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of the  
**Twenty-Sixth**  
**Pennsylvania Annual**  
**Conference**

of the  
**Holiness Christian**  
**Church**



Convened at  
Pottstown, Pa., April 8th, 1919







## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HOLINESS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The 26th Session of The Penna. Annual Conference of The Holiness Christian Church convened at Pottstown, Pa., April 8th, 1919.

The Conference was called to order at 2:10 P. M. by P. E. Rev. H. F. Lessig.

Singing, "I remember Calvary," followed by prayer by P. E. Rev. H. F. Lessig. Thanking God for the rising of The Penna. Annual Conference 26 years ago, and praying that this Conference Session may be the best we have thus far experienced. Amens. After which the Presiding Elder read Scripture lesson from Acts 1-2. The subject being "United Efforts." An earnest discourse was given on the subject, and the scene of the Upper Room was plainly brought to view.

Followed by singing, "He's the One."

Roll Call. By motion absentees were excused.

The minutes of last half day's session of the Conference of 1918 were read, and by motion were received as correct.

By motion the name of Rev. H. P. Jones, deceased, be dropped from the Conference Roll and it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Carried.

Letters of greetings were read from Rev. C. C. Brown, Genl. Supt. of the Holiness Christian of U. S. A.; and Revs. C. M. Emerson, of Mable, Pa.; Isaiah Martin, of Trenton, N. J., and Adam E. Fields, of Weatherly, Pa. And favorable action was taken inreference to same and the secretary was instructed to return greetings.

Rules for governing the Conference:

1. That the three front pews and forwards constitute the Conference Bar.
2. That all discussions be limited to five minutes for each speaker until all who have desired to speak have spoken.
3. That every member of Conference rise and address the Chair before speaking.
4. That all lengthy motion be written.
5. That no member of Conference leave during session without the permission of the Chairman.
6. The Conference sessions open at 9:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises.

On motion that applicants of new churches and ministers in- to this Conference be referred to Committee on Trial and Examination. Carried.

The following committees were appointed by the P. E., H. F. Lessig:

1. Committee on Worship.—Revs. H. F. Lessig, G. B. Deitrich and lay delegate J. G. Swartz.
2. Committee on Trial and Examination.—Revs. H. F. Lessig, H. Thompson, F. C. Walls, G. B. Deitrich, J. F. Lessig.



3. Auditing Committee.—Revs. W. W. Walls, J. F. Lessig, A. E. Fields.
4. Statistical Committee.—Revs. F. C. Walls, W. Schaffer and H. Thompson.
5. Committee on Ways and Means.—Revs. F. C. Walls, J. F. Lessig and lay delegate J. G. Swartz.
6. Committee on Resolutions.—Revs. G. B. Deitrich, H. Thompson and W. Schaffer.
7. Campmeeting Committee.—Revs. H. F. Lessig, G. B. Deitrich, F. C. Walls, W. W. Walls, Walter Schaffer, and John Lessig.

## REPORTS

### I. CONFERENCE TREASURER

Balance in Treasury last Conference.....	\$ 28.28
Received during year.....	123.35
Total .....	\$151.63
Paid out .....	88.29
Balance.....	\$ 63.34

F. C. WALLS, Treas.

### 2. HOME MISSIONARY TREASURER

Balance in Treasury last Conference.....	\$106.57
Received during year.....	88.52
Total .....	\$195.09
Paid out .....	46.48
Balance.....	\$148.61

H. F. LESSIG, Treas.

### 3. FOREIGN MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Received during year.....	\$160.98
Paid out .....	44.03
Balance.....	\$116.95

ADIA BOLDEN, Treas. appointed.

### 4. BURIAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER

Balance in Treasury last year.....	\$ 149.38
Received during year.....	1,030.91
Total .....	\$1,180.29
Paid out .....	1,022.25
Balance.....	\$ 158.04

Members enrolled in the Burial Association, 404; increased 22 over last year.

W. W. WALLS, Treas.



## 5. CAMPMEETING COMMITTEE

Balance from last year.....\$3.32

There was no annual campmeeting held in year 1918.

F. C. WALLS, Treas.

## 6. PASTORS AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Members received .....	65
Members now on roll.....	474
Number enrolled in Sabbath School.....	870
Value of church property.....	\$22,075.00
Present debt on property.....	3,439.00
Amount raised for church property.....	2,072.65
Amount raised for improvements.....	398.10
Amount raised for Annual Conference.....	63.15
Amount raised for Home Missions.....	88.52
Amount raised for Foreign Missions.....	160.98
Amount raised for Presiding Elder.....	192.89
Amount raised for evangelists.....	272.52
Amount raised for pastors' support.....	5,468.91
Amount raised for current expenses.....	2,129.72
Amount raised by Sunday School.....	997.62
Amount raised for Burial Association.....	1,030.91

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Total amount raised.....\$12,876.97

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. Walls.

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The evening devotional exercises were in charge of Grover Thorpe, of Newark, Del.

