen states.

Manohar Ranbhis of India, appearing on George Putnam's Dumont television program "Headline Clues" and station WPIX television program "News of the Hour," made presentations of the Miraj Medical Center which moved everyone within earshot. Studio personnel crowded around him afterward to shake his hand.

Among the new programs under preparation for next year is a series based on mission work in South America. This will include twelve dramatic stories beamed at children under the title "All Aboard for Adventure."

The Protestant Radio Commission conducted a number of workshops and institutes throughout the year to train religious workers in the better use of radio and television. Several nationals, missionaries and others interested in the foreign missions enterprise took this training.

With the formation of the National Council of Churches the Prot-
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Protestant Radio Commission will become the department of broadcasting and films. Representatives of the Foreign Missions Conference on the Protestant Radio Commission are Wynn C. Fairfield and S. Franklin Mack.

Public Relations

The Foreign Mission Conference's public relations and publicity program in newspapers, wire services, religious and secular periodicals, and similar mass communication media is handled by the Missions Public Relations Office.

This office is sponsored by the Conference in conjunction with the Home Missions Council of North America and the United Council of Church Women.

It deals in a specialized way with the work of Christian missions, both here and abroad, and with the missions emphasis in the Church.

According to the annual report of this office, more than three hundred news releases were prepared on a wide range of mission activities from April, 1949, to April, 1950. With few exceptions these releases were distributed to the secular press, the wire services, such as the Associated Press and United Press, the syndicates, religious publications, councils of churches, and interested organizations and individuals.

During the same period, the office staff prepared fifteen feature stories dealing largely with the human and personal side of mission work. These features, most of them illustrated with photos, were designed for the religious press. Five of them were also placed in secular publications, such as Newsweek, Time, Christian Science Monitor, Women's National News Service, The Negro Digest, the Associated Press' Feature Service, and the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

The office has furnished press coverage for 18 conferences, some sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches with one of the related agencies. At these conferences reporters from both the daily and religious press were supplied with press releases, speech abstracts, copies of resolutions, conference actions and other pertinent documents. For the special benefit of the religious press and interested individuals a round-up story of each conference was supplied.

The office is now in the process of laying plans to amalgamate with the Central Department of Public Relations of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This action will take place shortly after the constituting convention in Cleveland, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, and should result in a more effective public relations program for the mission cause.

W. W. CL M E S, Director
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Summer Conferences

There are five conferences with which the Foreign Missions Conference has had a cooperative relation. Four of these are sponsored by the Joint Committee on Summer Conferences representing, in addition to the FMC, the Missionary Education Movement, the Home Missions Council and the United Council of Church Women. These conferences are becoming increasingly important because of their interdenominational character, the excellence of their faculties, and the high quality of delegates attending. These four conferences and their attendance are as follows:

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Perhaps the outstanding development of the year was at Lake Geneva. In previous seasons this conference has been held in cooperation with a religious education group and certain features of the plan made it somewhat unsatisfactory. This year's conference was devoted entirely to missions and proved excellent in every way. A considerably larger attendance could have been secured if accommodations had been available. Provision has already been made for enlarged facilities in 1951. The visit of Dr. Kagawa was a high feature of the programs at Silver Bay and Lake Geneva.

The Missions Institute at Chautauqua has been directed by a different group representing three of the agencies uniting in the Joint Committee, the MEM not being a member of the Chautauqua Committee. It is difficult to report on attendance at Chautauqua since nearly everyone on the grounds attends the amphitheater meetings and enrollment in classes and forums is somewhat informal. A very large number of people attend the popular general sessions and several hundred take in most of the programs. The 1950 session maintained the high standard of previous years.

GILBERT Q. LE SOURD

General FMC Publications

The two main publications of the year have again been the annual report and “Christian World Facts.” Of the fifty-sixth Annual Report, “Advancing on all Fronts,” 765 copies were printed, in paper for general board use and in cloth for reference libraries, and, except for file copies, the entire edition is sold out. Of the thirtieth annual edition of “Christian World Facts” the entire edition of 64,000 copies has been sold.
The thirty-first edition of this hardy perennial, "Christian World Facts," is now off the press. The contents include, in addition to especially solicited articles, short items drawn from the publications of a great number of the FMC member boards. The material is slanted toward the Near East, in keeping with the interdenominational study of the year, but there are items also from many other areas.

Four issues have been printed of "Together," the interdenominational news bulletin, each having a first page lead, such as audiovisual aids, work for the blind, foreign students and the NCCCUSA.

The FMC placed its imprint on Elsie Thomas Culver's "Tell the Folks Back Home" and has sold some 3,000 copies. The two sections of this booklet, "Say it with Pictures" and "Say it with Words," give missionaries and board deputations concrete suggestions on keeping the church constituency at home informed on the foreign missions enterprise.

Considerable time has been given to answering the many inquiries regarding available printed materials on one topic or another related to foreign missions.

Florence Gordon, Editorial Assistant

Research Committee

During the past year, the Research Committee accepted responsibility in the United States and Canada for the Study of the Missionary Obligation of the Church now being undertaken by the International Missionary Council. A sub-committee is directing this study, and through the cooperation of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the USA and the International Missionary Council, the committee has been given the services of the Rev. Theodore F. Romig as executive secretary. Commissions have already begun work, or are in the process of formation, on the several aims of this study.

A major survey of missionary salaries and allowances has been completed under the direction of a second sub-committee, and a very comprehensive report issued. Dr. Thomas S. Donohugh was the researcher. Forty-four boards provided data. The sub-committee is continuing the investigation of several problems growing out of this study, especially the proper norm for missionary support and a system of providing information concerning changing costs of living in various places.

Studies in progress include one on transportation policies and a survey of missionary personnel. The Committee of Reference and Counsel has authorized the Research Committee to request the member agencies to make appropriations for an annual budget beginning Jan-
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January 1st, 1951. This budget is urgently required in order that the committee may investigate the many questions referred to it and make the annual surveys needed for our work year by year.

The executive secretary visited the persons responsible for study and research in our sister missionary conferences in Europe and discussed with them research problems and measures of mutual cooperation.

R. Pierce Beaver, Executive Secretary

Religious Liberty

With the establishment of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, the Joint Committee on Religious Liberty is joining with the Committee on Religious Tolerance to form the Joint Department on Religious Liberty of the Council, thus providing for religious liberty as a central concern in this new integration of inter-denominational cooperation in the United States and Canada. It is illuminating to review what the joint committee has accomplished in the eight years since it was established in 1942 as a joint agency of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference, a step taken at the suggestion of the International Missionary Council.

The achievements of these eight years center mainly around the able and devoted activities of two men. The original mandate of the parent bodies was for the committee “to study the issues of religious liberty in their historical, philosophical and contemporaneous implications.” Two years later, the parent bodies further authorized the committee “to study and recommend appropriate action in the field of religious liberty and to help in the promotion of such action as might be agreed upon” by them. M. Searle Bates, then of Nanking University, under the guidance of the committee produced the monumental study “Religious Liberty: An Inquiry,” which was published in February, 1945. Its original English edition of five thousand copies published by the International Missionary Council for the committee was quickly exhausted and was followed by commercially published editions of three thousand copies, most of which have since been sold. Five hundred of these were distributed to the members of the first Constituent Assembly, university libraries, and government officials in India, undoubtedly influencing the liberal provisions in the constitution finally adopted.

With the cooperation of the literature committee of Church World Service, Inc., translations of the entire work have now been made into Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish. This scholarly and dispassionate review of principles and
actual practices has commanded widespread respect and admiration and bids fair to become an authoritative classic. Everyone concerned about religious liberty and missionary freedom is indebted to Professor Bates.

The committee was rarely fortunate in 1944 in securing the part-time services of Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, generously contributed by Mt. Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary, to become its executive secretary, to direct further studies and at the same time to lead in "appropriate action." As the spokesman for the principles of religious liberty and missionary freedom which he had helped to formulate, first at the San Francisco founding session of the United Nations Organization, later before the UN Commission on Human Rights, and in connection with meetings of the Social and Economic Council and the Assembly, as well as in other relationships, Dr. Nolde has led the process which has resulted in the following achievements:

a. The Charter of the United Nations specifies that one of its major purposes shall be "to achieve international cooperation ... in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms from all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." It also required the Economic and Social Council to set up a Commission on Human Rights.

b. The formulation by the Permanent Commission on Human Rights of a Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted by the Assembly on December 10, 1948, with the inclusion of Article 18 in the following terms:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

While not every desire of the committee and Dr. Nolde was incorporated, the main points of concern are covered in a way that no previous constitutional formulation had ever done.

c. The recommendation by the Commission on Human Rights of a Covenant on Human Rights to be adopted by the member nations of the United Nations and to be binding upon the states so adopting it. This Covenant has been submitted to the fifth session of the General Assembly for decision on certain policy matters including the question of whether economic and social rights should be added to and the question of strengthened implementation.

d. The peace treaties with the Axis satellite powers contain provisions for human rights which reveal some gain over the original proposals as a result of the work of the committee through Dr. Nolde, although the term used is "freedom of religious worship," which is less desirable than the wider term "freedom of religion," for which the committee is still working in future peace treaties with Germany and Japan.

e. The eight trusteeship agreements which were approved prior to the establishment of the Trusteeship Council strongly reflect the stand taken by the committee on behalf of human rights and missionary freedom, as does the preliminary inquiry form on conditions in trusteeship territories.
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While these substantial achievements are more dramatic, the small staff of the committee under Dr. Nolde’s direction has continued to collect information on violations of religious freedom and has prepared recently a documented study on the situation in Spain, which was published in “Information Service” and also sent by the Federal Council to the State Department. A report on conditions under the new regime in China was also published in “Information Service.”

Dr. Nolde’s access to United Nations units has been due to his service as director of the joint Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, established in 1946 by the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. As an international body, this Commission is recognized by the United Nations as having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as with UNESCO and the Food Agricultural Organization. It is necessary, however, to have within the United States a unit representing the Protestant churches in this important field in relation with federal agencies and the Congress, which can work within the general framework of principles and policies for study and action approved by the CCIA. It is thus of great significance that the Planning Committee for the National Council has recognized this as a central function of the Council, and has provided for the widest possible participation in the department’s work of all interests in the Foreign Missions Conference now concerned with its activities.

WYNN C. FAIRFIELD

Special Program and Funds

The Committee on Special Program and Funds has continued to work very closely with the United Council of Church Women, particularly in connection with the Department on World Missions of the Church and the World Day of Prayer. In collaboration with the Home Missions Council, a new “speaker’s sheet” was prepared, which the United Council of Church Women is distributing. This describes the projects at home and overseas which are in good measure supported by World Day of Prayer offerings.

World Day of Prayer offerings in 1950 totalled $258,500, half of which was allocated to foreign projects through the Committee on Special Program and Funds.

The overseas correspondence regarding the World Day of Prayer has been carried on by this committee. Correspondents in ninety-two foreign lands and territories received mimeographed copies of the program in the summer of 1950. For the first time, they also received the program prepared for children, and copies of the attractive current poster. The Committee on Cooperation in Latin America has again
assisted by making available translations of the program in Spanish and Portuguese.

The committee has given considerable time to answering requests from women's groups in program-building, and on occasion supplying speakers on the foreign study theme for the year. Materials have been sent to groups making a continuing study of the World Day of Prayer projects, to missions institutes, summer conferences and exhibits. Preparations are now under way for an exhibit at the Biennial Assembly of the UCCW at Cincinnati.

Miss Elizabeth M. Lee and Miss Florence Gordon represent the committee on the Board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement.

SUE WEDDELL, Secretary

**Christian Religious Education**

This committee was formed to bring about a closer cooperation between the Foreign Missions Conference and the World Council of Christian Education. The functions as stated are:

1. In close cooperation with the Program Committee of the World Council of Christian Education, and independently, to advise and aid the Foreign Missions Conference and its committees in planning for Christian religious education in the areas served by them.

2. To work out ways by which the technical services of the World Council of Christian Education may be made available through the Foreign Missions Conference and its committees in the areas in which they serve.

Some of the problems under consideration by the committee are: preparation in religious education of new missionaries, furloughing missionaries and nationals coming to the United States, and provision made by boards for helping missionaries and nationals to provide religious education in their churches round the world.

MRS. CHARLES H. SEARS, Chairman

**Christian Approach to Communism**

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls in January, 1950 was the presentation of the "Experience of the Christian Movement in China with Communism and Its Implications for China and Other Areas." This program was worked out by the China Committee in collaboration with members of the Committee to Study the Christian Approach to Communism. In the subsequent months the China Committee has
circulated a great deal of valuable information about developments in China as related to the missionary enterprise.

The kind of studies that are necessary to enable Christian missions to plan wisely in meeting the problems raised by the expanding, dynamic movement of communism throughout the world, has been carefully considered by the Committee on the Christian Approach to Communism and a detailed syllabus has been drawn up. Some of these studies can best be undertaken by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, but others depend so much on close relations to the missionary movement that they can be more profitably undertaken by the International Missionary Council or a unit of the Division of Foreign Missions. The Committee of Reference and Counsel has therefore accepted the suggestion that hereafter there be a standing committee, and not just a special committee, dealing with this matter, and that it be called the Committee on Christian Missions and the Problem of Communism. Its task will be to counsel with and make recommendations on policy and strategy to the Division of Foreign Missions, for the benefit of member boards, with respect to interpretation at home and operations abroad.

CHARLES H. CORBETT, Secretary
## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1950

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## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

April 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950

### Income

**Contributions:**
- Mission Boards ............................................................. $97,705.00
- Less Exchange on Canadian Gifts .......................... (400.90)

**Other Contributions:**
- 375.00
- Special Program and Funds .......................................................... 1,200.00
- Miscellaneous ........................................................................................ 74.90
- Applicable to Previous Year—Mission Board ....................... 100.00

**Total Income** .......................................................... $99,054.00

### Expenditures

- Secretaries' Salaries .............................................................................. $15,826.43
- Assistants' Salaries ................................................................................ 3,000.00
- Clerical and Stenographic Service ....................................................... 15,383.14
- Accounting Service ............................................................................. 2,450.00
- Retirement Premiums ............................................................................ 2,508.98
- Office Rent .........................................................................................  3,743.39
- Mimeographing ......................................  1,628.09
- Printing, Stationery and Supplies, and Miscellaneous Office Ex­pense .............   1,975.97
- Postage, Telegraph, Cables ................................................................... 800.24
- Telephone .................................................................................................. 1,458.67
- Equipment .................................................................................................. 172.40
- Travel of Secretaries ............................................................................ 1,497.95
- Contingent ................................................................................................ 189.24
- Insurance .................................................................................................... 52.55
- Cooperation with Other Organizations ............................................... 302.00
- Missionary Research Library ................................................................. 13,560.00
- International Missionary Council ........................................................... 35,283.00
- Foreign Missions Conference ................................................................. 131.50

**Total** .......................................................................................... $99,963.55

**Plus Deficit as at April 1, 1949** ..................................................... 834.36

**Total Expenditures** ................................................................. $100,797.91

**Deficit as at March 31, 1950 (Accumulated)** ................................ (1,743.91)

**$99,054.00**
### PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR GENERAL SERVICES AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

For the Fiscal Year 1951

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**Total Administrative Expense** | $47,375.00 | $50,687.05 | $51,900 | $41,850 | $52,600 |

* Two executives only.
† Provision for administrative assistants in lieu of new executives.
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL

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18. Jt. Committee on Rel. Liberty ............................................. 750§
19. Cooperation with Other Org. ... 500.00 302.00 500 375 500

Total Related Organizations $49,343.00 $49,145.00 $50,343 $37,758 $71,093

C. Unbudgeted Expenditures ................................................. $131.50 .............................................

Total Expenditures ........................................... $96,718.00 99,963.55 $102,243 $79,608 $123,693

Deficit March 31, 1949 .................. 834.36 834.36 .............................................

Total Payments . $97,552.36 $100,797.91 $102,243 $79,608 $123,693

Deficit ...................... (1,743.91)

$99,054.00

INCOME

D. From Mission Boards:
Regular (net) ..........$95,502.36 $97,304.10 $100,193 $78,008 $101,743
IMC Specials .......... ............................................. 20,000‡

E. From Other Sources:
1. Other Contributions 600.00 375.00 600 450 600
2. Special Program and Funds ..... 1,200.00 1,200.00 1,200 900 300
3. Religious Liberty Fund ............... ............................................. 750§
4. Miscellaneous ....... 250.00 174.90 250 250 300

Total Budgeted Income ...... $97,552.36 $99,054.00 $102,243 $79,608 $123,693

† Special contributions by member boards to IMC; to be paid when, and if received.
‡ It is proposed that for 1951 the usual requests for the Joint Committee on Religious Liberty be omitted, in the belief that because of strict economies, there will be a sufficient surplus on hand in this account to meet the DFM share.

