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PART ONE-HISTORICAL

CHAPTER 1

Historical Statement

Section 1, ¶1—The history of the Pilgrim Holiness Church is, in a great measure, the combined histories of eight bodies of people who have been drawn together in the unity of the Spirit because of a similarity of views, particularly as to the doctrine of entire sanctification, as a second definite work of grace, the blessed hope of the premillennial return of Jesus, the evangelization of the world, and the privilege of healing for the body in answer to the prayer of faith.

¶2—In 1897 the Apostolic Holiness Union was organized in the home of Rev. Martin Wells Knapp, in Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. A. Rev. Seth C. Rees was the first General Superintendent, Rev. M. W. Knapp was the Associate Superintendent.

¶3—Brother Knapp had already founded a Bible School and a publishing plant in Cincinnati.

¶4—Extensive revival work was carried on by the Union, resulting in the formation of many missions, churches, rescue homes, and camp meetings, as well as the sending out of missionaries to foreign lands. Bible Schools were established and papers published at Greensboro, N. C., Owosso, Mich., and other places.

¶5—As the work developed it became evident that there was need of a more permanent form of organization than the interdenominational union provided. This was effected in 1905, and the name was changed to International Apostolic Holiness Union and Churches.

¶6—Gradually the interdenominational features of the organization ceased, and in 1913 the name was altered to International Apostolic Holiness Church. The Apostolic Messenger, published at Greensboro, N. C., became the official paper of the church.

¶7—The Bible School and the Revivalist Publishing Plant at Cincinnati, having been left by their founder in the hands of a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, continued on an interdenominational basis.

¶8—In November, 1919, at the General Assembly held in Cincinnati, Ohio, there united with the International Apostolic Holiness Church a group of holiness people which, for some years, had been known as the Holiness Christian Church.

¶9—This latter named body had had its beginnings in Philadelphia, Pa., as a result of a special work of grace in the year 1882. This body, soon known as the Holiness Christian Association, held its first Conference in connection with the camp meeting at Linwood, Pa., in 1889. At the Conference of 1894, Rev. C. W. Ruth was elected Presiding Elder. After the formation of the Indiana Annual Conference the General Conference of this body, which met in Reading, Pa., adopted the name Holiness Christian Church. At the time it joined forces with the International Apostolic Holiness Church it was composed of four Annual Conferences, with missionary work established in Central America.

¶10—The name of the united bodies became the International Holiness Church. Rev. George B. Kulp, Superintendent of the International Apostolic Holiness Church, became Superintendent of these merged organizations.

¶11—In 1921 Brother Kulp resigned as Superintendent. Rev. C. C. Brown, one of the Assistant Superintendents, filled out the unexpired term until the General Assembly of 1922, at which time Rev. Winfred R. Cox was elected General Superintendent of the Church in the United States and Rev. Ralph G. Finch, General Superintendent of Foreign Missions.

¶12—In the year 1922 two bodies, the Pentecostal Rescue Mission and the Pilgrim Church, were consolidated with the International Holiness Church.

¶13—The Pentecostal Rescue Mission had been founded in 1897 in the city of Binghamton, N. Y. The work of the Mission had spread until it not only carried on missions and rescue work, but also engaged in camp meeting and orphanage activities as well as a missionary enterprise in Alaska.

¶14—The Pentecostal Rescue Mission became the New York District of the International Holiness Church.

¶15—The Pilgrim Church, at first known as the Pentecost-Pilgrim Church, was organized May 27, 1917, in Pasadena, California. It came into being as a result of a revival which broke out in Pasadena in the years 1915-1916 under the ministry of Rev. Seth C. Rees.

"¶16—The word "Pentecost" was later discontinued because of its misleading association in the public mind with the modern "Tongues" movement, and the name Pilgrim Church adopted.

¶17—Other churches sprang up in California, Kansas, and Texas which became associated together under the above name. A school known as the Pilgrim Bible College was established in Pasadena, a paper published, and a flourishing missionary work carried on in Mexico, also missionaries were supported in other foreign lands.

¶18—When the Pilgrim Church united with the International Holiness Church, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1922, the word "International" in the name of the former was dropped, the name Pilgrim Holiness Church was chosen and the official church paper was named Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

¶19—In 1924, at the Annual Assembly of the Ohio District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a small but loyal band of holiness people, known as the Pentecostal Brethren in Christ, united with and became a part of the Ohio District.

¶20—The Pilgrim Holiness Church was augmented in 1925 by the People's Mission Church joining its ranks.

¶21—The People's Mission Church had been founded by Rev. Wm. H. Lee at Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1899, following a special outpouring of the Spirit in that city. Brother Lee was the leader of this work until his death in 1919 when Rev. P. W. Thomas was made Superintendent of the organization. A number of Mission Churches had been established in various

parts of Colorado and elsewhere, as well as a Bible Training School, a periodical, and a camp meeting at Colorado Springs.

¶22—The General Assembly of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1926 elected Rev. Winfred R. Cox and Rev. Seth C. Rees as General Superintendents of the Church in the United States and Canada and Rev. Ralph G. Finch as General Foreign Missionary Superintendent.

¶23—Reversion to the policy of one General Superintendent for the entire Church was decided upon by the General Assembly in 1930. Rev. Seth C. Rees was elected to this office. At the same time a correlated board, known as the General Board, was elected bringing together the directors of the various departments of the entire Church at home and abroad.

¶24—With the passing of Rev. Seth C. Rees to the Heavenly Home on May 22, 1933, Rev. W. L. Surbrook, Assistant Superintendent, was called upon to finish the unexpired term. The General Assembly of 1934 elected Rev. W. L. Surbrook as General Superintendent.

¶25—The General Assembly of 1934 created the office of General Secretary of Foreign Missions.

History of the Church in the Caribbean Area

Section 2, ¶1—In 1902 (15th January) the Rev. C. O. Moulton, our first missionary to the West Indies and South America, sailed for the field and his ministry was signally owned of God up to the time of his death in British Guiana, S. A., January 27, 1909.

¶2-At this time the Rev. James M. Taylor, Missionary Evangelist, went through the Caribbean and gathered together many of the people who had been redeemed under the labors of Brother Moulton in the various islands and on the mainland of South America. These groups were known as the Faith and Love Missions.

¶3—The General Assembly of 1912 accepted this work under its direct control placing the Rev. R. G. Finch as District Superintendent of all the Missions in the West India Islands and British Guiana.

¶4—When in 1922 a General Superintendent of Foreign Missions was elected with oversight of all the missionary interests of the Church, the work in the Caribbean Area was divided into five separate Districts, namely: Barbados, Trinidad, Northern Islands, Jamaica and British Guiana; each under a District Superintendent.

¶5—In 1892 the Rev. Samuel H. Bayley founded the Immanuel Mission in the Island of Barbados, British West Indies, and served as General Superintendent of the Mission until his death on Good Friday, 1899.

¶6—The J. W. Humphrey and his consecrated wife carried on the work with their noble band until the Immanuel Mission merged with the Pilgrim Holiness Church in that island in 1923.

¶7—The work of the Bible Home and Foreign Missionary Society, an Incorporation under the State Laws of Massachusetts, U. S. A., operating in the islands of Montserrat, St. Croix, St. Kitts, and St. Martins was amalgamated with the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1924.