The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. Roy Musser, of Goldsboro, Md. Text, Jeremiah 51:50: "Let Jerusalem come into your mind." In the midst of sorrow and many heart aches, and a world on fire with sin, the brother pressed the point. In looking to Jerusalem we as strangers in this land find comfort. Amens.

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Wednesday morning session. Preceded by 30 minutes' devotional exercises in charge of Chas. Mercer, of Newark, Del.

Conference called to order at 9:30 A. M. by P. E. H. F. Lessig.

Singing, "Deliverance will come." Shouts filled the church.

Followed by Scripture lesson from I John 1.

Prayer by J. G. Swartz.

Roll Call. Absentees by motion were excused.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Evangelistic report of Mrs. Ella J. Nace was received and referred to Auditing Committee.

The pastors' reports were read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Reception of new churches or missions.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. B. Dietrich.



Wednesday afternoon session. Preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises in charge of Mrs. Manford Stewart, of Mt. Carmel, Pa.

The Conference was called to order by the P. E., H. F. Lessig, at 1:30 P. M. by singing "I shall be like him."

Roll Call. Absentees by motion were excused.

Report of Auditing Committee was given and referred to Statistical Committee.

On motion we go into election of officers. Carried.

By motion Conference went to prayer.

1. Presiding Elder.—Rev. H. F. Lessig re-elected.
2. Conference Secretary.—Rev. Roy Musser re-elected.
3. Conference Treasurer.—Rev. F. C. Walls re-elected.
4. Conference Trustees.—J. G. Swartz was elected for 3 years and the unexpired terms of 2 and 1 years are held by Revs. G. B. Dietrich and H. Tompson.
5. Home Missionary Board.—Rev. F. C. Walls, President; Rev. H. F. Lessig, Treasurer; Rev. J. F. Lessig, Secretary; Revs. G. B. Deitrich and W. Schaffer.
6. Foreign Missionary.—Mrs. Ella J. Nace, President; Miss Alvina Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Tompson, Treasurer.
7. Burial Association.—Rev. H. F. Lessig, President; Rev. W. Walls, Treasurer; Rev. G. B. Deitrich, Secretary; Directors, Revs. Roy Musser and H. Tompson.
8. Committee on Publication.—Revs. Roy Musser and F. C. Walls.
9. Campmeeting Committee.—Revs. H. F. Lessig, G. B. Deitrich, F. C. Walls, W. Schaffer, J. F. Lessig, and Roy Musser.

Adjourned. Benediction by J. F. Lessig.

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The evening devotional exercises. Miss Alvina Johnson in charge.

The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Schaffer, of Mt. Carmel, Pa. Text, Luke 18:8: "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on earth?" Bro. Schaffer called our attention to the fact that many had left the faith, and because of abounding iniquity the faith of many is being shaken. Also asking the audience, when the Son of Man cometh will He find faith in us.

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Thursday morning session. Preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises. Mrs. Ella J. Nace in charge.

The Conference was called to order by chairman at 9:30 A. M. by singing "Meet me there," and "Make me a blessing today."

The P. E. read Scripture lesson from 1st Psalms, followed with prayer by Mr. Jno. Eisenhower.



Roll Call. By motion absentees were excused. The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

On motion, this Conference show their appreciation to the Committee on Publication, namely Revs. R. Musser and F. C. Walls, for service rendered free during 1918, by a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

On motion, we pay storage on campmeeting goods from Home Missionary treasury. Carried.

By motion, this Annual Conference favor a special session of The General Conference of the Holiness Christian Church to be held in one of the Western States. Carried. ✓

On motion, we elect a Conference Evangelist. Mrs. Ella J. Nace was elected.

On motion, each local church keep a strict church record of all functions performed during the year, viz.: Membership, when members were received, and by whom, and how dismissed. Converted, Sanctified, Baptized, Consecrated, Marriages, and Deaths, and that all the above be properly enrolled. Carried.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. H. F. Lessig.

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Thursday afternoon session. Preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises. Rev. B. Hevalow, of Weatherly, Pa., in charge.

The Conference was called to order by H. F. Lessig, chairman, at 1:45 P. M.

Roll Call. By motion absentees were excused.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Trial and Examination:

1. We recommend that Revs. Beniah Hevalon and Walter be duly ordained at this Conference.

2. We recommend that Francis Yarnell's license in the itinerancy be renewed.

3. We recommend that Rev. Samuel Nungesser be given an itinerant license at this Conference.

4. We recommend that Ella J. Nace and Miss Alvina E. Jonson be given perpetual evangelists' license at this Conference.

5. We recommend that Mrs. Dorothy Thompson be given evangelistic license at this Conference.

6. We recommend Mary E. Roley, after due examination, for evangelistic license to remain in the home missionary work.

The P. E. publicly examined the candidates to the ministry at this time.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. B. Hevalon.

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The evening devotional exercises. Rev. Samuel E. Nungesser in charge.

The evening sermon was delivered by the P. E., Rev. H. F. Lessig, which was the ordination sermon. Text, St. John 17:



"I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me."