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The International Missionary Council

The year ending September 30, 1950, was one of steady progress in program and in ecumenical cooperation. It was marked by world outreach in travel, and new ventures and initiatives called for by the fluid character of our times. We venture to say that never before in the history of the International Missionary Council have the bonds of fellowship, mutual understanding, and assistance between its constituent organizations been closer. It has been a year in which the missionary task has consistently achieved a higher estimation as essential to the basic life of the Church.

Staff Changes and Appointments

The Rev. Erik W. Nielsen of Denmark, formerly study secretary and director of missionary training of the Danish Missionary Society, has been appointed successor to Dr. Bengt Sundkler as research secretary. Mr. Nielsen spent July and August establishing contact with the constituent councils on the Continent. He took up his duties in the London office in September, 1950.

E. J. Bingle, acting research secretary in the interval between Dr. Sundkler’s departure and Mr. Nielsen’s arrival, will continue to serve the council as secretary for survey. The council is deeply indebted to the World Dominion Movement for the generous way in which Mr. Bingle has been allowed to serve IMC interests.

Miss Doris Standley retired in September, 1950. She has given devoted service as an assistant secretary for many years, and the good wishes of a host of friends in many countries follow her in her retirement.

Travel of Officers

In the winter of 1949-50, Dr. J. A. Mackay, the chairman of the council, visited Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Siam. The general secretary, Rev. C. W. Ranson, also spent four months in travel in Asia, visiting Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Malaya, Siam, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. Three weeks in Indonesia were spent in company with Dr. W. A. Visser ’t Hooft, the general secretary of the World Council of Churches. This joint visit to an important younger church area was undertaken at a critical moment in the life of the Indonesian churches, which, in common with the rest of their fellow-countrymen, were preparing for the responsibilities of political independence. Dr. Visser ’t Hooft and Mr. Ranson attended a preliminary conference on the formation of a National Christian Council and held many consultations with Christian leaders. The fact that the general secretaries of IMC and WCC travelled together in the fulfilment of a joint program was a reminder of the close association of the two ecumenical bodies.
Dr. Mackay and Mr. Ranson attended the Eastern Asia Christian Conference in Bangkok in December, 1949.

Dr. Glora Wysner spent some weeks in Great Britain in 1950. She attended the meeting of the WCC Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church at Geneva, and had opportunity while in London for consultation with IMC and British Conference colleagues and with the British missionary societies.

Dr. Norman Goodall took part in an international conference for missionaries on furlough at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in October, 1949. In the same month Miss Sinclair visited Germany, taking part in the Study Conference of German Evangelical Women's Missions in Berlin and visiting a number of the German missionary societies.

Dr. Goodall visited Brussels for consultations with Mr. Coxill on the work of the Bureau of Protestant Missions and with Belgian missionary leaders on the future of the Belgian Society of Protestant Missions. He also visited Germany for the 1950 meeting of the German Missionary Council. In Scandinavia he held consultations with missionary leaders and representatives of the Scandinavian missionary councils.

Dr. Goodall and Mr. Bingle were present in Canada for the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the Council at Whitby in July, 1950.

Miss Doris Standley spent four months in New York working on the archives of the council.

**The Eastern Asia Christian Conference and Joint Secretariat**

An important conference, under the joint auspices of the IMC and WCC, was held in Bangkok from December 3-11, 1949. There was a total attendance of ninety-eight, including visitors, observers, and staff. The delegates numbered forty-three, and were drawn from fifteen East Asian countries. The official Chinese delegation was unable to attend and its absence was a matter of widespread regret.

The full report of the Conference has been published under the title: *The Christian Prospect in Eastern Asia*. It calls for study and attention by all who are concerned with the future of the Church in Asia.

Among the findings of the conference was a recommendation to the IMC and WCC that an Asian representative of both bodies should be appointed to serve the interests of the Christian councils and churches in East Asia. This recommendation, was acted upon by the Central Committee of the WCC and the Ad Interim Committee of IMC in July, 1950. Dr. R. B. Manikam, executive secretary of the Christian Council of India and Pakistan, has been appointed to this important post. He will assume his duties on January 1, 1951.
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Research

Three IMC research projects are at present in progress.

(a) The African Marriage Survey is being pursued under the guidance of an ad hoc executive committee, in which the International African Institute is a partner with the IMC. The documentary stage is now nearing completion and a report is expected before the end of 1950. Lyndon Harries, research worker on the missionary aspects of the inquiry in its documentary stage, visited the United States in September, in order to examine available resources in the missionary libraries of this country.

The second stage of the inquiry will involve field operations to investigate aspects of the problem which cannot be adequately covered by a documentary study.

(b) The Training of the Ministry in Africa. This survey has been divided into three parts.

The first part has involved a visit by Bishop Neill to certain areas of East and West Africa, where he has held conferences with the representatives of churches and missions on theological education in the areas visited.

The second stage of the survey will involve a study of the problems of ministerial training in Belgian, French, and Portuguese territories. The Africa Committee of FMC has accepted the invitation of the IMC to take a leading part in this stage of the survey.

The third stage will be concerned with Southern Africa. Plans have not yet been made for this.

(c) The Missionary Obligation of the Church. This study promises to be one of the most important the IMC has attempted. Direction is in the hands of Dr. Goodall, assisted in Great Britain by Mr. Bingle and Mr. Nielsen, and in the United States by the Rev. T. F. Romig, who has been loaned to the IMC by the Presbyterian (USA) board. Mr. Romig works in close collaboration with the Research Committee of FMC. In Europe, the World Council of Churches has agreed that Dr. J. C. Hoekendijk should give part of his time to the promotion of this study. Contact has been established with the younger churches through the NCCs.

Small commissions are being organized in various parts of the world, each of which will concern itself with one or other aspect of the agreed aims, which are as follows:

I. To restate the universal missionary obligation of the Church (a) as grounded in the eternal gospel, and (b) in relation to the present historical situation

II. To re-examine the nature and meaning of personal vocation to missionary service
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III. To assess the present position of the "western" missionary societies and mission boards in relation to the Church's fulfilment of its world mission

IV. To define afresh the missionary task of the older and younger churches in terms which take into account:
   (a) the radically new relationships between East and West;
   (b) the pressure of new or revived forces in Africa and the Moslem world;
   (c) the scale and urgency of the evangelistic task in the lands of the older churches themselves;
   (d) the immediate possibilities and limitations of younger and older churches respectively;
   (e) the ecumenical fellowship of the Church.

V. To consider what changes in the policy and organization of missions are required in order that the task defined above (IV) may be more speedily accomplished.

The Ad Interim Committee of IMC decided that the effective promotion of this comprehensive study of the missionary obligation should have a large claim on the time of the secretariat. The Ad Interim Committee further decided that an enlarged meeting of the Committee of the Council shall be held in Europe in 1952, and that its main theme will be The Missionary Obligation of the Church.

The committee (on the suggestion of Dr. Visser 't Hooft) is asking the World Council of Churches to consider making the subject one of the major themes for discussion at the next meeting of the WCC Central Committee and also at the next Assembly at Evanston in 1953.

The Ad Interim Committee, Whitby, 1950

The Ad Interim Committee met at Whitby, Ontario, July 19-25, 1950. The Committee gave major attention to a consideration of the distinctive tasks of the IMC.

One of the most important decisions of the committee was that embodied in a statement entitled A Summons to Immediate Action. This is addressed to the task of helping younger churches to formulate a "strategy of crisis" to deal unitedly with:

   (a) the witness of the Church in relation to communism
   (b) the freedom and integrity of evangelical Christianity in countries dominated by political Roman Catholicism
   (c) the threat to the Church and the gospel arising from new expressions of religious syncretism, often associated with some aspect of nationalism.

Literature is to be assembled and prepared; and a series of consultations is being organized in countries or areas where the Churches are under pressure from one or more of the forces indicated above.

The Rev. W. Richey Hogg has joined the staff of the IMC for
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six months on loan from the Methodist board to assist with this urgent plan. The Committee of Reference and Counsel, FMC, has given warm support, and other constituent councils are being asked to cooperate actively.

The committee reviewed carefully the working of the secretarial arrangements made three years ago at Whitby and affirmed its approval of the plan for a general secretary of IMC on a permanent basis. It further resolved that the continued location of the general secretary be in New York.

On the request of the FMC, the committee approved the Division of Foreign Missions of the NCCC, when it is organized, as the constituent unit of the IMC for North America.

Publications

The arrangement made for 1949, whereby the Missionary Education Movement was constituted the agent for the publishing and the sale of IMC literature, has proven a wise one and has been continued in 1950. During the past year the MEM published the report on the Bangkok Conference, The Christian Prospect in Eastern Asia, which has been distributed in many parts of the world.

The International Review of Missions continues to be the official organ of the IMC. The main activities of the Council are interpreted in the Review. The January, 1950, issue contained an article on the African Marriage Survey by Rev. Lyndon Harries, and the April, 1950, issue contained material on the first part of the African theological education survey conducted by Bishop Stephen Neill. An increasing amount of space is being given to articles on the missionary obligation studies. The bibliography contains book reviews of value to missionaries and others interested in the world mission of the Church.

The IMC received a generous legacy in the will of Miss Ella May Carnahan of Pittsburgh which provided a trust fund, the income from which is to be used on behalf of Christian literature. The Ad Interim Committee at Whitby decided to use this income to set up a Carnahan Literature Fund from which grants are to be made from time to time to carry out the wishes of the donor.

The Ad Interim Committee at Whitby recognized, in the specific tasks of the IMC, the place of Christian literature and the urgent need for the IMC to lend its assistance through its related bodies in the publication of booklets, stating plainly the Christian position in relation to the great ideological controversies of the present time.

Christian Home Movement

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church has made available the services of Dr. Irma Highbaugh for
special work in the field of home and family life. Dr. Highbaugh, at
the invitation of the National Christian Councils of the Philippines
and Japan, has spent several months in these countries assisting in the
planning of the home and family life program, visiting in homes, coun­
seling with church groups, and working with youth. Her visit to the
Philippines has led to the adoption of the home and family life pro­
gram by the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches. A similar
decision has been made by the National Christian Council of Japan.
Invitations are in hand for similar service on the part of Dr. High­
baugh in other countries.

The National Christian Councils

The National Christian Council, generally, appears to be steadily
growing in importance in the estimation of missionary and church
leaders. In Japan the question of its relevance and functions has been
the subject of intense debate owing to the predominant size of the
united Church, which includes all but a small minority of the Christi­
ans in the country. But even there the decision has been that a
strong NCC is needed. The times in which we live clearly demand
more coordination, cooperation and united action on the part of
Christians. The NCC is the indispensable instrument to accomplish
these demands.

The year has been one of steady progress by the NCCs in Eastern
Asia which have been rehabilitated since World War II. In Japan,
development has been especially notable. The NCC of Korea has had
its work interrupted again by the recent hostilities, and at this writing
little information is available. In China, the program has so far been
substantially maintained, and even in some respects expanded, but the
future is uncertain.

In May, the NCC of Indonesia was formally launched, but it is too
early to attempt to report on its program or to assess its strength.

Orphaned Missions and Inter-Mission Aid Fund

The outcome of the fiscal year 1949 was of very substantial success
although the goals set at Oegstgeest were not fully reached. That
year contributions to the fund were as follows:

New York: Direct and designated gifts from the USA $119,326.97
From the undesignated funds of Church World Service .................. 40,000.00
From the Orphaned Missions Reserve .................................. 20,000.00 $179,326.97

London: From Britain, Canada and other countries 57,961.09

Total .................................................. $237,288.06
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Church World Service gave the fund every consideration, but the failure to reach the goal set was almost entirely due to the inability of that organization, because of lessened receipts from the churches, to supply the total of $100,000 from undesignated gifts which it planned.

There is every reason to be gratified at the work which these available resources, under the blessing of God, enabled us to do. No clamant, minimum need was left unmet, so far as is known. The essential necessities of German missions were cared for. A final grant was made to Basel, and assistance was extended to the Swiss East Asia Mission, on account of the responsibility of both for essentially German work. Paris’ needs were more acute than ever, and aid was stepped up. New assistance was given to the Oegstgeest societies which, crippled at home, were facing a critical and challenging situation in Indonesia.

The arrangement whereby the German Evangelical Missionary Council took the major responsibility for detailed allocations to the various German missions has worked splendidly, both in the administration of their share of the fund and in the reawakening of their interest and sense of responsibility. The German societies have been granted a small amount of foreign exchange, but the poverty and disorganization of the country present fearful obstacles. German missionaries are beginning to get permission to return to their fields, with several notable exceptions, and in these latter cases the IMC is working vigorously to secure the lifting of the bans. The initial program of field visitation by German secretaries is almost completed, and in Germany this has helped greatly to stimulate interest.

In 1950 the total available for the fund will fall short of $200,000. This is much less than should be spent in shifting from a plan primarily of conservation to one of a positive, constructive, though minimum program of continuing work. But it will be sufficient to avoid disaster to the beneficiaries.

A related project has been developed for assisting the Dutch societies and the churches in Indonesia to provide a suitable plant for a theological training school at Makassar. Certain mission boards in the United States have conditionally pledged a total of $89,500 for this project.

The Ad Interim Committee at Whitby authorized the IMC to seek the following sums: 1951, $200,000; 1952, $185,000; 1953, $175,000. If these goals are to be reached, the present level of contributions from North America will have to be maintained, and perhaps increased.
The International Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews

The following gatherings were held under auspices of the International Missionary Council’s Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews:


July 24-26, 1950: a meeting of the British and European sections of the committee in Baarn, Holland, as guest of the two Jewish missionary societies of Holland

August 14-30, 1950: a seminar at Boldern near Zürich, Switzerland

The Rev. Gote Hedenquist of Sweden and, more recently, a secretary of the reconstruction department of the WCC, was appointed associate director of the committee, beginning his duties January 1, 1950.

The Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland has gone ahead with its plans for a reentry program in Israel. During the current year, with the cooperation of friends in Holland, Switzerland, and the Presbyterian Churches in England, Ireland, and America, to date thirty-four new workers have been sent into Israel. The hospital at Tiberias, the school at Tel Aviv-Jaffa, and the Chapel of St. Andrews in Jerusalem have all been reestablished.

The Scandinavian Societies of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden held a conference of their own in September and have begun their program of activities on a cooperative basis on behalf of the Jews in Morocco, North Africa. The Swedish friends hope to open their theological institute in Jerusalem early in 1951.

The Aims & Basis, as drafted and approved by the American Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews, have been published and widely circulated. It is significant that these have been translated into German and published there for wide distribution. They have also appeared in toto in one of the English Jewish missionary publications and have been widely used among Protestant church leaders in South Africa. The American Lutherans have published a pamphlet on the parish approach. Recently the friends in Scotland have asked for one thousand copies. It is also significant that in Britain, with the help of Canon J. MacLeod Campbell of the Church Missionary Society, a manuscript for a leaflet on the parish approach to the Jews in Great Britain has been prepared.

The special effort to promote, if possible, a reconciliation between Germany and the Jewish people, particularly those interested in the
new Israel, is making gratifying progress. Dr. Leon Zeitlin, a refugee from Germany, now in England and formerly a member of the Prussian diet, has been the moving spirit behind this effort and has been invited to Germany for a speaking itinerary there.

Significant are the recommendations which emerged from the meeting of the Joint Committee of the IMC and the WCC and from the Ad Interim Committee meeting of the International Missionary Council. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*It was Resolved that:*

The Ad Interim Committee takes note of the plans for collaboration of the WCC in the IMC Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews and expresses satisfaction at the close collaboration of the WCC, particularly with the recommendation of the Joint Committee regarding the formal association of the WCC with this committee.

*It was further Resolved:*

1. That the Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews continue to function in its present relation to IMC. It is felt that in view of the peculiar problems attending its work, the committee can better achieve its purpose in this way than by being more closely integrated into the organization of the IMC;
2. That IMC record its unwavering conviction regarding the continuing urgency of the work of the committee: and express its sense of the value of the pioneer work which it has done and continues to do, under the leadership of Dr. Conrad Hoffmann;
3. That IMC urge upon the foreign missionary boards and societies the necessity for their support in helping the committee to meet its budget and continue its work;
4. That IMC urge the foreign missionary boards and societies having work in areas where Jews are resident to include them in their ministry and service.

**International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa**

The committee is still without a permanent secretary. The work of the committee has been carried on in London by the able acting secretary.

An arrangement has been approved by which free packages of simple theological books will be sent annually to the libraries of theological colleges in Africa where English is used, in order to introduce new books to ordinands under training. The first packages were sent in July, 1950.

The circulation of *Listen and Books for Africa* has been maintained. Interesting contacts have been made with readers in parts of the world outside Africa, including the Pacific Islands.

The Margaret Wrong Memorial Fund, to be used for the promotion of original writing by African authors, has reached over £1500. There has been a generous response in America and Canada, as well as in Great Britain and Africa. A trust has been formed, and trustees
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and an advisory committee will be responsible for the organization and utilization of the fund.

Correspondence with workers in Africa suggests that the policy of the committee should now be to concentrate on the promotion or initiation of experiments in the distribution and sale of books. In Africa, it may be that the preparation of readers ready to buy books is as important as the making of books for them to buy. As the committee can rely more and more on the willing cooperation of secular publishers in the provision of healthy general literature, subsidies should become necessary only in special cases, for small editions in the minor language groups.