¶8—In 1930 the Rev. Seth C. Rees was elected General Superintendent of both the Home and Foreign Church by the General Assembly and visited the work in the West Indies and South America in 1932.

¶9—Brother Rees being called to his eternal reward in 1933, the Rev. Walter L. Surbrook was called to assume the responsibility of the General Superintendency. Brother Surbrook was again elected to the office at the following General Assembly in 1934.

¶10—When in 1934 the General Assembly created the office of General Secretary of Foreign Missions, with full supervision of all the Foreign Missionary work of the Church in the Regions Beyond, the Rev. Paul W. Thomas was elected to this position.

¶11—In 1934 the Rev. R. W. Ives was appointed Field Superintendent of what was designated as the Caribbean Area, then comprising the Districts of Barbados; Dutch-Virgin Islands; Jamaica; British Leeward Islands; Trinidad; and British Guiana, South America.

¶12—The work has continued to grow and there are now established churches in the following fields in the Caribbean Area—Antigua, Barbados, Barbuda, Grand Cayman, Montserrat, Nevis and Trinidad in the British West Indies; St. Martins and Saba in the Dutch West Indies; the Isle of Pines in the Cuban West Indies; St. Croix and St. Thomas in the American Virgin Islands; and British Guiana, South America.

PART TWO-DOCTRINAL

CHAPTER 1

Object

Section 3—The Pilgrim Holiness Church is composed of groups of individuals who believe in liberty of conscience regarding all matters, that are not sinful, and that the preaching of a Full Gospel is essential to Bible holiness and the evangelization of the world, as exemplified by the Apostles and the primitive Church. Our object is:

First. To glorify God, our Father, exalt Jesus Christ, our Savior, and to honor the Holy Spirit.

Second. To carry out the Great Commission of our Heaven-ascended Head by publishing the Full Gospel to every nation.

Third. To conserve the holiness work by forming churches and aiding in placing over them Spirit-baptized pastors, who will feed the flock of God and in every way possible help to get souls ready for the coming of our Lord. While our great and primary object is, and must ever be, the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers, we shall aim to place proper emphasis on divine healing and all the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, the premillennial coming of Christ, the evangelization of the world, and kindred themes.

CHAPTER 2

General Statement of Belief

ARTICLE 1

God

Section 4—There is but one living and true God (1), everlasting (2), without body or parts (3), of infinite power, wisdom and goodness (4), the maker and preserver of all things visible and invisible (5), and in unity with this Godhead there are three persons of one substance, power and eternity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (6).

- (1) Deut. 4:35; 1 Cor. 8:4; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kings 8:23, 60; Isa. 43:10, 11; Mark 12:32; John 17:3; Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5.
 - (2) Gen. 21:33; Rom. 16:26.
 - (3) John 4:24.
 - (4) Gen. 17:1; Matt. 19:26; Psa. 147:5; 34:8.
 - (5) Psa. 19:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16.
 - (6) 1 John 5:7; 1 Tim. 1:17; 3:16; Matt. 28:19.

ARTICLE 2

Jesus Christ

Section 5—The Son who is the Word of the Father (1), the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, who took man's nature (2), in the womb of the Virgin, so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead and buried (3), to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not

only for original guilt, but also for the actual sins of man (4). Christ did truly rise again from the dead and took again His body (5), with all things pertaining to the perfection of man's nature (6), wherewith He ascended into Heaven (7).

- (1) John 1:1-3.
- (2) John 1:14; 3:31; Heb. 2:14.
- (3) 1 Cor. 15:3-6.
- (4) Heb. 13:12; 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:18.
- (5) Matt. 28:6, 7; Acts 1:3; Luke 24:39-43.
- (6) Eph. 4:11-13; 1 John 3:2, 3.
- (7) Acts 1:9; Eph. 1:20; 4:8; 1 Tim. 3:16.

ARTICLE 3

The Holy Ghost

Section 6—The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son (1), is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God (2).

- (1) John 15:26; Acts 2:33; John 16:7.
- (2) 1 John 5:7; Acts 5:3, 4.

ARTICLE 4

The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation

Section 7—The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation (1), so that whatsoever is not read therein nor may be proved thereby is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or to be thought requisite or necessary for salvation (2). In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, commonly received and known as the Bible.

- (1) John 15:3; 20:31; 2 Tim. 3:15-17.
- (2) Eph. 5:6; 1 Tim. 6:3, 4.

Original or Birth Sin

Section 8—Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, but it is the corruption of the nature of every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually.

Rom. 5:12, 14-21; 8:6-8.

ARTICLE 6

The Atonement

Section 9—The Scriptures teach that Jesus Christ, by His sufferings (1), by the shedding of His own blood (2), and by His meritorious death on the cross (3), made full atonement (4) for all human sin, and that this atonement is the only ground of salvation (5), and that it is sufficient for every individual of Adam's race (6). The atonement is graciously efficacious to the salvation of the irresponsible from birth, or the righteous who have become irresponsible, and to children in innocency, but is efficacious to the salvation of those who reach the age of responsibility only when they repent and believe.

- (1) Acts 3:18.
- (2) Rom. 5:8-10; 1 John 1:7.
- (3) Eph. 2:13, 16.
- (4) Rom. 5:11.
- (5) 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 1:7.

- (6) John 3:16.
- (7) Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 18:30; Rom. 5:31.

Free Will

Section 10—The condition of man, since the fall of Adam, is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and works to faith and calling upon God (1), wherefore we have no power to do good works (2), pleasant and acceptable to God (3), without the grace of God, by Christ, assisting us (4), that we may have a good will and work within us when we have that good will (5).

- (1) Gen. 6:5; Luke 16:15; Heb. 11:6.
- (2) Isa. 64:6; Heb. 9:11, 12, 15.
- (3) Titus 3:5.
- (4) 1 Tim. 2:5; John 15:5.
- (5) Phil. 2:12, 13.

ARTICLE 8

Justification

Section 11—We are accounted righteous before God only by the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1), by faith (2), and not for our own works or deserving (3), wherefore that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort (4).

- (1) Rom. 3:24-26; 4:25.
- (2) Gen. 15:6; Rom. 3:28; 4:5; 5:1.
- (3) Rom. 4:6; 5:11, 16; Acts 13:39.
- (4) Rom. 1:16, 17; 5:1.

Sanctification

Section 12—Entire sanctification is the baptism with the Holy Spirit (1), it is subsequent to regeneration (2), it is for all believers (3), it is an instantaneous experience, received by faith (4), cleansing the heart of the recipient from all sin (5), setting him apart and endowing him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called (6).

- (1) Luke 3:16, 17; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 15:16.
- (2) John 17:9-17.
- (3) John 17:20; 1 Thess 4:3, 7; 5:23, 24.
- (4) Acts 2:1-4; 15:8, 9.
- (5) 1 John 1:7, 9; Acts 15:8, 9.
- (6) Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.

ARTICLE 10

Sin After Justification

Section 13—Not every sin willfully committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Spirit and unpardonable (1); wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification. After we have received the Holy Ghost we may depart from grace given and fall into sin, and by the grace of God rise again and amend our lives; and therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here, or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent (2).