After an encouraging sermon to the young preachers, Revs. Beniah Hevalon and Walter Schaffer were duly ordained.

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Friday morning session. Preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises. J. G. Swartz in charge.

The Conference was called to order by the chairman at 9:30 A. M.

Roll Call. By motion absentees were excused.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

On motion, the P. E. make two official visits to each charge this Conference year. Carried.

On motion, we have Conference Journals printed. Carried.

On motion, we have one annual campmeeting this Conference year. Carried.

On motion, our next Annual Conference meet at Mt. Carmel, Pa., the 2nd Tuesday in April, 1920. Carried.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means:

1. We recommend that the President, secretary and treasurer of the Burial Association be paid the sum of \$5.00 each for service rendered for 12 months ending March 31, 1919.

2. We recommend that each member of the Burial Association be assessed 10 cents to defray running expenses in said association during this coming year and the same to be paid within 60 days from date of this Conference.

3. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer be paid \$5.00 for service rendered for 12 months, ending March 31, 1919.

4. We recommend that Presiding Elder be paid all official expenses during this Conference year, and that each charge lift a free-will offering on his quarterly rounds, and that offering be not less than \$5.00 and carfare.

5. We recommend that there be two offerings lifted in each church and Sunday School this Conference year for Home Missionary Work, one in the month of June and one in the month of November.

6. We recommend that the Committee on Publication be paid 30 cents per hour, and carfare for their work.

7. We recommend that each charge pay at least 25 cents per member into the Annual Conference Treasury this Conference year to defray running expenses of the Conference.

8. We recommend that each charge pay at least 10 cents per member for the General Conference, the same to be sent to the Annual Conference Treasury.

9. We recommend that there be a free-will offering lifted at the annual campmeeting for the Presiding Elder.

10. We recommend that if the Home Missionary Board so decides that the money in the Home Missionary Treasury be used to open new work.

11. We recommend that each member of this Conference pay at least \$5.00 in the campmeeting treasury by July 15, 1919.



Collection for Conference Secretary, \$18.00. Thanks.  
Adjourned. Benediction by H. F. Lessig.

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Friday afternoon session. Preceded by 30 minutes devotional exercises.

Conference called to order at 1:30 P. M.

Roll Call. By motion absentees were excused.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

1. *Whereas*, C. M. Emerson has not been able to attend this Annual Conference for the reason of the affliction of his body, and has so kindly remembered this Conference with a letter of greetings, therefore be it *Resolved*, that we, his brethren, extend to him our sympathy and love, and offer prayer for the healing of his body.

2. *Whereas*, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from among us our beloved brother, Rev. H. P. Jones, who labored among us so faithfully as a father and minister of the Gospel, while in health, therefore be it *Resolved*, that we hereby express our appreciation of his faithful service and the regret of our loss and our sympathy to the bereaved family. *Resolved* that the secretary of the Conference send a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

3. *Whereas*, the church and friends of Pottstown, Pa., have so generously entertained this Annual Conference, therefore be it *Resolved*, that we express our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

On motion Stationing Committee go out and station preachers.

On motion, Conference adjourn till 1920. Carried.

Benediction by the P. E., H. F. Lessig.

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#### REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE

Presiding Elder.....Rev. H. F. Lessig  
Mount Carmel, Pa.

.....Rev. W. W. Walls  
Mabel, Pa.

Grier City, Pa. ....Rev. Walter Shaeffer

Weatherly, Pa. ....Rev. B. Hevalon

Reading, Pa. ....Rev. F. C. Walls



Seyfert, Pa. ....	Rev. G. B. Deitrich
Birdsboro, Pa. ....	Rev. H. F. Lessig
Pottstown, Pa. ....	Rev. H. Thompson
Phoenixville, Pa. ....	
West Conshohocken, Pa. ....	Rev. C. M. Emerson
Trenton, N. J. ....	Rev. John Lessig
Newark, Del. ....	Miss Alvina Johnson, supply
Pleasant Hill, Md. ....	Grover Thorpe, local preacher supply
Goldsboro, Md. ....	Rev. Roy Musser

### ADDRESS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Presiding Elder, Rev. H. F. Lessig, 5 Walnut St., Pottstown, Pa.

Conference Evangelist, Mrs. Ella J. Nace, West Conshohocken, Pa.

Conference Secretary, Rev. Roy Musser, Goldsboro, Md.

General Secretary Burial Association, Rev. G. B. Deitrich, Gibraltar, Pa.

Conference Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Walls, Reading, Pa.

Burial Association Treasurer, Rev. W. W. Walls, Gordon, Pa.

Foreign Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Conshohocken R. 2, Pa.

Home Missionary Treasurer, Rev. H. F. Lessig, 5 Walnut St., Pottstown, Pa.

Campmeeting Fund Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Walls, Reading, Pa.

These are not the complete Minutes of Conference. For further information write to Conference Secretary, Rev. Roy Musser, Goldsboro, Md.