The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs

Since its establishment in 1946, the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs has increasingly concerned itself with a wide range of international questions. It has sought, within the limits of its resources, to keep its constituency informed about world issues and to solicit the views of colleagues in many countries as a basis for representation to intergovernmental bodies. The description of some of its activities on matters of substance, even though abbreviated, will serve to indicate an emerging method of seeking a Christian impact on international relations.

The commission is continuing to develop its system of communication to include some form of contact in every country where the constituency of the parent bodies is located. These contacts, numbering over 350 in seventy countries, include CCIA commissioners, national commissions on international affairs, parent body membership, correspondents for international affairs.

Particular importance is attached to the work of national departments, commissions, or committees of the churches on international affairs. In connection with this phase of the commission's work, the president, chairman, and director visited the Scandinavian countries in October, 1949, for conferences with church, missionary, and government leaders. Local commissions or departments from seventeen countries are now cooperating with the CCIA.

Relations with intergovernmental organizations are imperative in order that the CCIA may be in a position (1) to transmit to its constituency information about decisions which have been made or about problems on which action is to be taken, and (2) to register with intergovernmental bodies at the time and place of decision the views which its constituency have submitted. The CCIA maintains its consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and with UNESCO, and during the past year was granted such status with the Food and Agriculture Organization. Appointment of Dr. John
H. Reisner as FAO Observer has been made by the CCIA. In addition to representation at meetings of these bodies, arrangements were made for observation and report of other conferences under United Nations auspices held at Bangkok, Montevideo, Florence, and Geneva.

During the past year, work on the Human Rights Covenant has gone forward. At its sixth session, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights formulated a Draft First Covenant. CCIA consultants followed the commission deliberations closely and supported provisions to be included in the articles on religious liberty and fundamental freedoms.

Something in the nature of an experiment was tried in the matter of the Netherlands-Indonesia dispute. The CCIA invited its representatives in these countries to draft memoranda on the political issues involved. The memoranda were then circulated among church and political leaders. A similar procedure may prove helpful when tensions arise between countries in which there are influential Christian communities.

The CCIA has been closely identified with work on proposals for the internationalization of Jerusalem. The provision to safeguard religious freedom and contemporaneous religious property proposed by the CCIA were fully incorporated in the Statute for Jerusalem adopted by the Trusteeship Council in the spring of 1950. In January, 1950, the director of the CCIA conferred in Israel with government officials on questions of church property and religious freedom, with encouraging results. While intervening particularly in behalf of former German mission properties, the CCIA broadly represented the interests of its entire constituency.

The commission, under parent body action, indicated its concern for the solution of the refugee problem in letters addressed to the fifty-nine delegations at the United Nations Fourth General Assembly, and urged adequate arrangements and financial support to meet this need.

Representatives of the CCIA were authorized to support reference of the legal status of South West Africa to the International Court of Justice. (South West Africa is the one remaining Mandate not placed under the United Nations Trusteeship System.) Various other problems in South Africa, notably those having to do with race relations, have been given consideration.

Among other matters commanding the attention of the Commission, the following are cited: convention on genocide; observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania; the international law commission; repatriation of Greek children; interval of prayer or meditation in the United Nations; problems of migration and of stateless persons; the ad hoc
Committee on Slavery; technical assistance to under-developed countries; non-self-governing territories and the Trusteeship Council; the hydrogen bomb; measures for international cooperation; warning against association with the "Stockholm Peace Appeal"; the Korean situation; world order.

Among the studies undertaken by the CCIA were (1) religious freedom in face of dominant forces, (2) foundations of international law, (3) the racial question, (4) peace and war.

A documentation service is maintained by the CCIA, with files open to church leaders and agencies for references and study. Factual reports of some United Nations organ activities have been sent to a selected number of persons as an experimental part of this service.

The CCIA has undertaken a series of mailings on various subjects considered to be of interest to its constituency. Responses indicate that the material thus made available is used in a variety of ways, such as in distribution to local commission members, in church papers, the local press, and conferences.

Extensive travel is required. From January, 1949 to June, 1950 CCIA representatives attended over thirty conferences and meetings in the United States, Asia, and Europe. Each of these meetings entailed attendance at from three to thirty sessions.

Encouragement for the ongoing work of the CCIA is given in the increased support of its constituency, both in additional financial appropriation and cooperation in helping to carry out its program.

Finances

An audited statement covering income and expenditures in the current operations of the IMC itself for 1949 is appended, with explanatory schedules. This was the second year of the quadrennium authorized at Whitby in 1947 and modified somewhat at Oegstgeest in 1948. Income did not reach the levels contemplated, but prudent care by the officers kept expenditures at a level so that the year ended with a modest balance credit. Furthermore, for the first time in at least a decade, contribution income was kept on a strictly received basis, no contributions being anticipated as accounts receivable, e.g., the FMC's contribution is that for only three quarters. This was a most desirable achievement which will greatly simplify the future financing of the council.

Special attention is called to the generous contributions of North American boards, without which it would have been impossible to conduct the operations of the IMC at any worthy level (see Schedules 2 and 3). These contributions totalled $16,657.46, and even so several payments received in 1950 which could legitimately have been claimed for 1949 have been credited to 1950. Had these been in-
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cluded, the North American contributions would have reached $20,000.

At the Ad Interim Committee meeting in July the budget for 1950 was revised downward to a total of $82,000 which appears assured, since the North American boards have specifically undertaken to maintain the level of their grants. Perhaps it should be pointed out here that the Ad Interim Committee at Whitby in 1950 also adopted a budget for the triennium 1951, '52 and '53, the first year of which takes the place of the last year of the Whitby, 1948, quadrennium. This budget is also appended herewith (see page 70). This new budget, with the specific approval of Reference and Counsel, contemplates a continuance of the North American grants at the annual level of $20,000 though these hoped-for grants are to be made through the Division of Foreign Missions of the NCCC, designated for the IMC, in addition to the contributions of the Division itself from its general funds. We shall make every effort that the plans and work of the IMC shall merit this support.

J. W. Decker, Secretary
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES,
GENERAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949

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* Balance of contribution received in 1948 and applicable to the year 1949.
† This figure represents the corrected and audited balance forward. In the fifty-sixth annual report of the Foreign Missions Conference (page 101) the much larger balance forward was drawn from a tentative report, subject to later correction.
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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONSTITUENT BODIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1949

For the Year 1948:

Committee on Cooperation in Latin America .......................... $300.00
Concilio Nacional Evangelico de Mexico ............................... 30.00
Indonesia Zendings Consulaat ........................................... 19.37
Nederlandsche Zendings-Raad ........................................... 1,000.00

For the Year 1949:

China National Christian Council ...................................... 250.00
Christian Council of South Africa ...................................... 200.37
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America ....................... 300.00
Concilio Nacional Evangelico de Mexico ............................. 30.00
Conseil Protestant du Congo ............................................ 100.00
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionstag ................................ 1,500.00
Foreign Missions Conference of North America (three quarters only) ........................................ 26,462.25
Indonesia Zendings Consulaat ........................................... 19.38
National Christian Council of India .................................. 300.00
National Christian Council of Japan .................................. 200.00
National Christian Council of Korea ................................ 62.50
Nederlandsche Zendings-Raad .......................................... 1,000.00
Philippine Federation of Christian Churches ....................... 120.00
Svenska Missionsradet ..................................................... 2,000.00
Conference of British Missionary Societies ....................... 9,620.40
Australia ..................................................................... 318.98
Denmark ........................................................................ 500.00
New Zealand ................................................................... 400.00
Norway .......................................................................... 594.80

Total ........................................................................... $45,328.05

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1949

Current Budget, Unrestricted

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society—Special Contributions .......................... $2,100.00
Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society ................................. 750.00
Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention ....................... 1,000.00
Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board ........................................... 125.00
The Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Boards of Canada ....................... 250.00
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society .......................................... 25.00
Board of Overseas Missions, The United Church of Canada ................... 316.74
The United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples) ................................ 443.00
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church ............................ 1,000.00
The Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church ........................................ 100.00
Board of Missions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church ............... 500.00
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Board of International Missions, Evangelical and Reformed Church $400.00
The Board of Foreign Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church 250.00
Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church 3,000.00
General Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church in Canada 250.00
The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America 250.00
Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America 800.00

Total .......................................................... $11,559.74

SCHEDULE "3"

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949

SPECIAL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH

American Bible Society ............................................. $300.00
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions .......... 300.00
American Friends Board of Missions ................................ 50.00
The General Council of the Assemblies of God ....................... 50.00
Anonymous ........................................................................ 250.00
Atherton Trust .................................................................... 100.00
Board of Foreign Missions of the American Lutheran Church 25.00
The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America ......................................................... 375.00
The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America ......................................................... 175.00
Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America ................. 25.00
Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention .......... 200.00
General Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church in Canada .......... 12.50
General Brotherhood Board, Church of the Brethren, Commission on Foreign Missions ........................................... 25.00
The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of N.A. 25.00
The United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples) .................... 200.00
Foreign Department, Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society ......... 15.00
Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society .................. 150.00
Women's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church .... 2,000.00
The Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America ................................. 25.00
Women's Inter-Church Covenant of Canada ............................ 397.46
Women's Missionary Federation, American Lutheran Church ......... 25.00
The Woman's Missionary Society, United Church of Canada ........ 347.76
Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church ............................................................... 25.00

$5,097.72

Notes.—
1. In addition to the above $973.88 was received in London for Research.
2. As in 1948, in addition to the above the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States contributed $500.00 for some research project in Africa.
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BUDGET FOR 1951, 1952 AND 1953
Adopted at Whitby, July, 1950

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### CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Requested by *Ad Interim* Committee, Whitby, July, 1950

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
Arch Street Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
April 25, 1950

MRS. HUGH D. TAYLOR, Chairman, Presiding

The Special Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference met in accordance with CRC VOTE 1037:

That a call be issued for a special meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference, to take place on April 25 and 26, 1950, in Philadelphia or vicinity, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the resolutions proposed by the Committee of Nine (concerning future relationships of the Conference to the National Council).

There were ninety-three voting delegates and officers, and thirty non-voting participants, staff members and visitors registered as in attendance, a total of one hundred and twenty-three.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Chairman. Rolf A. Syrdal, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, led the Conference in an opening service of worship and consecration.

Dr. G. Hall Todd, minister, expressed the joy of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church in entertaining the Conference, and welcomed it to Philadelphia.

Rev. C. W. Ranson, of the International Missionary Council, addressed the Conference on “The Universal Missionary Obligation of the Church in Relation to the Present Historical Situation.”

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ranson for his stirring address and called upon the secretary to make the announcements.

The first session of the Special Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference was adjourned with prayer by Jesse R. Wilson at 12:30 P.M.

Tuesday Afternoon, April 25

Business Session to Consider the Recommendation of the Committee of Nine

The Chairman called the session to order and led in a brief worship service. Dr. Fairfield certified that the call for the Special Meeting had been issued two months and one day in advance, and therefore complied with constitutional requirements.

Mrs. Taylor called upon Glenn P. Reed, chairman of the Committee of Nine, to make his report.
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Before doing so, Dr. Reed expressed the deep appreciation of the Committee of Nine for the depth of understanding and Christian brotherhood demonstrated by the Planning Committee at all times.

He then read the Recommendation of the Committee of Nine which had been distributed to all members present. He stated that this was the third draft but that changes were all in line with the intention of the original. He called attention to the fact that the Committee had added the words "and to receive and forward to the Division bequests and other gifts made in the name of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America" to Article II of the proposed amended constitution. He stated that the names of the nominees for the Planning Committee were recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Reed moved the adoption of the recommendation and it was seconded. Mrs. Taylor then called for discussion from the floor.

Mrs. Taylor stated that she was the only representative of the Canadian boards present. She reported that a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council had been called for conference with Dr. Fairfield in regard to the proposed merger of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America with the National Council. She requested Dr. Fairfield to read the minutes of that meeting contained in a letter he had received from Harry C. Priest, secretary. Dr. Fairfield read the following minute:

"That the Canadian Boards which are members of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, while still feeling that they do not care to take part in the actual vote on the merger of the Foreign Missions Conference with the National Council of Churches of the United States, by which vote the Foreign Missions Conference becomes a Division of that organization, expect to continue membership in the Foreign Missions Conference on the basis of arrangements as discussed with Dr. Fairfield in his conference with us."

Dr. Fairfield explained that the arrangements discussed were those provided for in the Constitution of the Council. Canadian boards now members of the Foreign Missions Conference would retain their membership following the merger, and provision was made in the Constitution for Canadian boards and societies subsequently desiring membership to be admitted. He stated that the Canadian boards expected to "continue membership in the Conference" as members of the Division.

The discussion which followed centered around the points of the meaning of "essential" or "substantial" autonomy; whether the Council should have a more fully stated doctrinal basis than the expression in the preamble of "oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour"; the liability of member boards of the Division of Foreign Missions for support of the general activities of the Council; and the proportion of representatives of mission boards in the Division to
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representatives of the denominations at large coming in through the Council.

On suggestion from the floor, the Committee of Nine AGREED to add the word "general" before "basis of the Constitution submitted on April 24, 1944" etc. in section I of the Resolution.

A motion to recommend an amendment of the proposed By-laws of the Division so as to limit the number of representatives in the Division Assembly coming from a denomination to the number of representatives to which it would be entitled under Article IV, Section II of the proposed By-laws was put to vote after full discussion and was lost.

In response to a question whether a negative vote on the matter of the Conference's becoming the Division of Foreign Missions would prevent a board from going into the Division, it was replied that this was not the case; that the vote now was simply on the action of the Conference, and in no way determined the attitude of individual boards toward membership in the Division. It was pointed out that by a ruling of the Planning Committee all member boards of the Conference automatically would become charter members of the Division unless they took action declining to accept such membership.

The meeting then proceeded to cast a written vote which was counted by the tellers appointed by the Chairman: T. P. Fricke, Richard E. Hanson, and F. J. Michel. Upon their report that seventy-six representatives had voted affirmatively, seven negatively, with three abstaining, the Chairman declared that the Conference had VOTED, (C50-20) to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The attitudes of denominations expected to enter the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and of their foreign boards make it practically certain that there will be a Division of Foreign Missions in some form in the National Council;

WHEREAS, There was a general feeling at the 1950 Annual Meeting of the Conference that it was imperative in view of the heavy responsibilities for the evangelization of the world resting upon the member boards to keep all aspects of the work of the Foreign Missions Conference within one operation so far as humanly possible and not to divide its functions between two agencies;

WHEREAS, It seems difficult if not impossible under the circumstances which have developed to continue that unity of operation in a separate Foreign Missions Conference, organically unrelated to the National Council;

WHEREAS, The process of interpretation of the proposed Constitution of the National Council and also certain changes in the phrasing of that Constitution proposed for adoption at the Constituting Convention have thrown fresh light both on what is involved in the supervising and coordinating functions of the Council and also on the possible composition of the Division, with larger direct representation from certain boards than their representation through the Council would provide;

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WHEREAS, The proposed Constitution of the National Council provides that the work of the Foreign Missions Conference shall be continued by the Division of Foreign Missions and also provides for the charter membership of all Conference member boards accepting such membership as full and equal members of the Division without regard to their relationship to the National Council itself; and

WHEREAS, The Conference is satisfied that the Constitution of the National Council with accepted interpretations and such changes as are proposed does make adequate provision for assuring the essential unity, continuity and autonomy of the Conference, to be implemented in detail by the proposed By-laws for the Division of Foreign Missions; therefore, be it

Resolved,

I—That the Foreign Missions Conference of North America agree that when, as and if the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is constituted, upon the general basis of the Constitution submitted on April 25, 1944 with the amendments proposed by the Planning Committee for the National Council for adoption at the Constituting Convention of the Council and upon the general basis of the draft By-laws for the Division approved by the Planning Committee subject to editing and legal review for adoption by the Division itself when constituted, the Conference will transfer its assets and liabilities to the Division as the organization properly constituted to continue its operations;

II—That the Constitution of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America be amended, to take effect when, as and if the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is constituted during the calendar year 1950 on the basis described in the foregoing section, as follows:

That Articles I-XV of the Constitution be replaced by the following Articles I-VI:

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this organization shall be the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE
The purpose of the Conference is to meet the legal requirements necessary for the election of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., the corporate body of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., hereinafter referred to as the Division; and to receive and forward to the Division bequests and other gifts made in the name of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP
The membership of the Conference shall be those agencies or persons having membership in the Division, according to Article III of the By-laws of the Division.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS
There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Division Assembly for the purpose of electing the members of the Board of Directors of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., in accordance with the require-
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ments of the Act of Incorporation, and for such other purposes as the Division may direct. The Conference may hold a special meeting at such time and place as the Division may direct. Representation at those meetings shall be the representatives appointed to the Division Assembly.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Division shall be the officers of the Conference and carry corresponding duties.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Conference or at any meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Two months' notice in writing of proposed amendments must be given to all member boards before action is taken. Subject to this provision, proposed amendments may be adopted at the next annual or special meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of representatives of member agencies present and voting. Any proposals for dissolution of the Conference shall be considered and handled as amendments to this Constitution, and the same principle shall apply to any proposals for surrender of the Act of Incorporation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc. to the full extent permitted by the applicable laws of the State of New York.