- (1) Matt. 12:31, 32.
- (2) Mal. 3:7; Matt. 18:21, 22; 1 John 1:9; 2:1.

The Church

Section 14—The Ecclesia, the Church, is composed of the called-out people who have separated themselves from the world and have a living faith in Christ as their personal Savior (1). Her mission is the proclamation of the Full Gospel (2): salvation from all sin (3), divine healing (4), and the premillennial coming of Jesus Christ (5). Her field is the world (6).

- (1) 2 Cor. 6:17, 18; Rom. 12:2; James 4:4; 1 John 5:19; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:10.
 - (2) Acts 1:8.
 - (3) Heb. 7:25.
 - (4) James 5:14-16; Acts 4:10; Luke 9:2; 10:9.
- (5) Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 25:6; 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 19:7; 20:5, 6.
 - (6) Mark 16:15.

ARTICLE 12

Speaking in the Congregation in Such a Tongue as the People Understand

Section 15, ¶1—It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God and the custom of the primitive Church to have public prayer therein or to administer the Sacraments in a tongue not understood by the people (1).

¶2—In sanctification, which is synonymous to and simultaneous with the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire (2), we hold that any teaching which gives to it any other distinction as to its time, or that holds any particular manifestation, as by the Gift of

Tongues, so-called, as proof of this Baptism, is opposed to the explicit Word of God (3), and shall not be tolerated among our people.

- (1) 1 Cor. 14:1-40.
- (2) Acts 15:8, 9; 1 Pet. 1:22.
- (3) 1 Cor. 14:1-40; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 1:30.

ARTICLE 13

The Sacraments

Section 16—Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace and God's good will toward us, by the which He doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him. The Sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about, but that we should duly use them, and in such only as worthily receive the same they have a wholesome effect or operation; but they that receive them unworthily purchase unto themselves condemnation, as St. Paul saith (1 Cor. 11:29).

ARTICLE 14

Baptism

Section 17—Baptism is an outward sign of an inward work wrought by the Holy Ghost in the soul. (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-38; 16:33; 1 Pet. 3:21.)

ARTICLE 15

The Lord's Supper

Section 18—The Supper of the Lord is an ordinance whereby the body and blood of Christ are

given, taken and eaten only after a heavenly and spiritual manner and their benefits only accrue to those who, with a clear conscience, partake in faith of the material elements, wine and bread. This Sacrament represents our redemption through Christ's blood and our spiritual nourishment through His body (1 Cor. 11:24-29).

ARTICLE 16

Healing

Section 19—We believe and embrace the Scriptural doctrine of healing for the body, and that it is the privilege of every child of God to be healed in answer to the prayer of faith, according to James 5:14, 15; yet we are not to sever our fellowship from or pass judgment upon those who use other providential means for the restoration of health.

Jas. 5:16; Acts 4:10; Matt. 10:8; Luke 9:2; 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:9, 28; Acts 4:14; John 9:1-34.

ARTICLE 17

The Return of Jesus

Section 20—We believe that the coming of our Lord is to be personal and premillennial, also that it is imminent (1). We must distinguish between the Rapture—His coming in the air to receive His saints, which may occur at any moment, and the Revelation—His coming down to earth with His saints (2), which latter will not occur until after the gathering of Israel (3), the manifestation of Anti-Christ, and other prophesied events (4).

(1) Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Matt. 24:27; 25:13; 26:29; Rev. 22:12.

- (2) 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Matt. 24:27; 25.13: 26:29; Rev. 20:4.
 - (3) Ezek. 36:24; 37:21.
 - (4) 2 Thess. 2:2-10; Rev. 19:20.

Resurrection and Judgment

Section 21, ¶1—According to the Scriptures, Christ did truly rise again from the dead (1), and took again His body (2), wherewith He ascended into Heaven where He intercedes for His blood-washed until He returns again to judge His saints for reward and take His kingdom (3).

¶2—The Scriptures also teach that there is a resurrection of the dead, both to the just and unjust (4), and God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ whom He hath ordained (5).

¶3—Furthermore, the Word of God indicates that the just shall be raised in their glorified bodies at Christ's second coming (6), to receive their rewards and to reign with Christ on the earth a thousand years (7) and to be forever in the presence of the Lord; the unjust are to be raised, at the end of the Millennium (8) to be judged and go into everlasting punishment (9), banished from the presence of God.

¶4—Finally, because of the teaching of the Bible, we do not believe in doing penance for sin (10), nor in a purgatory for cleansing from sin (11), nor in a chance after death, but in a punitive judgment for the resurrected unjust (12).

⁽¹⁾ Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24.

- (2) John 20:27.
- (3) Hebrews 7:25.
- (4) Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29.
- (5) Acts 17:31.
- (6) Luke 20:36; 1 Cor. 15:35.
- (7) Rom. 20:4, 6,
- (8) Rev. 20:5.
- (9) Matt. 25:46.
- (10) Acts 13:38, 39; Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 1:16, 17.
- (11) 1 John 1:7.
- (12) Hebrews 9:27.

Destiny

Section 22, ¶1—Heaven. Everyone who has a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord, on departing from this life, goes to be in felicity with Him, and will share the eternal glories of His everlasting kingdom, the fuller rewards and the greater glories being reserved until the final judgment. (Phil. 1:23, 24; 2 Cor. 5:6, 8, 10; John 14:2, 3; Matt. 25:34, 49.)

¶2—Hell. While the saint goes from the judgment to enjoy eternal bliss, the impenitent sinner is turned away into everlasting condemnation, punishment, and misery. As Heaven is described in the Bible as a place of everlasting happiness, so Hell is described as a place of endless torment, where "the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." (Matt. 25:41, 46; Luke 13:3; John 8:21, 23; Mark 9:44-48.)

PART THREE—GOVERNMENT

Introduction

Section 23, ¶1—In all God's creation we see the most perfect organization. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."—Psa. 19:1-3.

When we turn to God's dealing directly with man we see the same carefulness for system and order. Look at His government of the children of Israel: at Sinai laws are given, commandments delivered, and specifications laid out with the most positive command that all things should be done according to the pattern shown in the Mount. When Christ began His work He chose and trained His twelve apostles and gave them the commandments concerning the kingdom, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:19, 20.

¶2—The apostles went forth preaching everywhere and people were converted and sanctified. They organized the saved into congregations which they called churches, and caused officers to be chosen to look after their spiritual and temporal interests.

¶3—The fact that some men have lorded it over God's heritage, and that certain forms of government are a heavy yoke upon many, is not a good nor sufficient reason for rejecting or ignoring a simple, Scriptural form of Church government.

¶4—Let us humbly follow Christ, our great Leader and Law-giver, and take His Word for our rule of faith and practice. Amen.

(1 Cor. 3:9-11; 2 Cor. 13:10; Matt. 18:15-17; 2 Thess. 3:6; Acts 13:1-3.)