III—That when the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is constituted upon the basis described in Section I of this resolution, the By-laws adopted by the Division shall replace the present By-laws of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.

IV—That Glenn P. Reed, Raymond A. Dudley, Wynn C. Fairfield, Luther A. Gotwald, Byron S. Lamson and Elizabeth M. Lee be appointed representatives of the Foreign Missions Conference upon the Planning Committee for the National Council.

By a later vote of the meeting, permission was given to count in favor of the resolution one written vote which had been inadequately marked in error and had been reported as an abstention, thereby making the official vote seventy-seven for and seven against the resolution, with two recorded as abstaining.

A proposal was made that the vote be made unanimous. It was the consensus that since the voting had been in writing and showed the real mind of the Conference by definite figures, it would be better to let it stand.

The secretary was instructed to omit the list of persons voting for and against the resolution from the minutes.

The Chairman stated that the Conference had just completed a historic action; she asked Luther A. Gotwald to lead in prayer.

Dr. Fairfield stated that the remaining addresses on the program related to the important study on "The Missionary Obligation of the Church" being made by the International Missionary Council with the cooperation of the Foreign Missions Conference. He raised the
question whether the group wished to continue the two-day program or compress the remaining addresses without discussion into the remaining part of the afternoon and the evening session, in view of the fact that the primary purpose for calling the meeting had been taken care of. He stated that this was acceptable to the participants in the program. It was voted to lengthen the afternoon and evening sessions to allow time for the full program in the one-day period.

While the tellers were counting the ballots, J. W. Decker of the International Missionary Council reported on the grave situation facing Orphaned Missions and Inter-Mission Aid in view of the certainty that Church World Service would be unable to contribute anything in 1950 from its undesignated funds. He raised the following questions:

1—Can we expect increases from the relief and rehabilitation committees of your denominations?
2—Regarding those denominations whose relief and rehabilitation committees have assisted us, is there any possibility of these boards having other funds at their disposal which they could throw into the breach?
3—Can we expect many of the smaller boards to step into the breach at this time?
4—Would you advise us to contemplate a widespread publicity campaign?

It was agreed, in view of the decision to adjourn that evening, that the first three questions should be referred to the individual boards by the secretary, and the last question to the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

Dr. Fairfield called attention to the fact that the fiscal year for the National Council was to be the calendar year. Since budgets for the next fiscal year were being prepared it was desirable to take action now changing the fiscal year of the Conference. On his recommendation, it was

VOTED, (C50-21) That in view of the decision of the Foreign Missions Conference to become the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council, the various budgetary units of the Conference be instructed to revise their 1950-51 budgets so as to close the present fiscal year as of December 31, 1950, and to make the new asking budgets coincide with the new fiscal year, the calendar year 1951; and that with this object in view, member boards of the Conference be requested, if possible, to pay their contributions to the 1950-51 budget before December 31, 1950.

Upon recommendation of the Arrangements Committee for the Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting, and motion of its chairman, it was

VOTED, (C50-22) That in view of the decision of the Foreign Missions Conference to become the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council at the time of its Constituting Convention, November 28-December 1, 1950, the Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of
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the Foreign Missions Conference be held in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, November 27-28, 1950; and that the Committee on Arrangements be given authority to determine the number and length of the sessions in relation to the parallel meetings of the other agencies.

After singing of the hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” the Chairman introduced Russell Stevenson, the newly elected executive secretary for the Near East Committee, who presented a statement on “The Pressure of New or Revived Forces in the Moslem World,” one of the topics included in the study on the Missionary Obligation of the Church. After a short discussion, the session was closed with prayer by Frank T. Cartwright at 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday Evening, April 25

Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor called the session to order at 7:00 P.M. and led in a brief worship service. D. C. Pope led in prayer.

Theodore F. Romig made a statement on the purpose and objectives of the study of the Missionary Obligation of the Church. He called attention to the basic document which had been distributed, M.O.1, outlining the aims of the study and the suggested lines of procedure.

The Chairman then introduced Paul L. Lehmann of Princeton Theological Seminary who spoke on “The Universal Missionary Obligation of the Church as Grounded in the Eternal Gospel.” He described his address as an introduction to the problems to be studied rather than as an answer.

Emory Ross, of the Africa Committee, spoke on “The Pressure of New or Revived Forces in Africa.”

John Deschner, of the United Student Christian Council, outlined the problems involved in the study being made of “The Nature and Meaning of Personal Vocation to Missionary Service.”

John H. Reisner drew attention to D. J. Fleming’s new book, “Living as Comrades,” to be published in the early summer. He stated that the book was a challenge, not only to every missionary, but also to every Christian to review his own mode of living in relation to the local and the world community, and earnestly commended it, asking that special attention be given to the statement about it which had been distributed.

It was VOTED that after the closing service of worship and consecration the Special Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference would stand adjourned.

Byron S. Lamson of the Free Methodist Church of North America brought the historic meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference to a close with a service of worship and consecration and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Byron S. Lamson, Recording Secretary
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The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America was held in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, November 27-29, 1950 in connection with the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Owing to a heavy snowstorm, which delayed the arrival of many delegates, the opening session was postponed from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 27.

There were 104 voting delegates and 137 non-voting participants, including fraternal delegates, staff members and visitors, making a total of 241 persons. Sixty member boards and agencies were represented. (For the attendance list, see pp. 134-137.)

Monday Afternoon, November 27

The opening session on Monday afternoon was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. John Karefa-Smart. The Chairman then welcomed fraternal delegates but explained that most of them would be attending their own simultaneous meetings in Cleveland so that they would not be able to be present at many of the sessions of the Foreign Missions Conference.

The Chairman then declared the Fifty-seventh Meeting duly constituted and ready for any business which might properly come before it.

1. Action on Applications for Membership

Wynn C. Fairfield stated that the applications for membership by John Milton Society, Inc. and the Associate Board of the Women's Christian College, Madras, Inc. were in order, having been approved by the Committee of Reference and Counsel on June 30, 1950 and announced to member boards and agencies by a letter from Sue Weddell, August 15, 1950. No unfavorable comment had been received. It was

VOTED, (C50-23) That the respective applications for membership of the John Milton Society, Inc. and of the Associate Board of the Women's Christian College, Madras, Inc. be approved.

The representatives of these organizations were then welcomed by the Chairman into membership in the Conference.

2. Program of the Conference

Miss Weddell on behalf of the Committee on Arrangements then presented the program of the Conference, the theme of which was
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The Missionary Obligation of the Church. Certain modifications had been necessary because of the omission of the Monday morning session. It was

VOTED, To accept the program as proposed by the Committee on Arrangements.

Temporary Recording Secretary

Byron F. Lamson having resigned from the position of recording secretary, Nona M. Diehl was elected temporary recording secretary.

Business Committee

Upon the nomination of the Nominating Committee the following persons were elected a Business and Resolutions Committee for this meeting of the Conference:

L. A. Dixon, chairman
Nona M. Diehl
Elizabeth M. Lee
Glenn P. Reed
Virgil A. Sly
Wynn C. Fairfield, secretary

Group Presentation

A panel of ten persons, with Charles T. Leber as chairman, then presented a program entitled "Christianity in Crisis: The Fact and The Strategy." (See program on page 7.) This was followed by a question period.

Addresses

The Conference then listened to two addresses:

"A Summons to Immediate Action," Charles W. Ranson
"The One Increasing Purpose," Norman Goodall

The session ended with a period of worship led by Charles T. Leber.

Monday Evening, November 27

The Conference met at 7:30 P.M. in joint plenary session with the Home Missions Council, with Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale presiding. The following addresses were made:

"Christian Missions and the American Mind," Truman B. Douglass
"The World Mission Enters a New Era," Charles W. Ranson

The session was closed with a service of worship led by Purd E. Deitz.

Tuesday Morning, November 28

The Conference met at 9:30 A.M. with Raymond A. Dudley, presiding.
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After an opening hymn, there was an introduction of nationals and missionaries attending the Conference.

The opening prayer was offered by Rolf A. Syrdal.

Two addresses were then delivered on The Study of the Missionary Obligation of the Church:

"Its Significance in North America," R. Pierce Beaver
"Its Progress in North America," Theodore F. Romig

The Conference then divided into five groups considering different aspects of the Missionary Obligation of the Church. (See program on page 8.)

Tuesday Afternoon, November 28

The session was called to order by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor. The Conference then observed a Service of Remembrance with Mabel E. Emerson leading in the use of a form of service prepared by Fred Field Goodsell. The persons commemorated were Dr. David Dudrow Baker, Mr. E. R. Holden, Dr. William E. Lampe, and Dr. P. H. Richert.

At the close of the Service of Remembrance, a business session was held. It was agreed that the order of the day beginning at 3:00 P.M. would be the findings of the sectional meetings held in the morning.

3. The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in January, 1950 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held in April, 1950 were presented by Miss Weddell who said that copies had been circulated to all member boards. It was

VOTED, (C50-24) To approve the minutes of these two meetings as circulated.

The printed report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel under the title "So Long Thy Power Hath Led Us—" was presented by Dr. Fairfield who stated that copies had been sent to each member board and to each person registered for the Annual Meeting. It was

VOTED, (C50-25) To accept the report of the officers and committees to the 57th Annual Meeting for the year 1950.

4. Report of the treasurer

The treasurer, Henrietta Gibson, presented the audited financial report for the year ending March 31, 1950. (For a summary, see pages 87-88.) It was

VOTED, (C50-26) To accept the report of the treasurer for the year ending March 31, 1950
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5. Applications for Withdrawal

Dr. Fairfield reported that applications for withdrawal had been received from the following member boards:

Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
Missionary Board, Church of God (Holiness)
General Council of the Assemblies of God (Foreign Missions Department)
Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination

Dr. Fairfield said that as the present constitution was to be replaced by the By-laws of the Division of Foreign Missions and an amended constitution of the Foreign Missions Conference, he felt it was unnecessary to take action amending the constitution as in previous years, so as to omit the names of the withdrawing organizations. He felt, however, that it was desirable to extend to these organizations assurance that the Division of Foreign Missions was ready to serve them in any way that might be acceptable to them. It was therefore

VOTED, (C50-27) That the Foreign Missions Conference express its regret at the withdrawal of the following member boards:

Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
Missionary Board, Church of God (Holiness)
General Council of the Assemblies of God (Foreign Missions Department)
Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination

and extend to them an assurance of its desire to serve them in any way acceptable to them.

Dr. Fairfield pointed out that one of the boards mentioned above, the General Council of the Assemblies of God (Foreign Missions Department), had expressed a desire to be recognized as a consultant agency of the Division, and that two others, the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, had not declined to become consultant agencies. He expressed his profound gratitude that even with its losses the Foreign Missions Conference had been able to keep so much of its fellowship intact, thereby preserving "the essential unity of the Conference."

6. Status of Boards

Dr. Fairfield then reported on the status former member boards would have in the Division of Foreign Missions. (See pp. 156-161.)
7. Report of the Business Committee

The chairman of the Business Committee, Canon L. A. Dixon, presented a resolution calling for an ecumenical mission to Korea. After discussion it was

VOTED, (C50-28) To adopt the following resolution:

That the Foreign Missions Conference refer with approval to the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions, when constituted, the proposal originating in the Board of Strategy of the Korea Committee that a small ecumenical mission of Christian fellowship and goodwill be sent to the Christian churches of Korea at the earliest possible moment, under the sponsorship of the International Missionary Council, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

8. Reports of Sectional Meetings

Reports were then received from the sectional meetings held in the morning as follows:

Section A.—Paul Lehmann
Section B.—Charles H. Long, Jr.
Section C.—Virgil A. Sly
Section D.—Hugh C. Stuntz
Section E.—E. H. Johnson, David J. Hoh, Mary E. McNulty and Ellen Gammack


The chairman of the Business Committee continued his report, presenting various resolutions for discussion as indicated below. In accordance therewith, it was

VOTED, (C50-29) That the Foreign Missions Conference approve and endorse the proposal of the Board of Strategy of the Korea Committee for a nationwide campaign for winter clothing for Korea to be collected by churches and other agencies during the month of December, to be shipped to the nearest collection centers of Church World Service with a requirement of ten cents (10¢) a pound for processing and shipping, with the understanding that any deficit for processing and shipping must be met from relief funds for Korea sent to Church World Service or to the Committee for Relief and Reconstruction Services of the Division of Foreign Missions; and that the Conference urge the denominational relief agencies to make available for relief in Korea during 1951 not less than $250,000.

It was also

VOTED, (C50-30) That the Foreign Missions Conference adopt the following declaration and invite the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council when constituted to concur in it:
The Foreign Missions Conference of North America expresses its gratification at the initiation of a Point Four program by the United States Government and reaffirms its resolution of support taken at the Annual Meeting in January, 1950. It now emphasizes the following principles and policies:

a. Technical assistance to underdeveloped areas should be recognized as an integral part of the foreign policy of the U. S. A.
b. The policy should be bi-partisan in approach.
c. The technical assistance program of the United Nations and its specialized agencies should be fully recognized and supported.
d. The program should be balanced, long term, stressing self-help, and of a sufficient size to improve the daily living of the people concerned.
e. The needs of the country concerned should be the controlling principle in the development of a program of aid.
f. Personnel involved in this program should represent in principle and character the highest and best standards of American citizenship.
g. Service of this type affords an opportunity for Christian service for many devoted Christian laymen and lay women for whose recruitment the churches should assume definite responsibility.

And also it was

VOTED, (C50-31) That in view of the desperate need of the masses of India's people for food, intensified by floods, by earthquake, by drought in some areas; and in view of the existence of large and increasing stocks of wheat and other food commodities under control of the U. S. Government, be it

Resolved, That this session of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America record its conviction that ways and means should be devised by the U. S. Government to make available quantities of this food to the government of India on mutually agreeable terms, toward relieving India's need, and that the officers of this Conference be instructed to arrange for consultation with appropriate government officials looking toward this end. In accordance with the recommendation of the Business Committee, it was

VOTED, (C50-32) To adopt the following resolution on Micronesia:

Micronesia has historically been a field of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Liebenzeller Mission of Germany. Following World War II, by special agreement with the U. S. Navy, these German missionaries were allowed to continue their work under the sponsorship of the American Board.

Micronesia is now governed by the United States under trusteeship from the United Nations as a strategic territory. The trusteeship agreement for a strategic territory allows the administrating country to discriminate against the entrance of nationals of other countries if it deems wise. In pursuance of this, the U. S. Navy, the agency in direct control, in August announced a policy of ultimately excluding non-American missionaries. The International Missionary Council protested this policy, with special refer-
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ence to the Liebenzeller missionaries, and the Committee of Reference and Counsel and the American Board associated themselves with the International Missionary Council in this protest.

The Navy has now proposed to revise its policy to meet these objections. The revised policy is considered reasonably satisfactory by the Southeast Asia Committee. The Navy asks, however, that the arrangement be continued whereby the American Board sponsors all Protestant missionaries who enter the Islands, and the American Board will consider this request.

Since these Islands constitute a strategic territory, and since fifty thousand inhabitants are scattered in small communities over three million square miles of ocean, a unique problem is presented.

Under these circumstances the Foreign Missions Conference has no objection to the American Board’s assuming the sponsorship of Protestant work in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as suggested by the Navy.

The Chairman of the Business Committee asked for permission to add a resolution expressing the thanks of the Conference to the Hotel Hollenden. This permission was granted. The resolution is as follows:

The members of the Foreign Missions Conference hereby express to the management of the Hotel Hollenden their appreciation of the services received during their Annual Meeting in Cleveland in November, 1950. They realize that the heavy snowstorm created immense difficulties for the hotel in caring for its guests. Nevertheless the Foreign Missions Conference was able to hold its meetings and complete its program in a satisfactory manner. It is grateful for the many courtesies received.

In view of the fact that in connection with the initial meeting of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council on Wednesday afternoon it would be necessary to have a meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference, it was therefore

VOTED, (C50-33) That when the Foreign Missions Conference adjourns on Tuesday afternoon, it would do so to meet at the call of the Chairman on Wednesday afternoon, November 29, 1950.

The Conference then listened to two addresses as follows:

“Building on Past Experience,” Wynn C. Fairfield
“The Challenge of the Future,” Eugene L. Smith

The session was closed at 5:30 P.M. with prayer and benediction by Jesse H. Arnup.

ADJOURNED SESSION

November 29, 1950

In accordance with the vote of the Conference on December 28, Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, the Chairman, called the adjourned session to order.
10. Certification of the Fulfilment of the Conditions Called for in the Action of the Conference on April 25, 1950

Dr. Fairfield read in its entirety the resolution passed by the Special Meeting of the Conference on April 25, 1950, concerning participation in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. He stated that the conditions of the resolution had been fulfilled and it was in order to recognize that the resolution was in effect. Accordingly, it was

VOTED, (C50-34) To recognize that the conditions in the resolution adopted by the Conference on April 25, 1950 have been fulfilled and the amended Constitution of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is now in effect.

The Chairman, Mrs. Taylor, then declared that the amended Constitution of the Conference was in effect and that the Conference hereafter would operate under that Constitution. (See pages 112-113.)

11. Actions to Transfer Responsibilities and Operations to the Division of Foreign Missions

Dr. Fairfield then presented a resolution to implement the other commitments of the resolution of April 25, 1950, and it was

VOTED, (C50-35) To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America has been constituted upon the general basis of the Constitution of the National Council submitted on April 25, 1944, with the amendments proposed by the Planning Committee for the National Council and upon the basis of the draft by-laws for the Division approved by the Planning Committee, as revised by the Division itself when constituted; and

WHEREAS, The conditions laid down in the action of the Foreign Missions Conference of April 25, 1950 have thereby been fulfilled; be it

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Foreign Missions Conference provisionally adopted by the Conference on April 25, 1950, are now in effect and the Conference is operating under the Constitution so amended; and be it

Resolved, That the officers of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America be authorized and instructed to transfer as of January 1, 1951, all the assets and liabilities of the Conference to the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America as the organization properly constituted to continue its operations; and be it

Resolved, That the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc. be instructed to adopt as its By-laws the By-laws of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and to operate thereunder.

F. M. Potter raised the question whether the name "Foreign Missions Conference of North America" was to be retained as a neces-
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sary legal link. Dr. Fairfield stated that it had been thought inadvisable to change the charter of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., which required that the twenty-four elected members of the Board of Directors of the Committee should be elected by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. It was therefore necessary to continue the Conference in being to elect successors to the members of the Committee as their terms expire, and at the same time to elect them members of the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions, as provided in its By-laws. The Foreign Missions Conference would have to meet briefly for this purpose annually. It was desirable also to keep the Conference in being to receive bequests and other gifts made in its name, as certain member boards still desired to have possible.

12. Election of Elected Members of the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions and of the Board of Directors of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Miss Shank reported that with the adoption of the amended Constitution of the Conference, it seemed desirable to re-elect or elect all twenty-four members of the Executive Board and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, continuing those re-elected for the remainder of their present terms. It was

VOTED, (C50-36) To elect the following persons members of the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions and of the Board of Directors of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for the terms indicated, to begin immediately upon the adjournment of this session:

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<td>Ruth Ransom</td>
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13. A Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Fairfield

Frank T. Cartwright presented a resolution expressing appreciation of the services of Wynn C. Fairfield. This was approved by the FMC and it was
VOTED, (C50-37) To adopt the following resolution:

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America is a corporate body, an organization. But it is also a group of three hundred men and women, consequently, an organism. It is as individuals, therefore, that, on behalf of the Conference we say “farewell and hail” to our colleague and leader, Wynn C. Fairfield. A regretful farewell as secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference, a sincere hail and welcome as executive director of the Central Department of Church World Service.

In his years as a representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, he served as chairman or secretary of several committees of the Foreign Missions Conference or its related agencies. In these tasks he so fully won the confidence of those who knew him that he was the natural choice for election as secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference in 1945. As a leader, he has been so self-effacing and so attentive to detail that we thought of him most often as a colleague; but as a colleague he constantly proved that he was our leader, by hard work, by unflagging search for ways in which this organization could better serve the Christian world mission, and by bringing before us from time to time men and women who challenged us to thought and action.

Dr. Fairfield and his fellow staff members have set before the Division of Foreign Missions an almost impossible goal for the future years. But because of his, and their own record of leadership and service, they give to the secretaries to be elected not only hope but confidence that the goal can be achieved.

The Foreign Missions Conference today would formally, yet warmly, thank Dr. Fairfield for all he has meant to us and we join in prayer for him in his new post of service.

There being no further business, the Chairman then declared the Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference adjourned sine die.

NONA M. DIEHL, Temporary Recording Secretary
MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING
OF THE DIVISION ASSEMBLY
DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN THE U. S. A.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 29, 2:15 P.M.
Ballroom, Hollenden Hotel

(For attendance, see pp. 141-142.)

Call to Order

The Assembly was called to order by Glenn P. Reed acting by appointment of the Planning Committee of the Constituting Convention of the National Council.

The opening prayer was offered by S. Hjalmar Swanson.

Before proceeding to the transaction of business, Dr. Reed pointed out that at this stage of the meeting, the only persons authorized to vote were the members of the General Assembly of the National Council assigned to the Division of Foreign Missions. (See pp. 138-139.)

Election of Temporary Chairman and Temporary Recording Secretary

On the nomination of Hazel F. Shank, chairman of the Nominating Committee which had been asked to serve the Division in preparation for the Assembly, Luther A. Gotwald was elected temporary chairman; Nona M. Diehl was elected temporary recording secretary.

Dr. Gotwald then took his place on the platform.

Adoption of By-laws

Wynn C. Fairfield presented the proposed By-laws for the Division of Foreign Missions as printed in the Work Book of the Constituting Convention, pages 101-112. He said that, in the main, these By-laws were in the form previously circulated, with minor changes in sequence and wording. He called attention, however, to Article VII on Commissions and Article VIII on Joint Departments, which were new, and stated that it was proposed to adopt the By-laws as a working basis, to be studied by a special committee in the light of experience. This Committee could then recommend desirable changes.

Dr. Fairfield said that the By-laws had been drafted with the idea that the treasurer of the Council would be ex officio treasurer of the Division, but now it seemed wise to provide that the Division might have its own treasurer. Later the treasurer of the Council might be the treasurer of the Division. In accordance with his recommendation, it was then
VOTED, (DFM50-1) To amend the proposed By-laws by striking out Article V, Section 1 and substituting therefore the following:

1. The Officers of the Division shall be elected by the Assembly in accordance with Article X, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Council. They shall be a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, and shall be elected by the Assembly at each Annual Meeting and hold office for one year, from the close of that Meeting until the close of the following Annual Meeting, or until their respective successors are elected and have qualified; but in case the Chairman is nominated as Divisional Vice-President of the Council, his term of office shall be the two years of his service in that capacity. Each such officer shall be included in the representation from his communion or board for the Annual Meeting for which he serves, except that in case the Treasurer of the Council is elected to serve as the Treasurer of the Division, he shall be a voting member of the Assembly ex officio for the period of his service in that capacity.

The Chairman then asked the Assembly to vote on the By-laws as a whole as thus amended. It was

VOTED, (DFM50-2) to adopt the By-laws with the above change in Article V.

The Chairman then announced that, in accordance with the By-laws just adopted by the members of the General Assembly of the National Council assigned to the Division of Foreign Missions, the persons entitled to vote in the Division Assembly were augmented by the duly appointed voting representatives appointed to the Division by the Boards, and that hereafter all voting representatives were on an entirely equal basis. (See pages 139-141 for the additional voting representatives.)

Consultant Agencies

In accordance with the newly adopted By-laws, Article III, Section 4, and the recommendation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference it was

VOTED, (DFM50-3) To recognize as consultant agencies, without further application, the following bodies which have been related to the Conference in the past:

Member boards of the Conference which have expressed a desire to be recognized as consultant agencies of the Division:

1. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
2. Missionary Board of the Church of God
3. American Leprosy Missions
4. Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities
5. Foreign Missions Department, General Council of the Assemblies of God

Member boards of the Conference which have declined to become charter members of the Division, but have not declined to become consultant agencies:
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1. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Advent Christian Denomination
2. Department of Foreign Missions, General Board of the Church of the Nazarene
3. Board of Foreign Missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Affiliated agencies of the Conference which have not declined to become consultant agencies of the Division:

1. Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church
2. Board of Missions, California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church
3. Board of Foreign Missions, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
4. Board of Missions of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren
5. Lutheran Orient Missions Society
6. Board of Foreign Missions of the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America
7. United Free Gospel and Missionary Society
8. World's Christian Endeavor Union

It was explained by Dr. Fairfield that due to the fact that final lists of voting members had of necessity been compiled hurriedly, there were certain duplications and certain omissions. He noted especially that the representatives of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church, Ralph P. Hanson and Leslie Ostberg, were entitled to be full voting members and should not be classified as representatives of consultant agencies.

A member of the Assembly pointed out that the Laymen's Missionary Movement had been omitted from the list. Dr. Fairfield said that was an error and would be corrected.

These and other errors have been corrected on the lists appended to these Minutes.

Nomination of Fred Field Goodsell

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman then reported on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference that, having been unable as yet to secure a permanent successor to Wynn C. Fairfield, it had approached Fred Field Goodsell, offering him an interim appointment for not more than one biennium, and that he was willing to accept. It was then

VOTED, (DFM50-4) That the Division of Foreign Missions nominate Fred Field Goodsell to the General Board of the National Council, as one of the two executive secretaries of the Division of Foreign Missions for a term not to exceed a biennium.

Appointment of Committees

On the recommendation of the temporary Nominating Committee, the following Committees were appointed:
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Nominating Committee
Hazel F. Shank, chairman
Merle L. Davis
Nona M. Diehl
J. Earl Fowler
C. Darby Fulton
J. D. Graber
Mrs. Anne E. Heath
James K. Mathews
Laura K. Pelton
S. Hjalmar Swanson
Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor

Credentials Committee
Charles T. Leber, chairman
L. L. Berry
Raymond A. Dudley
Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor
Wynn C. Fairfield (staff)

By-laws Committee
(to consider and report on suggested changes)
Glenn P. Reed, chairman
C. Darby Fulton
L. A. Gotwald
Elizabeth M. Lee
Raymond A. Dudley
Sue Weddell (staff)

Credentials
Dr. Fairfield reported that in the matter of credentials no jurisdictional questions had been raised. One person, J. C. Haley, had asked to be transferred from the Division of Home Missions to the Division of Foreign Missions.

Election of Officers
The Division Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers in accordance with Article V of the By-laws of the Division, and it was

VOTED, (DFM50-5) To elect the following officers:

Chairman of the Division .................. C. C. Adams
First Vice-Chairman of the Division ...... Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
Second Vice-Chairman of the Division .... Rolf A. Syrdal
Recording Secretary of the Division .......... Irene A. Jones
Treasurer of the Division ................. Henrietta Gibson

Executive Secretaries .......... Sue Weddell
Fred Field Goodsell (interim appointment)

The Division Assembly then considered the matter of the chairman of the Executive Board in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the By-laws and it was

VOTED, (DFM50-6) To elect Charles T. Leber as Chairman of the Executive Board of the Division and to nominate him as Divisional Vice-President of the National Council, the term of service to be two years.

(Note: These officers were installed at the close of the meeting; see page 132.)
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VOTED, (DFM50-7) To appoint the following persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for the Second Division Assembly:

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Three Year Term

| Frank T. Cartwright         |
| Glenn P. Reed               |
| Virgil A. Sly               |

VOTED, (DFM50-8) To appoint the following persons to be representatives of the Foreign Division on the Committee of the International Missionary Council:

L. A. Dixon
D. H. Gallagher
L. A. Gotwald
Charles T. Leber
Elizabeth M. Lee
Hazel F. Shank
Sue Weddell

Dr. Fairfield reported that a Business and Resolutions Committee was needed for two items. The Division has not yet appointed such a committee so it was necessary to call on the FMC Committee, the members being as follows:

L. A. Dixon
Nona M. Diehl
Elizabeth M. Lee
Glenn P. Reed
Virgil A. Sly

It was

VOTED, (DFM50-9) That the above committee function temporarily for the Division.

Recess for Adjourned Meeting of FMC

At this point a recess was called in the Division so that the Foreign Missions Conference could hold an adjourned meeting to consider necessary business.

Reconvening of Division Assembly

After the adjournment of the meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference, the Division Assembly was reconvened with Dr. Gotwald presiding as Temporary Chairman.
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Joint Department of American Communities Overseas

Dr. Fairfield explained that authorization to care administratively for the Joint Department on American Communities Overseas had been given by the adoption of the By-laws so that no further action was needed.

The Budget

Dr. Fairfield presented the budget which had already been adopted by CRC and explained the assessment of two per cent for Central Services of the National Council. He proposed an action which was debated and amended, after which it was

VOTED, (DFM50-10) To adopt the following resolution:

That the Budget for General Services and Related Organizations of the Division of Foreign Missions for 1951, as included in the General Budget of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and including certain payments to service departments for services, totaling $128,888, with the expectation of receiving $106,938 in regular gifts and $20,000 in gifts specially designated for the International Missionary Council from member boards and consultant agencies, be approved for submission to the General Board of the National Council for final approval; that member boards be requested to contribute toward it for the year 1951 at the rate of one-half of one per cent of their recurring overseas expenditure in their budget years ending in 1948 as previously listed in the Coordinated Budget, and also to make specially designated contributions to International Missionary Council; that consultant agencies be requested to contribute toward the 1951 budget for General Services at least the same amount that they have contributed or may contribute toward it in the FMC fiscal year 1949-50 or in 1950, whichever is the larger; and that member boards which have no recurring overseas expenditure be requested to contribute not less than $25.00 toward the 1951 budget.

Business Committee

Canon Dixon reported that the Business and Resolutions Committee had no proposals to bring to the Division, but would bring one matter to the attention of the Executive Board.

Technical Assistance

Miss Weddell then presented, on behalf of the Staff Liaison Committee, a resolution on aid in the economic and social development of underdeveloped peoples. This was debated and amended. The Division Assembly then

VOTED, (DFM50-11) To adopt the following resolution:

Church and missions agencies have repeatedly expressed concern for an expanded program to aid in the economic and social development of underdeveloped peoples as being in the forefront of a positive peace program.
Our churches have pioneered in this field through missionary projects. Our churches need to provide continued and vigorous leadership in establishing the informed and dedicated public required to undergird this expanded program. We urge the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, in cooperation with the Division of Foreign Missions and other appropriate agencies of the National Council of Churches, the communions, and state and local councils of churches, to plan a consultation of church leaders and qualified lay experts to work on problems of church strategy in relation to programs to aid the peoples of underdeveloped areas.

**Invitation to Meet in Canada**

Jesse H. Arnup then informally invited the Division to hold its next meeting in Toronto, saying that a formal invitation would be forthcoming in due course from the Canadian Overseas Missions Council. This invitation was seconded by Laura K. Pelton.

The Temporary Chairman expressed thanks for this invitation and said it would be referred to the Executive Board.

**Installation of Officers**

The Temporary Chairman then asked the newly elected officers to come to the platform. They were presented to the Assembly, and the Temporary Chairman turned over the gavel to C. C. Adams, who expressed his appreciation of the honor of being the first Chairman of the Division of Foreign Missions.

**Adjournment**

The Division Assembly adjourned at 4:00 P.M., closing with prayer and benediction by the new Chairman, C. C. Adams.

*Nona M. Diehl, Temporary Recording Secretary*
**In Memoriam**

Dr. David Dudrow Baker taught at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, from 1924 until 1927, and then at the North Japan College of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Sendai for one year. He was ordained in 1928. From 1929 to 1934 he taught in the American School for Boys in Baghdad, Iraq, under the United Mission in Mesopotamia. He served as director of the Emergency World Service Commission from 1940 until 1942, when he was elected editor of *The Messenger*. He was a delegate to the Foreign Missions Conference during the years 1937 to 1941. Dr. Baker died, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, on June 27, 1950.

Mr. E. R. Holden, a Britisher, was for some sixty years a business man in Lisbon, Portugal, where he was a leader in the Plymouth Brethren fellowship and a stalwart supporter of evangelical cooperative enterprises. For many years he served as honorary treasurer of a number of Christian enterprises, among them the Liga Evangelical Missionaria, which is supported in part by North American boards, and the Comissao Portuguese Pro-Leprosos which is largely supported by the American Leprosy Missions, Inc. Mr. Holden died on September 10, 1950 in Lisbon, as the result of an automobile accident.

Dr. William E. Lampe, who passed away on August 16, 1950, at the age of seventy-five, gave a lifetime of leadership to his communion and to cooperative Christian movements. Ordained in 1900, he sailed with his bride for missionary service in Japan. Returning to the United States in 1907, he secured his doctor of philosophy degree at Princeton in one year. From 1908-1916, he was organizer and secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; 1916-1924, recording secretary of the World's Sunday School Association; 1917-1922, 1928, 1929 recording secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference; from 1914-1934 a secretary of the Reformed Church, and from then until his death, a secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He was a charter member of the United Stewardship Council, and served as its secretary and president. He was a delegate to Edinburgh in 1910. He was a member of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, and a member of the Planning Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Mr. Hermann A. Lum served for twenty-five years as executive secretary of the American University at Cairo at its offices in Philadelphia. He was active in Christian work among boys and young men during his college days, and after graduation served as YMCA secretary at Pennsylvania State College and at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Mr. Lum was interested in the Student Volunteer Movement, and, through his duties with the American University at Cairo, in the training and appointment of young men to teach in Egypt. He made three trips to Cairo in the interest of the university. Whenever possible Mr. Lum attended the meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference and he served as a member of the Committee on Work Among Moslems. He died on October 6, 1950, after a long illness.