CHAPTER 1

Local Churches

Method of Organization

Section 24, ¶1—Wherever there are at least seven persons who will collectively and individually pledge themselves to take the Word of God as the only and sufficient rule, both of their faith and practice, and to follow the system of doctrines and government laid down in this Manual, they may form a local Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶2—Such individuals shall organize by meeting together and sending a request for the Field or District Superintendent or another authorized member of the District Council of the Pilgrim Holiness Church to act as temporary chairman at a meeting for the purpose of organizing a local Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶3—After consultation with the Field or District Superintendent, any person authorized may take charge of such meeting. Section 25—The organization of such church shall be accomplished as follows:

¶1—The Chairman, after the usual preliminaries, and after earnestly seeking the blessing of the Triune God, shall cause to be read, the following:

- (1) Our Object (Section 3).
- (2) General Statement of Belief (Sections 4-22).

¶2—Then shall the Chairman say, "All persons giving satisfactory evidence of regeneration by having forsaken and renounced the world, the flesh, and the devil, and by living consistent Christian lives and who desire to become a part of this Pilgrim Holiness Church shall affirmatively answer the following questions:"

¶3—(Here let all the candidates come to the front and each distinctly answer for himself the questions found under "Reception of Members," Section 26.) Then shall the Church Covenant be read and entered upon as provided in Section 27, ¶2-7.

¶4—After this takes place the chairman shall appoint officers who shall serve for the remainder of the year, or until the time specified (Sections 41, 42),

¶5—Steps shall also be taken toward securing the appointment of a pastor and placing the church upon a sound financial basis (Section 48, ¶1-6).

¶6—The Sunday School shall be organized according to the rules given in the Manual (Sections 46, 69-73).

Reception of Members

Section 26—Any person giving satisfactory evidence of regeneration, by having forsaken and renounced

the world, the flesh, and the devil, and living a consistent Christian life and desiring to be recognized as a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, shall first be accepted by the Local Church Board; then in the presence of the Church he may be received into membership provided he affirmatively answers the prescribed questions (Section 27, ¶2-7) and agrees to the articles of the Church Covenant (Section 29). (Where no organization exists, procedure is as outlined in Sections 24, 25.)

Section 27, ¶1—The candidates for membership, after having been passed upon by the Local Church Board, shall at a time appointed appear in the public service of the church and at the call of the pastor, or other officer, present themselves before the pulpit. While they remain standing, the pastor shall read the following questions, pausing for an answer to each one:

¶2—Dearly beloved, since you are to be recognized as a member of this Church, it is proper that you should confess your faith and declare your purpose in the presence of God and these witnesses.

¶3—Have you forsaken and renounced the devil and all his works; the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same; the carnal desires of the flesh; and do you refuse to be led by them?

¶4—Have you received the witness of God's Spirit to your regeneration?

¶5—Do you believe in the doctrine of entire sanctification as a second, definite, instantaneous work of grace, subsequent to regeneration, and that it is the privilege and duty of every believer to seek and find the experience as soon as he receives light concerning it?

¶6—Are you willing that all your faith and practice shall be governed by the Word of God and the Holy Ghost?

¶7—Will you contribute of your means toward the support of the Lord's cause as you are taught by the Word of God?

Section 28—The candidates for membership having satisfactorily answered the questions in Section 27, ¶2-7, the Church Covenant shall then be read.

Church Covenant

Section 29, ¶1—Having been led to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

WE PROMISE, BY THE AID OF THE HOLY GHOST:

¶2—To shun the paths of sin and to walk in the ways of righteousness and true holiness all the days of our life.

¶3—Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another daily, and so much the more as we see the day approaching.

¶4—To strive together for the advancement of His kingdom and for the mutual upbuilding of the saints in holiness, knowledge and comfort; to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech.

¶5—To contribute liberally and cheerfully to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church and the spread of the Gospel throughout the nations of the earth; and to the relief of the poor.

¶6—To maintain family and secret devotion. ¶7—To endeavor to bring our children early to a saving knowledge of Christ, and to give them a guarded Christian education.

¶8—To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements; to abstain from contracting debts without due care to discharge them.

¶9—To avoid all tattling, backbiting, evilspeaking, and unprofitable and frivolous conversation, and to be exemplary in our deportment.

¶10—To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, tobacco and other harmful drugs in all forms.

¶11—To avoid all places of worldly amusement, such as dances, shows, theatres, horse races, baseball games and places where gambling is indulged in.

¶12—To shun and have no association with nor membership in secret societies and lodges which are oath-bound (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

¶13—To dress according to 1 Peter 3:3, 4:
"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

¶14—To remember the Lord's Day to keep it holy by doing no worldly business therein, such as buying and selling; and by avoiding all other occupations, pleasures, or traveling which can not be consistently engaged in with an eye single to God's glory.

¶15—To be mindful of all the rules of our Savior.

Section 30—The pastor shall then address the candidates by asking, "Do you cheerfully accept the obligations of this Covenant?"

Section 31, ¶1—At the conclusion of the reading of the Covenant, the candidates having agreed to same, the entire congregation shall rise and remain standing. The pastor shall then address the entire congregation as follows:

¶2—Brethren, these persons, having satisfactorily responded to these questions and the Covenant are entitled to recognition as members of this Church. We therefore extend to them the right hand of fel-

lowship, promising that we shall do all that we can to make it easy for these members to do right and hard to do wrong.

¶3—So saying the pastor shall go down to the new members and on behalf of the Church extend to them the right hand of fellowship. After this the congregation may sing some suitable hymn as "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Probationary Membership

Section 32—Any local church may receive members on six months' probation or longer, provided such members answer affirmatively the questions in Section 27, ¶2-7 of the Manual. However, such probationers shall not hold any church office nor vote on any church matter. At the expiration of the probationary period all probationers who come into full membership must take the Church Covenant in the public service.

Reception of Members by Letter

Section 33—Persons coming from other denominations by letter shall not be received unless fully recommended, and they shall receive the same examination and be passed upon in the same way as all new members (Section 27).

Section 34—Members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in good and regular standing who present letters of transfer from some other church of our denomination (Section 36) within sixty days of the date of issue of such letter, shall be received directly into the church upon re-affirmation of faith, whereupon the church receiving such member shall notify the church which issued the letter of transfer.

Letter of Recommendation

Section 35—When persons in good standing desire to unite with some other evangelical church, the Local Church Board shall give them a letter of recommendation, signed by the pastor and secretary of the church board issuing such certificate (Section 165). Such person's membership in the local church ceases on the date the letter is issued.

Letter of Transfer

Section 36—When persons in good standing desire to be transferred to another Pilgrim Holiness Church, the Local Church Board shall give them a letter of transfer signed by the pastor and secretary of the church board issuing such letter (Section 166). Such person's membership in the church issuing such letter of transfer shall continue until such church is duly notified by the receiving church of such member's acceptance, or until expiration of such letter of transfer.

Withdrawal of Members

Section 37, ¶1—The chairman of the church board shall, upon request of a member, issue to such applicant a letter of dismissal (Section 167). Such person's membership in the local church ceases upon the date the letter is issued.

¶2—When members move away from the church of which they are members and fail for one year to report their spiritual standing, and fail to send their

financial support to the church, their names shall be dropped from the roll, provided a letter has been mailed to them notifying them of intention to drop their names from the roll.

Church Business Meetings

Section 38, ¶1—The pastor of the church, or, in the absence or disqualification of the pastor, any person whom the District Superintendent may appoint, shall preside. In this connection, let the example of the apostles be prayerfully followed, who in setting apart men to have charge of the temporal affairs of the Church, saw to it that they were "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." (See also in this connection the words of Paul in 1 Tim. 3:8-13.)

¶2—No child under the age of 16 shall be allowed to vote at any church meeting.

¶3-Order of Business:

- 1. Open with song and prayer.
- 2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- 3. Reports.
 - 4. Reports of committees.
 - 5. Unfinished business.
 - 6. New business.
- 7. Applications for membership.
- Questions of finance, such as pastor's support and incidental expenses, and statements of what the Church has done financially for the District.
 - 9. Miscellaneous business.
- 10. Dismiss with prayer.

¶4-The rules of common parliamentary law shall

govern in all business proceedings except where the Manual provides special instructions.

The Annual Church Meeting

Section 39—The Annual Church Meeting shall be held at least 30 days prior to the District Assembly.

Section 40—Matters to be considered at the Annual Church Meeting shall be:

¶1—A general inquiry as to the particular state of the church and its members.

¶2—The Covenant should be read and expounded so that the very least may understand its significance and ask themselves whether they are faithfully and honestly observing the solemn promises and vows which they have taken upon themselves in becoming members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶3—The Church should also have the reports of the Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, of all the Band Leaders and from the Young People's Society.

¶4—Consideration should be given to the financial obligations of the church for the forthcoming year.

¶5—Particular attention should be given to what the church is doing for the support of missions and other interests of the General Church.

Section 41, ¶1—The Annual Church Meeting shall elect a Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, and not more than two deacons, or two deaconesses. These officers shall be nominated by the Pastor subject to the approval of the District Superintendent, and elected by secret ballot. If there be no election on the first ballot, the two names re-

ceiving the highest number of votes shall be voted for on the second ballot. Said officers are to enter upon their duties the first day of the assembly year, and continue until the first day of the next year, or until they are removed, as hereinafter provided.

¶2—Where there are competent persons of different families available, no two persons of one family shall be nominated to serve on the same Local Church Board.

Section 42—In addition to the Sunday School Superintendent, the Annual Church Meeting shall elect in the same manner as the church officers the following officers of the Sunday School: Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian. The teachers shall be chosen under the direction of the Local Church Board.

Section 43—The Annual Church Meeting shall elect one delegate to each church of fifty members or less and an additional delegate for every additional fifty members or major fraction thereof, to the Annual Meeting of the District Assembly. An alternate also shall be named who shall fill the regular delegate's place, providing he is unable to be present at the Assembly. Each delegate shall be provided with a certificate of his appointment signed by the pastor and secretary.

Section 44—Secretary. He shall record all proceedings and decisions in Church Meetings and Church Board Meetings; shall make true entries of the same in a journal kept for that purpose; shall keep a record of all members; all transfers of memberships; all baptisms; and have the custody of all record books of

all departments of the church after such books are full or in disuse and shall turn them over to the District Superintendent.

Section 45—¶1 Treasurer. He shall have the custody of the finances of the church, and make disbursements as directed by the Local Church Board; shall keep accurate books of account; and shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. Money raised for special objects may be received and disbursed by the Pastor or special committees, providing the Local Church Board so directs, and with the approval of the District Superintendent.

¶2—All books of financial record of local churches shall be brought to the District Assembly for auditing upon request of the District Superintendent.

Section 46—Sunday School Superintendent. His duties shall be those usually incident to this office and he shall carry out the instructions of the Manual (Sections 69-73) as to the management and work of the Sunday School.

Section 47, ¶1—Local Deacons and Deaconesses. They shall aid the pastor in receiving offerings, preparing the Sacraments, relieving the poor and sick, looking after the widows and orphans, and shall seek to aid the needy generally. They shall also arrange for monthly donations of provisions, etc.; from the church to the pastor.

¶2—They shall give special attention to the spiritual interests of all members of the church, and should feel the responsibility of the oversight of the flock with the pastor.

Section 48, ¶1-Appointing a Pastor. An ordained

or licensed minister shall be appointed to the pastorate of a local church or circuit by the District Council, subject to the approval of the Field Superintendent. In the organization of new churches, or where circumstances may otherwise require, the District Superintendent may make a temporary appointment of a pastor, pending an official meeting of the District Council.

¶2—The minister's term of office as pastor of a church shall be from the time of one annual District Assembly to the next, or if he be appointed between Assemblies, until the time of the Assembly following his appointment. He may be reappointed from year to year.

¶3—Where two-thirds of the District Council deem a local situation such as to demand intervention during the assembly year in order to protect the life and interests of the church, the District Superintendent, in conjunction with the District Council, shall be authorized to appoint a pastor or to change pastors; such appointment to be subject to the approval of the Field Superintendent.

¶4—We recommend that each charge support its pastor and that he devote his entire time to his appointment.

¶5—We recommend that each church receiving a pastor pay the moving expenses of the pastor to his charge; and, if there be no parsonage that the Local Church Board provide a suitable house for him.

¶6—No pastor shall be appointed or retained who does not give evidence of the sanctified life and who does not preach and teach our cardinal doctrines as

set forth in the Articles of Faith (Sections 4-22) and the Covenant (Section 29).

The Pastor

Section 49, [1—The special duties of the pastor are as follows:

¶2—To faithfully preach the Full Gospel as contained in the Word of God and interpreted by the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶3-To administer the Sacraments.

¶4—To exercise pastoral oversight, and have the general guidance, under the Holy Spirit, of the religious services, and care for the interests of the congregation.

¶5—To preside at all the business meetings of the Church, Local Church Board, and Sunday School Board; except as herein otherwise provided (Sections 38, 48, 51, 56),

¶6—To encourage and help prepare young people for the Gospel ministry, missionary, and deaconess work by enlisting the services of those whom God has especially called and gifted for these offices and to recommend the prescribed course of study.

¶7—To have the general oversight of all preachers and deaconesses engaged in the work of the local church of which he is pastor, and whenever possible to secure opportunities for them to exercise their gifts. He can do this by establishing prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, and preaching points in adjacent communities. Cottage prayer meetings among his own members may also be established in this way.

¶8-To see that the care of the church records is

placed in the hands of competent persons and that the records are kept neatly and accurately.

¶9—To see that church papers are properly preserved and delivered into the hands of the District Superintendent.

¶10—To aid in the gathering of statistics and other reports by requiring the church officers to have their reports and statistics ready at the proper time.

¶11—To fulfill carefully all other obligations laid upon him by the Manual in his relations to the District organization, the General Board and in every other regard whatsoever.

¶12—To preach on the Church Covenant once each year.

¶13—Our pastors should not grant the use of their churches to those claiming to be religious workers nor shall anyone be permitted to raise money for charitable or religious purposes, unless such persons have proper endorsement of the District and Field Superintendents.

Assistant Pastor

Section 50—The assistant pastor shall co-operate with and assist the pastor, and shall be appointed and released in the same manner as a pastor (Section 48).