Dr. P. H. Richert, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Conference, Mennonite Church of North America from 1911 until 1946, passed away on October 24, 1949. He was a delegate to several annual meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference during his service with the board.
PERSONNEL
OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER, 1950

(In this list, the asterisk indicates voting member of the Conference.)

*Adams, C. C., National Baptist
*Adams, Charles V., Methodist
*Altman, Roger, Seventh-day Adventist
*Appenzeller, Henry, missionary, Korea, Methodist
*Arnup, Jesse E., United Church of Canada
*Baker, Mrs. David D., Women's Guild, Evangelical and Reformed
*Bentley, John B., Protestant Episcopal
*Billingsley, Miss Margaret, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist
*Boggs, Marion A., Presbyterian U. S.
*Bower, Mrs. T. Smith, Board of Women's Work, Presbyterian U. S.
*Brubaker, Leland S., Church of the Brethren
*Bryant, W. P., Seventh-day Adventist
*Chappel, Nelson, John Milton Society
*Chapman, Miss Alice E., American Board
*Chun, Sung C., guest, Korea
*Clarke, David S., Seventh Day Baptist
*Colton, George E., Cumberland Presbyterian
*Colliver, Paul A., American Bible Society
*Colony, Miss Lucile, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist
*Condon, Miss Elizabeth, American McAll Association
*Corbett, Charles H., staff, Foreign Missions Conference
*Crane, Harold K., guest, Seventh Day Baptist
*Crosby, E. H., guest, Hartford Seminary Foundation
*Crosby, Mrs. Thomas L., American Board
*Cross, Mrs. Rowland M., guest
*Decker, William W., Church of England in Canada
*Diehl, Miss Nona M., Women's Missionary Society, United Lutheran
*Donough, Mrs. Agnes C. L., guest
*Dyer, Ralph E., Methodist
*Dyer, Raymond A., American Board
*Dysinger, Miss Frances, Women's Missionary Society, United Lutheran
*Easton, D. Allan, guest, Honolulu Council of Churches
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Edmeston, Miss Rhoda C., guest, Scarritt College
*Edelman, Dobbs F., Evangelical and Reformed
Ekeland, Mrs. Walter, Augustana Lutheran
*Elliott, Miss Ruth, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Ellis, James E., Methodist
Emerson, Miss Mabel E., guest
English, Mrs. James F., American Board
Epko, G. E., Evangelical United Brethren
Evans, Mrs. James M., guest, United Council of Church Women
Fairfield, Wynn C., staff, Foreign Missions Conference
Fairfield, Mrs. Wynn C., guest
*Farnum, Martin D., American Baptist
Femrite, Miss Selma, staff, Foreign Missions Conference
Fiedler, Fred J., United Lutheran
Flory, Miss Margaret, Presbyterian U. S. A.
Floyd, Arva C., Methodist
*Fowler, J. Earl, Protestant Episcopal
Foster, Miss Helen M., staff, Missionary Research Library
Frank, Mrs. H. S., Women's Society, Evangelical United Brethren
*Fulton, C. Darby, Presbyterian U. S.
Gallagher, D. H., United Church of Canada
Gallivan, Miss Helen, staff, Foreign Missions Conference
Gamack, Miss Ellen B., Woman's Auxiliary, Protestant Episcopal
Garber, Henry F., Eastern Mennonite
Gibbons, Ray, guest, Congregational Christian Council for Social Action
*Gibson, Miss Henrietta, officer, Foreign Missions Conference
*Goetsch, Mrs. F. A., Evangelical and Reformed
Goodall, Norman, speaker, International Missionary Council
Gordon, Miss Florence, staff, Foreign Missions Conference
*Gotwald, L. A., United Lutheran
Gray, Miss Frances, Presbyterian U. S. A.
*Hamilton, Kenneth G., Moravian
*Hanlon, Ralph P., Evangelical Mission Covenant
Hanson, Richard E., Methodist
*Harrisville, R. A., Evangelical Lutheran
Hausser, Mrs. M. Anna, Woman's Society, African Methodist Episcopal Zion
*Heath, Mrs. Anne E., Woman's Society, African Methodist Episcopal
*Hendricks, William M., United Presbyterian
*Higdon, E. K., United Christian Missionary Society
Hirabayashi, Takeo, speaker, Meiji Gakuin, Japan
Hoffman, Conrad, Jr., staff, International Missionary Council
Holm, David, speaker, Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary
Holthausen, Miss Jean, staff, Foreign Missions Conference
Hopkins, Garland E., guest, The Christian Century
Hopkins, Robert M., guest, Golden Rule Foundation
*Hostetter, Henry N., Brethren in Christ
Howden, H. R., Church of England in Canada
*Hunt, Mrs. Leslie, Woman's Auxiliary, Church of England in Canada
*Inman, S. G., guest
*Jackson, Mrs. Abbie Clement, Woman's Society, African Methodist Episcopal Zion
*Johnson, E. H., Student Volunteer Movement
Jones, Miss Irene A., Woman's American Baptist
Just, Mrs. Jacob, Reformed Church in America
Karefa-Smart, John, guest, Ibadan, Nigeria
*Karefa-Smart, Mrs. John, speaker, Ibadan, Nigeria
Keen, Thomas B., staff, Foreign Missions Conference
*Kellersberger, E. R., American Leprosy Missions
*Knapp, Forrest L., World Council of Christian Education
*Konsterlie, Peder, Lutheran Free Church
*Kortz, Edwin W., Moravian
Lancaster, Lewis H., Presbyterian U. S.
*Lasourette, Kenneth Scott, Yale-in-China
Lawoyin, Samuel, speaker, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology
*Leber, Charles T., Presbyterian U. S. A.
*Lee, Miss Elizabeth M., Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist
Lehmann, Paul, speaker, Princeton Theological Seminary
Lima, Miss Sylvia, guest, Brazil
*Linville, Jonathan, World Mission Prayer League
Lisa, J. L., guest
Link, Mrs. Nors W., Woman's Missionary Society, African Methodist Episcopal
*Long, Charles H., Jr., Protestant Episcopal
McCallie, J. P., Presbyterian U. S.
*Mclelland, D. F., National Board, Y. M. C. A.'s
McConnell, Mrs. H. H., United Presbyterian
*Mcdonald, James O., United Presbyterian
*McKeith, David, Jr., American Board
*McKillop, Mrs. J., Woman's Missionary Society, United Church of Canada
*Mcmillan, K. G., Presbyterian Church in Canada
McMullen, Robert J., guest, United Board for Christian Colleges in China

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McNulty, Miss Mary, speaker, Windham House Training Center for Episcopal church workers
*Mack, S. F., Presbyterian U. S. A.
*Mackay, John A., Presbyterian U. S. A.
*Madison, Ward N., American University at Cairo
Magill, O. R., staff, International Missionary Council
Mair, Mrs. Ruth, missionary, China, Woman's American Baptist
*Matthews, James K., Methodist
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White, Mrs. Rose C., staff, Foreign Missions Conference
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(as of April 1, 1951)

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*Berry, L. L., African Methodist Episcopal
*Block, Karl Morgan, Protestant Episcopal
*Bowman, Rufus D., Church of the Brethren
*Bradley, S. Hugh, Presbyterian U. S.
*Bridges, Ronald, Congregational Christian
*Brooks, Mrs. Frank G., Methodist
*Burch, Mrs. Harry E., Disciples of Christ
*Burke, Rudolph C., Augustana Lutheran
*Cadbury, William W., Friends of Philadelphia
*Cartwright, Frank T., Methodist
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*Coates, B. Washington, National Baptist
*Crosby, Mrs. Thomas L., alternate, Congregational Christian
Davis, Merle L., Five Years Meeting of Friends
*Dawson, Dana, Methodist
Diehl, Nona M., United Lutheran
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*English, Mrs. James F., Congregational Christian
*Epp, G. E., Evangelical United Brethren
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*Fisher, Wallace E., United Lutheran
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*Fowler, J. Earl, Protestant Episcopal
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Fulton, C. Darby, Presbyterian U. S.
*Gibson, Henrietta, Methodist
Gilbert, Janet, Evangelical United Brethren
*Goetch, Mrs. F. A., Evangelical and Reformed
*Gotwald, L. A., United Lutheran
Grace, Roy E., United Presbyterian (represented by George D. Munro)
Greene, S. L., African Methodist Episcopal
Gregg, J. A., African Methodist Episcopal
*Ham, Kenneth G., Moravian
Harris, Mrs. E. W. F., Colored Methodist Episcopal
*Hausser, Mrs. M. Anna, African Methodist Episcopal Zion
*Heath, Mrs. Anne E., African Methodist Episcopal
Heinmiller, Carl, Evangelical United Brethren

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*Brewer, Mrs. T. Smith, Woman's Presbyterian U. S.
*Brubaker, Leeland S., Church of the Brethren
*Burgess, A. S., Evangelical Lutheran
*Burke, Daniel, American Bible Society
*Callaway, Alice E., Congregational Christian
*Chappel, Nelson, John Milton Society (alternate for Milton T. Stauffer)
*Clarke, J. Calvitt, Christian Children's Fund
*Coleman, George E., Cumberland Presbyterian
*Collyer, Paul A., American Bible Society
*Congdon, Elizabeth, American McAll Association
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*Cumming, D. J., Presbyterian U. S.
*Darlington, Gilbert, American Bible Society
Davis, Mrs. Okey W., Women's Society Seventh Day Baptist
* Dixon, M. C., Cantal Mission
* Dixon, L. A., Church of England in Canada
*Dudley, Raymond A., Congregational Christian
Eastwood, Walter H., Presbyterian U. S. A. (represented by John H. Stanton)
Ekeland, Mrs. Walter, Augustana Lutheran
Elliott, Mrs. Harrison S., Y. W. C. A.
Elliott, Ruth, Presbyterian U. S. A.
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Ewald, Charles J., Y. M. C. A.
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*Gold, Mrs. Howard R., United Lutheran
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Hodgeboom, E. M., Woman's Missionary Association, United Brethren in Christ
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Hume, E. H., American Bible Society
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*Johnson, E. H., Student Volunteer Movement
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*Keppel, Forrest L., World Council of Christian Education
Knudson, Melford, World Council of Christian Education
*Konser, Peder, Lutheran Free Church
*Lauster, Lewis H., Presbyterian U. S.
*Lauthetto, Kenneth Scott, Yale-in-China
Lemmann, Katharine, American Lutheran Women
*Lindell, Jonathan, World Mission Prayer League
*McCandless, Mrs. Arthur B., Women's United Presbyterian
*McClain, Dalton F., Y. M. C. A.
*McConnell, Mrs. H. H., United Presbyterian (alternate for W. Bruce Wilson)
*McHugh, Mrs. H. J., United Presbyterian
*McKillop, Mrs. John, Woman's United Church of Canada
*McMillan, K. G., Presbyterian Church in Canada
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*Madison, Ward N., American University at Cairo
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Miller, Orice O., Eastern Mennonite
*Moffet, Mrs. John B., United Lutheran
*Monet, Mrs. John B., Church of the Brethren
*Muller, Mrs. Robert, St. Christopher's Training College
*Nelson, William C., Evangelical and Reformed (alternate for Paul H. Schulz)
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Osten, Mrs. Ella M., Women's American Lutheran
*Pae, Mrs. Arthur W., Women's Presbyterian Church in Canada
*Perry, Mrs. Laura E., Women's Presbyterian Church in Canada
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Ransom, Ruth, Reformed Church in America (represented by Mrs. Jacob Juist)
*Reed, Glenn P., United Presbyterian
*Rounds, Mrs. L. R., Christian Literature for Women and Children
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*Sherman, Mrs. Arthur M., Protestant Episcopal
*Skoglund, John E., American Baptist
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*Somerville, Wendell C., Lott Carey Baptist
*Stanton, John H., Presbyterian U. S. A. (alternate for Walter H. Eastwood)
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Stiller, Francis C., American Bible Society
Swanson, Edgar E., Evangelical Mission Covenant (represented by Leslie Ostberg)
*Sydor, R. A., Evangelical Lutheran
*Taylor, Mrs. Hugh D., Woman's United Church of Canada
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Wilson, W. Bruce, United Presbyterian (represented by Mrs. H. H. McConnell)
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*Bradley, W. F., Seventh-day Adventists
*Currie, Raymond P., American Leprosy Missions (represented by E. R. Kellersberger)
*Hostetter, Henry N., Brethren in Christ
*Kellersberger, E. R., American Leprosy Missions (alternate for Raymond P. Currier)
*Mosemann, John H., Mennonite Board of Missions
*Quinn, C. Lowrey, Church of God
*Robison, J. I., Seventh-day Adventists
*Roenfelt, E. E., Seventh-day Adventists
*Smith, J. Edgar, Church of God.
*Ulery, Carl J., Brethren in Christ

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ATTENDANCE AT FIRST DIVISION ASSEMBLY
(November 29, 1950)

[Persons indicated on the preceding list by an asterisk, and, in addition, the visitors and members of the staff on the lists below, were in attendance at the first meeting of the Division Assembly in Cleveland, November 29, 1950.]

Visitors

Appenzeller, Henry D., Methodist
Baker, Mrs. David D., Women’s Guild, Evangelical and Reformed
Bieri, Kathryne, Woman’s Division of Christian Service, Methodist
Billingsley, Margaret, Woman’s Division of Christian Service, Methodist
Brandon, Mrs. Arthur
Brumbaugh, T. T., Methodist
Buckler, Mrs. Paul K., Presbyterian U. S.
Calder, Helen B.
Carr, L. G., National Baptist
Casselman, A. V., Evangelical and Reformed
Chun, Sung C.
Colman, Reuben W., Association of Council Secretaries
Colony, Lucile, Woman’s Division of Christian Service, Methodist
Cronin, E. H., Hartford Seminary Foundation
Cromwell, H. A., National Baptist
Diffendorfer, R. E., Japan Christian University
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

As amended at the Special Meeting of April 25, 1950
and in effect on November 29, 1950

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Conference is to meet the legal requirements necessary for the election of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., the corporate body of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., hereinafter referred to as the Division; and to receive and forward to the Division bequests and other gifts made in the name of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Conference shall be those agencies or persons having membership in the Division, according to Article III of the By-laws of the Division.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Division Assembly for the purpose of electing the members of the Board of Directors of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc. in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Incorporation, and for such other purposes as the Division may direct. The Conference may hold a special meeting at such time and place as the Division may direct. Representation at those meetings shall be the representatives appointed to the Division Assembly.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Division shall be the officers of the Conference and carry corresponding duties.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Conference or at any meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Two months' notice in writing of proposed amendments must be given to all member boards before action is taken. Subject to this provision, proposed amendments may be adopted at the next annual or special meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of representatives of member agencies present and voting. Any proposals for dissolution of the Conference shall be considered and handled as amendments to this Constitution, and the same principle shall apply to any proposals for surrender of the Act of Incorporation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc. to the full extent permitted by the applicable laws of the State of New York.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

Laws of New York—By Authority.
Chap. 699.

Became a law June 1, 1917 with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Anna R. Atwater, Allan R. Bartholomew, James L. Barton, Arthur J. Brown, William I. Chamberlain, Ed. F. Cook, Stephen J. Corey, James Endicott, James H. Franklin, Alfred Gandler, John F. Goucher, Sidney Gould, Margaret E. Hodge, A. Woodruff Halsey, George Johnson, Arthur S. Lloyd, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, Cornelius H. Patton, Lucy W. Peabody, George Wharton Pepper, T. B. Ray, Paul de Schweinitz, Egbert W. Smith, Charles R. Watson, L. B. Wolf, James Wood, and their associates and successors are constituted a body corporate in perpetuity under the name of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc., and by that name shall possess all the powers which by the general corporation law are conferred upon corporations and shall be capable of taking, holding, and acquiring, by deed, gift, purchase, bequest, devise, or other manner, any estate, real or personal, in trust or otherwise, which may be necessary or useful for the uses and purposes of the corporation, and of disposing of the same and giving title therefor, without limit as to the amount or value, except such limitations, if any, as the legislature has heretofore imposed, or may hereafter impose.

SECTION 2. The object of this corporation shall be to aid and promote the work of foreign missions as represented by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

SECTION 3. The management and disposition of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors composed of the individuals named in the first section of this act, as incorporators and their associates and successors in office. The said board of directors shall be composed of not less than nine nor more than thirty-six members, one-third of whom shall be elected each year by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at the annual meeting of the said Conference, and shall hold office for the period of three years or until their successors are elected, and the persons named in the first section of this act shall constitute and be the first board of directors of the said corporation and at their first meeting after the adoption of this act shall determine which of its members shall serve for one, two, or three years, respectively, as may have been specified by the Conference aforesaid at its last preceding annual meeting.