Call Meetings

Section 51—Whenever desired, the pastor, or in his absence, the Secretary of the local church, by the direction of the Local Church Board, or upon request of the District Superintendent shall call a meeting of the church at any time, by giving a week's

notice in the regular Sunday services. A majority of resident members shall constitute a quorum.

District Superintendent's Meeting

Section 52—The coming of the District Superintendent or his Assistant should be well advertised and his visit should be made helpful to all concerned. This end will be best met through at least two services. The former should consist of preaching, testimony, and, if so desired, the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper may be administered. The latter service should be a business meeting, presided over by the Superintendent, and consisting, besides himself, of the pastor, the Local Church Board, and all other officers of the church. Let the meeting close with all present on their knees before God, earnestly entreating Him for grace to aid in future unity and service.

Local Church Board

Section 53—How constituted: The Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and not more than two deacons or deaconesses shall be the governing officers of the church and shall constitute the Local Church Board (Section 41, ¶1).

Section 54—When the teaching or conduct of any member of the Local Church Board (except that of the pastor or assistant pastor which is provided for elsewhere, Section 48, ¶3) becomes such that three-fourths of the entire Board votes to have the offending member vacate the office, the office is vacated

at once, and is to be filled by the District Superintendent.

Section 55—The duties of the Local Church Board shall be as follows:

11-To provide a place of worship.

¶2-To collect all finances and disburse the same.

¶3—To examine candidates for membership and pass on them.

¶4—To attend to all matters pertaining to the government and interests of the local church not otherwise provided for.

¶5—The Local Church Board shall appoint a committee to examine, audit, and correct all local church and Sunday School records shortly before each Quarterly and Annual Meeting.

¶6—For duties relative to Sunday Schools, see Section 46, 69 to 73.

¶7—To appoint the officers for the Pilgrim Young People's Society. (Sec. 74, ¶4.) (For other duties relative to P. Y. P. Societies see Sec. 74, ¶5-8.)

¶8—The Board shall not permit fairs, theatrical plays, nor so-called sociables, nor anything of like nature to be held in connection with the church or any department of its work.

¶9—The Local Church Board shall recommend candidates for local preacher's license (Section 168) to the District Superintendent; also candidates for license and renewal of license, as ministers or deaconesses, to the District Assembly (Section 169); it shall also perform any other duties required of it by this Manual with reference to the ministry.

Section 56, ¶1—Regular monthly business meetings shall be held and the majority of the Local Board call constitute a quorum. The Secretary or Treasurer shall give an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements.

¶2—Special meetings of the Local Church Board shall be called by the Secretary upon request of the pastor or District Superintendent. No special meetings of the Board shall be called in the absence of the pastor unless the District Superintendent requests it and is present at such meeting. All members of the Board must be present at a specially called meeting or shall have been notified personally, or by mailing a notice to their residence at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for the meeting. (Section 51.)

Special Rules

Section 57—If at any time the Local Church Board should feel the need of counsel, or difficulty should arise in which it feels incompetent to reach the best conclusions, it may refer the same to the District Superintendent.

Section 58—All persons holding office should be known for their piety, sanctified character, and ability for the particular work to which the church calls them. They should give satisfactory evidence of love for souls and the determination to be useful to their fellow men. Let all the officers carefully instruct themselves in their respective duties from the pages of our Manual (Sections 44-47).

Section 59—Let no one be appointed as a Class or Band leader who is careless of our Covenant and the obligations imposed therein. A leader should be an example to the flock of Christ, and if it be known that a candidate for an office is a divorced person, and is living in a state of wedlock with another party, or is married to a divorced person of such state, or vain in attire, or in debt to such a degree as to cause stumbling, or is boastful, haughty, overbearing, or otherwise un-Christlike in his temper or behavior, let the Local Church Board see that such an one not be recommended for appointment to any church office.

Section 60—Since the Scriptures so plainly teach us that he who preaches the Gospel shall live by the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the pastor to feed the flock of God over which the Holy Spirit has appointed him, and knowing that he can not be at his best in so doing unless he devotes his whole time to it, we therefore emphasize the support of the pastor as an imperative duty of the church (Section 48, §4).

Section 61—Let public free-will offerings be taken each Sunday, or as often as there are preaching services, the pastor instructing the people to remember that their first financial duty is to their own home church, assisting with the necessities there until they are relieved, for the Scriptures plainly say, "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

Section 62—Let all our members tithe their income into the local treasury of the church in which their respective memberships are held and let each pastor strongly urge this so that all expenses may be paid

therefrom. We further urge that the needs of the pastor receive due consideration.

Section 63—We recommend that the churches take adequate measures to provide their proportionate amount annually for the support of our Assembly Expense Fund and Foreign Missions, also taking care of our District interests. The money shall be sent to the District Treasurer and he in turn shall forward same to the proper destination.

Section 64, ¶1—Each local church should carefully regard its relation and duty in connection with the District Organization in which it is located and be subject to the co-operation and advice of its District Superintendent.

¶2—No Pilgrim Holiness Church, nor any minister or member of the church shall buy property or erect a building for the purpose of establishing a place of worship or make extensive repairs, etc., without first having the written approval of the District Council and the Field Superintendent. Any transaction that involves the District Corporation must have the written approval of the District Council and the Field Superintendent; and if the General Board be involved the written consent of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions must also be obtained.

Section 65—All our people are expected to patronize the Book and Bible Department of our Publishing House.

Sections 66-67—All money, or pledges, raised by missionaries or religious workers representing district or general interests shall be taken in charge by the

local church treasurer and sent through the District Treasurer to its proper destination.

Section 68—We are opposed to organizations which involve Christians in unscriptural alliances.

The Sunday School

Section 69—It shall be the duty of the Local Church Board to maintain a Sunday School for the purpose of teaching the Holy Scriptures and leading the pupils to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Section 70—As the Church in all ages has been mainly dependent on its children for its future, we admonish our people to give due diligence that, like our Savior's precept concerning the Lord's Day, the Sunday School may be regarded for the children, and not the children for the Sunday School. Let it be the constant aim of every pastor to so co-operate with the Sunday School that it may prove, under God, the greatest agency of the church outside the regular preaching services.

Section 71, ¶1—The Sunday School Board, of which the pastor shall be the regular chairman, and which shall consist of himself, the Sunday School Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Teachers, shall have direct oversight of the school, but shall at all times be subject to the Local Church Board.

¶2—No person shall hold office or teach who is not in the experience of entire sanctification, or who does not teach the cardinal doctrines of our Church.

Section 72-Our Sunday Schools are requested to

purchase from our Publishing House the literature published by the General Board.

Section 73—Because of the pernicious and trashy books which are being so freely circulated, every Sunday School should provide a library of books suitable to the youthful understanding. Such books should be purchased as will point toward the highest possible success, not from a worldly standpoint, but in helpful service to our fellow men and perfect love toward God.

Young People's Society

Section 74, ¶1—The young people's organization of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall be called the Pilgrim Young People's Society.

¶2—Object. The object of the local organization shall be to build up its young people in Christian character, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Church, and to bring about the salvation of the young people of the community.

¶3—Membership. The membership of this organization shall be divided into three classes—Active, Associate, and Honorary. (a) Active members shall be between the ages of 12 and 35 years and members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. (b) Associate members shall be those who are between the ages of 12 and 35 years who are Christians, but not members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. (c) Honorary members shall be Christian people above the age of 35 years who desire to be affiliated with the organization. Only active members have a right to vote or hold office in the organization.

¶4—Officers of the local organization, with their pastor, shall constitute the Local Executive Council. The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Pastor. The officers shall be appointed by the Local Church Board, and all the work of the organization shall conform to the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Such officers shall be appointed at the time of the Annual Church Meeting and shall hold office for the term of one year. They may be removed for cause by the Appointing body. Any vacancy occurring during the year is to be filled by the Local Church Board.

¶5—This organization shall hold no meetings that are not strictly religious and spiritual.

¶6—Dismissal of Members. As long as members of the Pilgrim Young People's Society are in good standing with the local church they shall not be dismissed from such society.

¶7—There shall be no organization of the young people without the consent of the majority of the Local Church Board.

¶8—At any time the Pilgrim Young People's Society fails to live up to the rules of their Constitution the Local Church Board has the right to discontinue the organization.

Section 75—While all Young People's Society organizations shall be local and under the supervision of the pastor and the Local Church Board, district or zone meetings may be held in which a number of societies participate. These meetings must be strictly spiritual and are to be arranged for by the District Council. (Section 90, ¶7.)

CHAPTER 2

District Assemblies

Section 76, ¶1—In every District there shall be an Annual Assembly, which shall consist of the District Council, all local, licensed, and ordained ministers and deaconesses and lay delegates (Section 43) who may be present, whose affiliation is with that particular District organization. The General Secretary of Foreign Missions for the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall be the Chairman of the District Assembly and it shall be his privilege to deputize a church officer to preside in his place. In the absence of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions and his deputy, the following officers shall preside as Chairman: first, the Field Superintendent, and in his absence the District Superintendent.

¶2—All delegates shall pledge themselves to their local church that they will stay until the close of the District Assembly, unless called home by sickness or death.

Section 77, ¶1—The duties of the District Assembly shall be as follows:

¶2—To inquire into and hear written reports concerning the condition of every local Church and Sunday School within its bounds; said reports to cover, among other items, their spiritual, numerical, financial and progressive standing.

¶3—To hear reports from the District Superintendent, the Assistant District Superintendent and other District officers. To receive instructions and counsel from properly constituted church officers and leaders.

¶4—To hear reports from each minister.

¶5—To make plans for the advancement of the work of the District.

. ¶6—To formulate in resolutions any desired changes in the government of the District providing such resolutions are in complete harmony with the Manual.

¶7—To elect the Assistant District Superintendent, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, and three other members of the District Council.

¶8—To act upon all applications for license as ministers or deaconesses or local preachers (Sections 55, ¶9; 127; 130).

¶9—To pass upon and authorize the ordination of candidates to the ministry or the office of ordained deaconesses (Sections 131-136).

¶10—To publish annually a journal of the District Assembly proceedings. Said publication to be in book form, 9" x 6", outside measurement and printed in eight point type.

¶11—To determine the time and place of its annual session, and adjust dates of same so as to make possible the attendance of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, his deputy, or the Field Superintendent.

¶12—To grant special commission to those called and gifted as evangelists.

¶13—To adopt resolutions proposing desired changes in the Manual (Section 109, ¶2),

Section 78—All meetings of the District Assembly shall, in the absence of specific instructions appearing in this Manual, be governed in methods of business

procedure by the rules of common Parliamentary Law.

CHAPTER 3

District Officers

Section 79—District Superintendent. The District Superintendent shall be appointed by the General Board.

Section 80—The District Superintendent is directly responsible to the Field Superintendent and through this Officer to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions and the General Board.

Section 81—The duties of the District Superintendent shall be as follows:

¶1—To have general oversight of the work throughout his territory.

¶2—To preside, when need be, as Chairman of the District Assembly (Section 76, ¶1).

¶3—To give an annual report of his work to the District Assembly.

¶4—To act in conjunction with the District Council in effecting the appointment of a pastor or the changing of pastors (Section 48, ¶1, 2).

¶5—Where quarterly meetings are held, he or his Assistant shall preside (Section 90, ¶4).

¶6—Together with the Secretary he shall renew the licenses of the candidates who are pursuing the Course of Study (Section 127, ¶6), if ordered to do so by the District Assembly (Section 77, ¶8).

. 17-To sign, with the District Secretary, the cre-

dentials of all ministers and deaconesses in his District (Sections 123, ¶2; 127, ¶6; 130).

¶8—To cause the monthly report blanks to be sent out and when they are returned he shall summarize their contents and, with the report of his own labors, shall forward same to the Field Superintendent. (For duties in connection with the supplying of churches with pastors, and the recommendation of ministers, deaconesses and licentiates see Sections 48, ¶1, 2; 138; 141.)

¶9—To examine the records personally and see that the deeds of all newly acquired church property within the bounds of the District are properly made and recorded, a complete written report of such examination to be promptly sent to the Field Superintendent.

¶10—To investigate carefully the support of pastors and other workers, and such other matters as may tend to increase the usefulness and spirituality of the church. He shall see that each church makes vigorous efforts to do its share in support of District and General interests.

¶11—To visit, or have his Assistant visit, without fail each church in his District at least twice a year, and to carefully preserve in his office, for future reference, the reports received on these visits (Section 52).

¶12—To prepare, at the District Assembly immediately preceding the General Assembly, a list of the names of all the local preachers, ministers and deaconesses of his District, properly classified and alphabetically arranged, for presentation to the Examining Committee at the Annual District Assembly.

- Assistant District Superintendent

Section 82—The Assistant District Superintendent shall hold office for the term of one year, and, as his name implies, shall serve as an assistant to the District Superintendent and represent him in whatever capacities the District Superintendent shall appoint him.

Secretary

Section 83—The District Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected.

Section 84, ¶1—The duties of the District Secretary shall be as follows:

¶2—To keep a correct record of the actions of the District Assembly and of all meetings of the District Council and shall perform the other necessary duties devolving upon him.

¶3—To sign, with the District Superintendent, the credentials of all ministers and deaconesses in his District (Section 81, ¶7).

¶4—To arrange alphabetically a classified list of the ministers of the District in the Annual Minutes according to their work, designating whether engaged in pastoral, evangelistic, educational, or other accredited work.

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Section 85—The District Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor is elected.

Section 86, ¶1—The duties of the District Treasurer shall be as follows:

¶2—To receive all District funds and disburse same in accordance with the orders of the District Assembly or District Council. To keep a correct record of all financial transactions of the District reporting same to the Annual Assembly and, when requested, to the District Council.

Examining Board

Section 87—The members of the Examining Board shall hold office for one year.

Section 88, ¶1—The duties of the Examining Board shall be as follows:

¶2—To examine all candidates for license as local preachers, ministers, or deaconesses, as to their proficiency in reading, writing, and spelling. To examine them in matters of doctrine, practice, and personal religious experience, ministerial call, evidence thereof, and as to whether any objections might arise from the circumstances of the candidate's personal, family, and business life. To report the result of the same to the District Assembly at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Section 77, ¶8).