SECTION 4. This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no dividends, and no director, officer, committeeman, or employee of this corporation shall receive, or be entitled to receive, any pecuniary profit from the operations of such corporation, except that reasonable compensation for services may be paid to employees for services rendered in effecting the purposes of the corporation.

SECTION 5. Said corporation shall have power to make and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations for the government of its business, and from time to time to repeal or amend such by-laws, and regulations, but it shall not take any action that is not in accordance with the acts and decisions of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

SECTION 6. The principal office of the corporation hereby created shall at all times be within the State of New York, and the books and records of said corporation shall be kept in said office.

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Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York,

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

Francis M. Hugo,
Secretary of State.

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As adopted November 29, 1950

PREAMBLE

Organized missionary cooperation in North America began with the establishment of the Foreign Missions Conference in 1893. The Division of Foreign Missions, succeeding to the responsibilities of the Conference in 1950, is the developing instrument of that cooperation, dedicated to the spread of the Christian evangel throughout the whole world.

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this Division, as provided for in Article X of the Constitution of the Council, shall be DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter respectively referred to as "the Division" and "the Council." Under the title of "The Foreign Missions Conference of North America," hereinafter referred to as "the Conference," the Division fulfills the legal function of electing the Directors and directing the work of its incorporated body, "The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Inc.," incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by act of the Legislature, Chapter 699, June 1, 1917.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

1. Purpose. It is the purpose of the Division to further the general objectives of the Council by providing a medium through which boards may make effective their essential unity of purpose and by cooperation may promote the effectiveness of their work.

2. Functions. The functions of the Division are:

a) To provide for conferences of representatives of boards for consultation and for the presentation and discussion of topics concerning their work
b) To provide for the investigation and study of missionary problems
c) To foster and promote a science of missions
d) To perform specific tasks, including any requested by the Council, as agreed upon by the boards through their representatives
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e) To facilitate cooperation by two or more boards in any foreign missionary endeavor in which they may desire united action
f) As may be directed by representatives of the boards, to represent them, or any of them, in consultations and cooperative relationships with other Divisions of the Council; with non-participating foreign mission boards; with other committees, councils and agencies of the churches; with social and philanthropic agencies; and, in so far as such relationships are in harmony with the policies of the Council, with other voluntary groups and with governments

3. The Division shall have authority in accordance with the Constitution and General By-laws of the Council and the Act of Incorporation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Conference:
   a) To regulate its own proceedings
   b) To secure, appropriate and administer funds for its work

4. The Division recognizes the complete administrative autonomy of all boards and their right to determine the form and extent of their cooperation within the Division. The Division being a purely voluntary association of boards, neither it nor any of its parts has authority to commit boards to any position, policy or course of action, except as such boards may request or authorize the Division or other unit so to act, and then only within the bounds of such request or authority.

5. The Division represents boards in the sense of possessing through direct representation unique opportunity for knowing the mind and the policies of the several boards. The influence and usefulness of the Division will depend upon the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure, and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations.

6. It is not within the scope of the Division to consider questions of ecclesiastical faith and order which represent denominational differences.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Division is held by mission boards, societies and agencies of the United States and Canada engaged in Christian work overseas, hereinafter referred to as "the boards," in accordance with Article III, Sections 2b and 3b, of the Constitution of the Council, as follows:

1. Boards whose communions have membership in the Council as a whole are participating bodies in the Division.

2. Denominational boards and other agencies which were members of the Conference at the time of its becoming the Division and which accepted membership in the Division prior to the Constituting Convention of the Council, are also participating bodies with equal standing within the Division.

3. a) Other denominational boards and agencies which accept the purpose and functions of the Division as defined in Article II of these By-laws and the Preamble of the Constitution of the Council may become participating bodies in accordance with the procedure described in Paragraph b) of this Section. Such other agencies may include women's foreign missionary organizations which are auxiliary to the general missionary organizations of their churches, interdenominational boards of management for Christian institutions of higher learning in the mission field overseas, interdenominational agencies which serve the common interest because of their close relation to foreign missionary work, and boards or committees of control of interboard enterprises.

b) Any such organization applying for participation in the Division shall,
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with its application, supply a statement of its objectives and principles, a copy of its Constitution and By-laws, its Articles of Incorporation, if incorporated, its latest official report and its financial reports for the five years immediately preceding. The board, in accordance with Articles III, Section 3b, and X, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Council, shall examine the application, the accompanying documents and any other relevant data, to form a judgment as to whether the objectives and principles revealed are in harmony with those of the Division, and shall then make, in writing to the boards, recommendation for action on the application. Not earlier than three months after the date of such recommendation, the Division in its Assembly may, by a two-thirds vote of representatives present and voting, admit the applicant to participation in the Division.

4. The Division may recognize as Consultant Agencies, by the process described in Section 3b above, such boards or agencies as are in agreement with its purposes and functions but are unable to apply for participation on the usual basis. Such Consultant Agencies shall be entitled to share in the services and support of the Division as may be mutually agreed upon, and to appoint representatives to the Assembly upon the same basis of representation as full participants. Their representatives to the Assembly shall have the privileges of the floor, without vote.

ARTICLE IV. DIVISION ASSEMBLY

1. The governing body of the Division, in accordance with Article X, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Council, shall be the Division Assembly, hereinafter referred to as "the Assembly."

2. Representation at meetings of the Assembly shall be on the following basis:

   a) Communions which have membership in the Council as a whole and their boards shall be represented at all Assembly meetings by the representatives of those communions which have been assigned to the Assembly in accordance with Article X, Section 4, of the Constitution and Article VII, Section 1, of the General By-laws of the Council. In case such representation is less in number than that to which the board (or boards) would be entitled under the provisions of Section 2b of this Article, the board may appoint additional representatives so as to bring its entire representation up to that number.

   b) Boards participating in the Division under Article III, Sections 2 and 3, of these By-laws, shall be entitled to representation as follows:

      (1) From each board, two representatives

      (2) From each denominational board which includes responsibility for the women's foreign mission work of its denomination and which has an annual recurring expenditure for foreign missions, exclusive of home base and administrative expense and non-recurring items overseas, in excess of $100,000, two additional representatives

      (3) From each board or from each group of two or more boards serving a single denomination, two additional representatives when such board's or group's total annual recurring expenditure for foreign missions, exclusive of home base and administrative expense and non-recurring items overseas, is successively in excess of the following figures: $250,000; $500,000; $1,000,000; and also two for each additional $500,000 over $1,000,000
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(4) From each woman's foreign missionary organization which is auxiliary to the general missionary organization of its church, representation in accordance with Paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection.

(5) From each interdenominational or undenominational board of management organized in North America for Christian institutions of higher learning in the mission field overseas, one representative.

(6) From each interdenominational or undenominational agency which serves the common interest because of its close relation to foreign missionary work, one representative.

(7) From each board or committee of control of interboard enterprises, one representative.

c) The Chairmen of Representative, Standing and Special Committees, members of the board not appointed as representatives of their boards, members of the Staff Council in accordance with Article XIII of these By-laws, and the General Secretary of the Council, shall be ex officio members of all meetings of the Assembly, without vote but with the privileges of the floor.

d) The board may invite representatives of other units of the Council, of state and local councils of churches and of church women, and of other related interdenominational organizations, to sit in the Assembly as consultative members with all the privileges of the floor, except vote.

e) The voting representatives in the General Assembly assigned to the Assembly shall have the same term of office in the Assembly as in the General Assembly. Representatives appointed under Section 2b of this Article, and the additional representatives appointed under Section 2a shall have a term of two years, beginning at the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Assembly held during or near the Biennial Meeting of the Council and terminating just before the second following Annual Meeting or until their successors have been chosen and have qualified. In case of their inability to attend the intervening Annual Meeting or any special meeting during their term of office, their boards may appoint alternates for that meeting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the Division shall be elected by the Assembly in accordance with Article X, Section 7, of the Constitution of the Council. They shall be a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, and shall be elected by the Assembly at each Annual Meeting and hold office for one year, from the close of that Meeting until the close of the following Annual Meeting, or until their respective successors are elected and have qualified; but in case the Chairman is nominated as Divisional Vice-President of the Council, his term of office shall be the two years of his service in that capacity. Each such officer shall be included in the representation from his board for the Annual Meeting for which he serves, except that in case the Treasurer of the Council is elected to serve as the Treasurer of the Division, he shall be a voting member of the Assembly ex officio for his period of service in that capacity.

2. Duties

a) The Officers of the Division and of the Board shall perform such duties and bear such responsibilities as usually appertain to such offices.

b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody of all funds of
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the Division and the Board and for the disbursement of these funds in accordance with regulations established by the Board. Funds of the Board available for investment shall be invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Board’s Executive Committee.

c) The Treasurer shall present an annual financial statement at the first meeting of the Board after the close of the fiscal year and at the Annual Meeting, and interim statements when requested by the Board. The annual financial statement shall be audited as the Board or the General Board may direct.

ARTICLE VI—EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. There shall be an Executive Board of the Division, elsewhere in these By-laws referred to as “the Board.” It shall be composed of: (a) the Officers of the Division, not including its salaried Officers; (b) the Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of Representative and Standing Committees, and (c) twenty-four additional members to be elected by the Conference who shall hold office for a period of three years in groups of eight to be elected annually and who shall constitute the Board of Directors called for in Section 3 of the Act of Incorporation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Conference. This Board shall be the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Conference. The term of office shall begin at the time of election and extend for a period of three years or until their successors are elected and have qualified. The Board shall have a Chairman who shall be elected by the Assembly and shall elect such other Officers as it deems expedient. The term of office shall begin at the end of the Annual Meeting and extend for a term of one year until the close of the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and have qualified; but in case the Chairman is nominated as Divisional Vice-President of the Council, his term of office shall be the two years of his service in that capacity.

2. The Board shall adopt Standing Rules to govern detailed matters of procedure which may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Board.

3. The Board shall have, ad interim, all powers of the Division not restricted to meetings of the Assembly by the Constitution of the Council, these By-laws, or the Act of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VII. COMMISSIONS

The Division may, in accordance with Article X, Section 8, of the Constitution and Article VII, Section 4, of the General By-laws of the Council, appoint such Commissions and assign them such responsibilities as may be necessary and desirable.

ARTICLE VIII. JOINT DEPARTMENTS

1. The Division shall participate in the work of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education and of the following Joint Departments:

a) Administratively related to the Division:
   American Communities Overseas

b) Functionally related to the Division:
   Christian Life Service
   Evangelism
   Family Life
   Religious Liberty
   Stewardship
2. The Division shall, in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution and Article IX of the General By-laws of the Council, provide administrative services for the Joint Department on American Communities Overseas and for such other Joint Commissions and Joint Departments as may be administratively related to it later by provisions of the General By-laws of the Council or by action of the General Board. In the case of such Joint Commissions or Joint Departments, their Executive Officers shall have the same relationship to the operations of the Division as do those of Representative Committees.

ARTICLE IX. DEPARTMENTS

The Division may set up such Departments and assign them such responsibilities as may be necessary and desirable in accordance with Article X, Section 8, of the Constitution, and Article VII, Section 4, of the General By-laws of the Council.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

1. Representative Committees
   a) The Board may authorize the creation, alteration or discharge of Representative Committees organized for the purpose of forwarding the interests of participating Boards in different areas or in particular functions of mission work, or may recognize as Representative Committees groups already functioning in this respect.
   b) A Representative Committee shall have full liberty to act within the framework of the Division in accordance with mutually accepted relationships. Participation in the Division as a Representative Committee carries with it the obligation for clearance on all major matters which directly involve essential interests of the Division or the Council as a whole, or involve those of other Representative Committees, the responsibility resting with the Division.
   c) Each Representative Committee shall seek to provide opportunities for boards to counsel and act together on missionary problems pertaining to its particular area or function. It shall consider and seek to forward by appropriate action such cooperative or united work as the participating boards approve, including any necessary financing and administration both for its basic service and for such special projects as may be undertaken, subject to the general authority of the Assembly and the board. Each Representative Committee shall be primarily responsible for financing all phases of its work, including secretarial oversight, administrative expenses, and work projects. Each Representative Committee shall adopt Rules of Procedure covering membership and administration, to be in harmony with these By-laws.
   d) Each board desiring to participate in the work of a Representative Committee shall be entitled to do so, unless otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Representative Committee. It shall designate to serve upon the Representative Committee one or more representatives for such period as it may wish, the number of representatives from each participating board to be determined in the Rules of Procedure of the Representative Committee. A Representative Committee so desiring may provide for the participation in its work of representatives of organizations not members of the Division. It may invite additional members according to its Rules of Procedure, but not in number in excess of one-third of the total membership. It may provide
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for participation on a correspondence basis by boards which are unable to participate more fully in its deliberations and activities, but desire to be kept informed concerning those deliberations and activities and to receive its services. In the case of boards participating on such a basis, a mutually satisfactory arrangement for remuneration for such services shall be worked out.

e) Secretaries of functional Representative Committees shall be ex officio members without vote of area Representative Committees and secretaries of area committees shall have the same relationship to functional committees.

f) Each Representative Committee shall elect its Officers and appoint its subcommittees according to its Rules of Procedure. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as may be determined by each Representative Committee, shall be its ex officio member of the Board, and with its secretary shall be responsible for presenting such matters as should properly come from it to the Board.

g) Activities of Representative Committees shall be reported to the Division or its Board from time to time, so that such activities may be known to all boards and may be correlated by the Division.

h) The listing of the Representative Committees with their functions shall be included in the Standing Rules of the Division.

2. a) The Assembly shall elect a Standing Committee on Nominations which shall have the following duties:

(1) To present to the Annual Meeting a list of nominees from among the representatives in the Assembly for the Officers of the Division listed in Article V, Section 1a, of these By-laws; for the Chairman of the Board, and for membership on the Board, on the Standing Committee on Nominations and on the Business Committee for that Meeting. The Board on its own initiative may fill ad interim any vacancies.

(2) At the first meeting of the Board following the election of its new members at the Annual Meeting, to present a list of nominees for other Officers of the Board, for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Staff Council, for members and Officers of Standing Committees, other than the Standing Committee on Nominations, for representatives and nominees of the Division on Joint Commissions and Joint Departments and other joint agencies of the Council and upon other organizations, and for any other elective or appointive positions the filling of which is not restricted to the Assembly. In the case of salaried Officers, the Standing Committee on Nominations shall receive and embody the recommendations of the Board's Executive Committee.

(3) Biennially at the meeting of the Assembly to nominate the officer to be nominated to the Council as a Divisional Vice-President.

b) The Board shall appoint an Executive Committee and other Standing and Special Committees for carrying on the work of the Division, as it may deem desirable, the list of Standing Committees to be included in the Standing Rules for the Division.

ARTICLE XI. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER UNITS OR AGENCIES

1. The Division shall seek at all times to cooperate with other Divisions, Departments, Commissions and Committees of the Council and to appoint or nominate representatives to work with other units in the coordination of
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effort as set forth in the Constitution and General By-laws of the Council.

2. The Division shall make provision for representation on its Committees from units of the Council whose work is closely related to foreign missions. Similarly, the Division shall name representatives to serve on such other units of the Council as may be agreed upon.

3. The Board may cooperate with other organizations with similar interests through the formation of joint committees or agencies, in each case defining their authority and responsibilities, as well as methods of financing, and appointing the representatives of the Division to serve upon them. It may also designate an existing organization to serve as the Division's agent in specified matters or areas of concern.

ARTICLE XII. COORDINATING COMMITTEES

In accordance with Article XIV of the Constitution and Article XI of the General By-laws of the Council, the Division shall participate in such Coordinating Committees on behalf of the entire work of the Council as may be requested by the General Board of the Council.

ARTICLE XIII. STAFF

1. Salaried Officers of the Division shall be proposed by the Executive Committee to the Board upon the recommendation of its Sub-Committee on Executive Staff, in consultation with the General Secretary of the Council. The Board may then nominate them to the General Board for election, through the Divisional Vice-President and the General Secretary, as provided in Article XV of the General By-laws of the Council.

2. The Division shall have a Staff Council composed of its secretaries other than the Recording Secretary, including those serving Representative Committees, and of the secretaries of the International Missionary Council resident in North America. On vote of the Staff Council, secretaries of Standing or Special Committees of the Division, or of joint committees in which the Division participates, or of organizations recognized as serving a similar function, shall be included in its membership.

3. The Staff Council shall be responsible for reviewing and for advancing in such ways as it may deem desirable the program of all committees of the Division; for coordinating related elements of their work; for formulating and proposing new work which it believes desirable; for advising the Division and its Board; and for carrying out such responsibilities and exercising such functions as the Division or its Board may from time to time delegate to it.

ARTICLE XIV. BUDGET

1. All participating boards shall be expected to share in the financial support of the work of the Division, except that in the case of Representative Committees only those boards appointing representatives to any given committee shall be expected to participate in the financing of that committee or to receive the benefit of its services, unless the Representative Committee shall provide for participation on a correspondence basis as stated in Article X, Section 1d, of these By-laws. Contributions may be sought by the Division and its committees from other sources if desired, subject to such regulations as the Division and the Council may from time to time adopt.

2. In accordance with Article V, Section 9, Articles XIII and XV of the Constitution and Articles VI, VII, Section 3, and XIV of the General By-laws, the Board shall prepare an annual coordinated budget for the Division as a whole, which shall include all receipt and expenditure items
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for the work of (a) the general services; (b) related agencies in the sup­port of which the Division shares; (c) the Representative Committees; (d) any Standing Committees which have separate budget and (e) Joint Commissions, Joint Departments, or committees in the support of which the Division shares.

3. Each Representative Committee or other budgetary unit shall be primarily responsible, in accordance with the procedures of the Council and the Division, for financing all phases of its work, including secretarial oversight, administrative expense and work projects.

4. In preparing the budgets of the several units for inclusion in the coordinated budget, submitting them to the boards, and adopting final operating budgets for the fiscal years, within the limits approved by the General By-laws of the Council, those responsible shall follow the procedures specified in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XV. MEETINGS

1. The Division shall meet annually in the Assembly at such time and place as the Assembly or the Board may determine, written notice to be sent to all representatives sixty days in advance, and may hold special meetings of the Assembly, at such times and places as the Assembly or the Board shall designate. Written notice of special meetings shall be sent to all representatives sixty days in advance, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

2. The Board as a rule shall have quarterly meetings, written notice of which shall be sent to all representatives at least thirty days in advance. Special meetings of the Board may be called as it may determine. Written notice shall be sent to all representatives not less than thirty days in advance, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

3. The Division from time to time, either under its own auspices or in concert with other agencies, shall arrange for gatherings of representatives of boards and agencies engaged in the work of foreign missions for the consideration of missionary issues and interests and for the development in the churches of a deepening concern for the missionary enterprise. These gatherings shall have no legislative functions.

ARTICLE XVI. QUORUM

Twenty-five representatives shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the Assembly. Nine voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board or of the Board of Directors of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Conference. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee of the Board.

ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Assembly or of the Board. Two months' notice in writing of proposed amendments must be given to all member boards before action is taken. Subject to this provision, proposed amendments may be adopted at the next meeting of the Assembly by a two-thirds vote of representatives present and voting provided that the said amendments are, in the judgment of the General Board, in harmony with the Constitution and General By-laws of the Council.
Representative Committees shall include the following and such others as may be authorized by the Executive Board:

1. **Area Committees**
   a. Africa Committee
   b. China Committee
   c. India, Pakistan and Ceylon Committee
   d. Japan Committee
   e. Korea Committee
   f. Committee on Cooperation in Latin America
   g. Near East Committee
   h. Philippine Committee
   i. Southeast Asia Committee

2. **Functional Committees**
   a. Associated Mission Medical Office
   b. Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work
   c. Christian Religious Education Overseas Committee
   d. Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee
   e. Rural Missions Cooperating Committee
   f. Treasurers Committee
   g. Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature

**Article II. Joint Offices**

1. Two or more Representative Committees may arrange to have their administrative and service needs handled through a Joint Office, with one or more executives and such further staff as may be necessary. They shall arrange for a committee representative of all the committees involved, which shall prepare a budget for the operation of the office to be included in the Coordinated Budget in accordance with the same procedures as for Representative Committees. The expense of any such Joint Office shall be allocated to the boards represented in the participating Representative Committees on the general basis of their comparative expenditures in the total area served.

2. Such Joint Office Committees may serve also as advisory committees on policy in matters concerning two or more of the areas or functions served by the Joint Office.

**Article III. Standing Committees**

1. Standing Committees shall include the following and such others as may be authorized by the Division Assembly or the Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"):  
   a. Committee on Arrangements for the Annual Meeting
   b. Christian Missions and the Problem of Communism
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c. Committee on Cooperation with the Churches of Europe
d. Executive Committee (which shall have a Sub-Committee on Executive Staff)
e. Committee on Interchange of Christian Leadership
f. Missionary Personnel Committee
g. Nominating Committee
h. Public Relations Committee
i. Committee on Relief and Reconstruction Services
j. Research Committee (which shall also represent the Division in the Joint Committee on the Missionary Research Library)
k. Committee on Special Program and Funds

2. Standing Committees shall deal, under the direction of the Board, with such matters as their titles suggest, and with other matters that may be referred to them by the Board. The particular duties of any Standing Committee shall include those specified in the following sections of this Article.

3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, who shall hold the same offices in the Executive Committee; the Chairman of the Division; and the Recording Secretary of the Board, all ex officio with vote; and of eleven others, of whom at least four shall be board treasurers. The presence of five members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The Committee shall be free to draw into its counsels specialized personnel from member boards and otherwise as consultants.

b. The Executive Committee shall have a Sub-Committee on Executive Staff, to consist of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (who shall serve also as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee) and four other persons appointed by the Executive Committee from its own membership. It shall have the following responsibilities with reference to Secretaries of the Division:

(1) To study and review from time to time the status of the entire executive staff of the Division in such matters as salaries, vacations, retirement arrangements and general working conditions, with a view to securing just and fair treatment of the executive staff both as between members of the staff itself and in comparison with others carrying similar responsibilities in other units of the Council;

(2) To study and review from time to time the work of the several secretaries with special reference to provision for effective use of their time and abilities, and to inter-office clearance on such matters;

(3) To be available for counsel to members of the executive staff in matters concerning problems of finance and relationship;

(4) In consultation with Representative Committees to nominate persons to serve as their secretaries, and in consultation with the chairman of the Staff Council to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the executive staff for general administration; such nominations when approved by the Board shall be submitted for action to the General Board of the Council in accordance with Article XV of the General By-laws of the Council;

(5) To advise the Executive Committee concerning future relationships in the case of secretaries who have reached or been continued beyond the age of automatic retirement;

(6) To provide for the custody and care of confidential records of the executive staff; and
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(7) To serve as a group of reference in case of differences on matters of policy and procedure between the executive staff and the clerical staff which cannot be cleared by the Joint Staff Committee.

c. Other duties of the Executive Committee shall include those dealing with financial procedure set forth in Article IV of these Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

1. All financial procedures shall be in harmony with Article XV of the Constitution and Article XIV of the General By-laws of the Council.

2. Each Representative Committee shall be responsible for financing all phases of its work, including secretarial oversight, administrative expense, and work projects. It shall prepare an annual budget covering all classes of expense.

3. Each Representative Committee shall report to the Executive Board by May 1st of each year its proposed annual budget for the next fiscal year for approval, coordination and presentation to the boards in the annual coordinated budget of the Division by July 1st. Not later than thirty days after the beginning of its fiscal year, each Representative Committee shall review its budget included in the coordinated budget in the light of fuller information on sources of income and if necessary so revise it as to avoid the probability of a deficit.

4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the review of the coordinated budget including objective study and comparative appraisal of the overseas project budgets of Representative, Standing and Joint Committees (after they have been reviewed by the Staff Council) taking adequate time for such study and providing opportunities for the chairmen of these Committees to appear in person and explain their budgets. The Executive Committee shall report its appraisals to the Representative Committees and to the Executive Board for their consideration. The Executive Committee shall be responsible also for a similar objective study and comparative appraisal of interim and emergency requests of Representative Committees. The Executive Committee shall study also the matter of appeals by Representative and Standing Committees to interested constituencies, outside the member boards, with a view to preventing overlapping and confusion and also to securing greater support by presenting a well-coordinated appeal in cooperation with the Central Department of Finances in accordance with Article XIV of the General By-laws of the Council.

5. The budget for general services and related organizations shall be prepared by the secretaries for general administration, cleared as desirable with the Staff Council, and presented to the Executive Committee for detailed study and recommendation to the Board. Unless final action on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year is taken by the Division Assembly itself, the Executive Committee shall have authority before the beginning of any fiscal year to determine the final operating budget for general services and related organizations for that year, within the limits approved by the General Board of the Council. The executive secretary of the Division shall keep the Executive Committee informed on the state of budgetary operations during the year, and the Executive Committee shall have authority to make emergency ad interim decisions concerning the budget. Responsibility for administration (including minor readjustments between different classes of expenditure) within the total (or amended) budget for any given year rests with the secretaries for general administration.

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6. The Staff Council shall make a comparative review of the home base administrative budgets of Representative and Standing Committees in order to ensure sound financial administration and so far as possible to establish and maintain uniformity in office and administrative practices, particularly in the field of employer-employee relationships. It shall make any recommendations deemed advisable to the budgetary units concerned, who shall make the presentation to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the coordinated budget. Salaries of the executive staff serving the Division shall be determined by the General Board in accordance with the personnel policies of the Council.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATION OF DIVISIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

In order to provide for representation in the General Board of the Council by the elected officer most fully in touch with the operations of the Department and to make possible the continuation of the practice of electing as chairman of the Division to preside at meetings of its Assembly any person within its constituency whom the Department desires to honor, without restriction as to geographical location or nationality, the Department ordinarily shall nominate the person elected as the chairman of the Executive Board to serve as the Divisional Vice-President of the Council for the Division of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE VI. REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER UNITS OF THE COUNCIL IN UNITS OF THE DIVISION

1. General Department of United Church Women

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2, and Article IV, Section 2-d of the By-laws of the Division, the General Department of United Church Women shall be invited to appoint one consultant to sit with each area and functional Representative Committee and from among such appointees or otherwise to appoint ten persons to sit in the Division Assembly as non-voting representatives.

2. Liaison Representatives to the Executive Board

In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Division, each Division and General Department, the Central Department of Church World Service, the Joint Commission on Missionary Education, the Joint Department of Stewardship, and the Department of International Justice and Goodwill and the Joint Department of Evangelism shall be invited to appoint one or two persons to sit as consultants in the meetings of the Executive Board with all the privileges of the floor except the power to vote. Upon request or by mutual agreement, this invitation may be extended to other units of the Council by action of the Executive Board.

3. Other Liaison Representatives

Other units of the Division may invite competent individuals to sit with them as consultants or may invite other units of the Council to appoint such consultants.

ARTICLE VII. EXPENSES OF MEETINGS

The expenses of members of the Executive Board and of the Executive Committee in attending all regular and special meetings of their respective units may be paid out of the treasury of the Division upon presentation of bills by the members.
CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

I. Preamble

The Council is established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the churches and the missionary societies and boards, representing the churches.

It is recognized that the successful working of the International Missionary Council is entirely dependent on the gift from God of the spirit of fellowship, mutual understanding, and desire to cooperate.

II. Membership and Meetings

The Council is composed of the following national missionary organizations* and Christian councils:

- National Missionary Council of Australia.
- Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.
- Confederação Evangélica do Brasil.
- Ceylon Christian Council.
- Conseil Protestant du Congo.
- Dansk Missionsraad.
- Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsstag.
- Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris.
- Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.
- National Christian Council of India, Burma, and Pakistan.
- National Christian Council of Japan.
- National Christian Council of Korea.
- Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.
- Malaya Christian Council.
- Concilio Evangélico de Mexico.
- Nederlandsche Zendingsraad.
- Netherlands India.
- National Missionary Council of New Zealand.
- Norsk Misjonsråd.
- Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches.
- Association of Evangelical Churches of Puerto Rico.
- Confederación de Iglesias Evangélicas del Rio de La Plata.
- Schweizerischer Evangelischer Missionsrat.
- National Christian Council of Siam.
- Christian Council of South Africa.
- Suomen Lähetyssuunnistus.
- Svenska Missionssrätet.
- Association of Missionary Societies in Switzerland.
- Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (the Division includes the United States and Canada).

National missionary organizations or Christian councils in other countries or areas may be added to those named above by the affirmative vote of the Committee of the Council, provided for later; and the Committee of the Council shall have full power to determine what qualifications shall be required of a missionary organization or a Christian council for membership in the Council. Among these qualifications the Committee would take into consideration the thoroughly representative character of the organization, its elements of stability, and the extent and nature of the area that it covers.

* The term “missionary” is used in this constitution to describe the work of presenting the gospel to non-Christian peoples, whether carried on by the younger or by the older churches.
The meetings of the Council shall be of two kinds: namely, (a) general Council meetings, and (b) special meetings for the consideration of particular subjects. The call for these general or special meetings shall be issued by the Committee of the Council. In the case of general Council meetings, the call shall be issued only after the proposal to hold such a meeting has been approved by two-thirds of the national bodies constituting the Council. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Committee after the proposal to hold such a meeting has been approved by two-thirds of the national bodies which will be expected to send representatives to the meeting.

The number of representatives which each national missionary organization and Christian council will be entitled to appoint for each meeting of the Council shall be as stated by the Committee in its proposal to call a meeting and as ratified by national bodies in their approval of the proposal. In arranging for the membership of any Council meeting, the Committee shall provide, in so far as it is deemed desirable, for representation from countries in which there is no national missionary organization or Christian council and shall determine the method of choosing such representatives. The Committee shall also have the right to propose in regard to any particular meeting, whenever desirable, that a limited number of persons with special knowledge of the subjects contained in the program of the proposed meeting may be invited to attend that meeting of the Council.

III. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Council shall be the following:

1. To stimulate thinking and investigation on questions relating to the mission and expansion of Christianity in all the world, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries, and to make the results available for all who share in the missionary work of the churches.

2. To help to coordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations and Christian councils of the different countries, and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary matters.

3. Through common consultation to help to unite Christian public opinion in support of freedom of conscience and religion and of missionary liberty.

4. To help to unite the Christian forces of the world in seeking justice in international and inter-racial relations.

5. To be responsible for the publication of The International Review of Missions and such other publications as in the judgment of the Council may contribute to the study of missionary questions.

6. To call a world missionary conference if and when this should be deemed desirable.

IV. THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

The Committee of the Council shall have the power to act for the Council in the intervals between its general Council meetings.

The membership of the Committee shall be elected by the national missionary organizations and Christian councils, and the number of representatives, except as may be determined otherwise by subsequent action, shall be as follows:

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Ceylon Christian Council ................................................................................. 1
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National Christian Council of India, Pakistan, and Burma ......................... 2
National Christian Council of Japan ............................................................. 2
National Christian Council of Korea ............................................................ 1
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America ................................................ 1
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Norsk Misjonsråd ............................................................................ 1
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Svenska Missionsrådet .................................................................... 1
Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (the Division includes the United States and Canada) .............. 7

For each meeting the Committee may elect other members, not exceeding three in all, to be nominated by the officers, from countries not otherwise represented, who shall for each meeting have the same rights and privileges as other members. In addition to the above, the Committee may elect other members, not exceeding five in all, to be nominated by the officers, in order to supply special knowledge or experience, who shall be consultants without voting powers.

The Committee of the Council shall have the power to provide representation in the Committee of the Council for national organizations that may in the future be admitted to membership in the Council.

Each regularly established department of the Council may be represented in the Committee of the Council by its Chairman or other representative of the Committee directing the department's work. Such a representative shall have for each meeting the same rights and privileges as the other delegates.

Members of the Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed, the length of term of office and the method of appointment to be determined in each country or area by the national missionary organization or Christian council.

The officers of the Council shall be members, ex-officio, of the Committee and shall serve as the officers of the Committee of the Council.

The Committee of the Council shall, as occasion may require, consult with the constituent organizations in regard to the work of the Committee.

The Committee of the Council shall meet at the call of the officers of the Council, or upon request of a majority of the members of the Committee (sent to the chairman or secretaries in writing), or upon the request of three or more of the constituent organizations. Ten members of the Committee other than the officers shall constitute a quorum, provided, however, that these represent national missionary organizations or Christian councils, members of the Council, in three different continents.

The Committee of the Council may appoint an Ad Interim Committee to serve in the period between the meetings of the Committee of the Council with such powers as that Committee may determine. The membership of the Ad Interim Committee shall always be on an international basis with representatives from at least five countries on at least three continents.

V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Council shall be a Chairman, not more than eight Vice-Chairmen, of whom two shall be women, a Treasurer, and two or more Secretaries. These officers shall be elected by the Committee of the Council. Their terms of office, their respective duties, and their remuneration shall be determined by the Committee. They shall be members, ex-officio, of the Committee. The countries from which they come shall be allowed their full representation in addition to such officials.
VI. Expenses

The Committee of the Council shall prepare annual budgets two years in advance, which shall be submitted to the constituent organizations for approval and toward which they will be invited to contribute in a proportion to be recommended by resolution of the Committee. Since in a period of two years unforeseen developments may occur requiring additional expenditure, it is understood that such emergencies may be met by special funds which the Committee of the Council may be able to secure from private sources. If the objects to be sought involve permanent or recurring expense, the approval of the constituent organizations shall be secured before such work is undertaken, even if special funds are available for its support.

VII. Procedure

It is understood that the Council and the Committee of the Council will function internationally, and that the members of the Committee of the Council in any one country will not take action as a national group, though they may be called together by the officers of the International Missionary Council for purposes of consultation if this should seem necessary.

VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any future meeting of the Committee of the Council subject to the approval of the constituent organizations.
## INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF BOARDS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1949

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