¶3—To examine candidates for renewal of license as ministers or deaconesses, or for ordination, pass on them as to their religious experience and personal life, and to report the result of the same to the District Assembly at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Sections 127, ¶6; 77, ¶9).

¶4—Each examining committee or board in each District is authorized to examine each local preacher and minister, ordained or licensed, on questions of character, doctrine, and conduct.

CHAPTER 4

District Council

Section 89, ¶1—Each district organization shall have a District Council of seven members. These members shall be the District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and three elective members. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

¶2—Whenever regular ministerial members of the District are available they shall be elected to fill the places on the District Council. When this is not practicable others may be chosen.

Section 90, ¶1—The duties of the Council within the District shall be the oversight of the individual churches, ministers, deaconesses, and licentiates within its jurisdiction.

¶2—It shall encourage the licensing of Spirit-filled and gifted candidates for the ministry.

¶3—It shall act upon the recommendation of the District Assembly as to ordaining candidates for the ministry and for deaconess work.

¶4—It is advised further, that wherever practicable, the Council shall cause the District to be divided for the purpose of holding Quarterly Meetings, and shall cause to be united contiguous preaching points into circuits, under the charge of competent pastors.

¶5—The Council shall assist in planning the work of the District, and shall also lend its advice to local churches in the various problems which arise from their financial and spiritual necessities.

¶6—The approval of the District Council and the Field Superintendent must be secured with reference to the location of new places of worship (Section 91, ¶1).

¶7—The District Council shall select one member of said Council, who shall be at least thirty years of age, to serve as a Director of young people's work. It shall be the duty of this officer to promote young people's work in all churches in the District and to conduct rallies under the direction of the District Council (Section 75).

¶8—The District Council shall be called together by the Chairman or the Field Superintendent. The number required to constitute a quorum shall be five. (Section 89, ¶1.)

¶9—When the teaching or conduct of any member of the District Council becomes such that three-fourths of the entire Council votes to remove the offending member from his place, his place shall, upon such vote, be vacant at once.

¶10—If for any reason an office is vacated, the Council, by a majority vote, may fill the vacancy.

¶11—It shall be the duty of the District Council to secure the appointment of pastors to the local churches except in the instance where the District Superintendent serves as a pastor.

¶12-When the local church so requests or where

two-thirds of a District Council deem a local situation has become such as to demand intervention between Assemblies in order to protect the life and interest of the church, the District Superintendent, in conjunction with the District Council, shall be authorized to effect the appointment of a pastor or to change pastors.

¶13—If the District Council shall feel the need of assistance, it may turn for it to the Field Superintendent and the Caribbean General Committee.

CHAPTER 5

The Organization of New Districts

Section 91, ¶1—Whenever there shall be new church territory not organized into a regular district but in which there are Pilgrim Holiness Churches and the prospect of a new district, the General Board shall have power to appoint a Superintendent to supervise the field until such a time as the district can be organized and elect district officers.

¶2—The Superintendent appointed for the unorganized district shall make a full report quarterly to the General Board through the Field Superintendent.

CHAPTER 6

General Assembly

Section 92—There shall be a General Assembly composed of all the General Officers and members of the General Board, District and Bible School Officers, and a ministerial delegation and a lay delegation from the Church in the U. S. A., and such

delegations from abroad as may be arranged for by

Section 93—The General Assembly shall meet quadrennially on the first Tuesday of September, at 7:30 P. M., at such place as may be fixed by the General Board, notice of which shall be given not less than one year in advance of the time of meeting of said General Assembly.

Section 94—The General Assembly is the chief legislative body of the Church and the final authority, and shall have authority to propose and make amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Michigan.

Section 95, ¶1—The purpose and duty of the General Assembly therefore shall be as follows:

¶2—To elect the General Officers of the Church, namely, the General Superintendent, First and Second Assistant General Superintendents, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, and the additional members of the General Board, as provided for in the Manual.

¶3—To receive reports, as provided for by the Manual, as to the spiritual, financial and numerical condition and the educational interests of all the Pilgrim Holiness Churches both at home and abroad.

¶4—To prayerfully consider plans for the future which will lead to progressive movements along all lines of church activities.

¶5—To appoint all standing committees.

¶6-To take action with reference to anything

pertaining to the life and welfare of the Church, as the occasion may arise.

¶7—To outline, in a general way, the duties of the General Officers.

CHAPTER 7

General Church Officers

Section 96—The General Church officers (the General Superintendent, First Assistant and Second Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate) are ex-officio members of the General Board, and unless disqualified, or removed by illness or death, hold office for the succeeding quadrennium and General Assembly.

The General Superintendent

Section 97, ¶1—There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be elected by the General Assembly. He shall hold office for the following quadrennium and through the following General Assembly. The duties of the General Superintendent shall be:

¶2—To have general oversight of the Church in the United States and Canada.

¶3—To sign, with the General Secretary, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual.

Section 98—In the case of the death or removal of the General Superintendent, the First Assistant

shall become the General Superintendent; and in case of his death or removal, the Second Assistant shall become General Superintendent.

Assistant General Superintendents

Section 99—There shall be a First and a Second Assistant General Superintendent who shall be elected by ballot in the General Assembly. As their name implies, they shall serve the Church in the capacity of assistants to the General Superintendent in supervising the affairs of the Church.

The General Secretary of Foreign Missions

Section 100—There shall be a General Secretary of Foreign Missions who shall be elected by the General Assembly and who shall hold office for the ensuing quadrennium and General Assembly.

Section 101—He shall have full supervision of all the foreign missionary work of the Church. He is the ex-officio Chairman of the Department Committee of Foreign Missions, Chairman of the Caribbean General Committee and is responsible directly to the General Board.

Section 102, ¶1—The duties of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions are as follows:

¶2—To supervise the fields and to visit them at least once every two years.

¶3—To preside, when present, at District Assemblies held in foreign lands.

¶4—To preside, when present, at meetings of the Department Committee on Foreign Missions.

¶5—To pass, with the General Board, upon all candidates proposed for service in foreign lands and upon the recalling of workers sent to the field or the granting of furloughs. No missionary is to be sent to or recalled from the field over the veto of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, except by a two-thirds vote of the General Board.

¶6—To direct publicity and deputational work in the interests of Foreign Missions.

¶7—To handle all correspondence of the Department.

¶8—To make regular reports to the General Board, as may be required by that body, which shall also review his work.

General Secretary

Section 103, ¶1—There shall be a General Secretary elected by the General Assembly.

¶2—The General Secretary shall hold office for the succeeding quadrennium and the following General Assembly.

Section 104, ¶1—The duties of the General Secretary shall be as follows:

¶2—To act as custodian of records of the General Assembly.

¶3—To make a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the General Assembly, General Board meetings, and Executive Council meetings.

¶4—To sign, with the General Superintendent, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual (Section 97, 133).

The General Treasurer

Section 105, ¶1—There shall be a General Treasurer who shall be elected by the General Assembly.

¶2—The General Treasurer shall hold office for the succeeding quadrennium and the following General Assembly.

¶3—The duties of the General Treasurer shall be as follows:

¶4—To receive, keep accurate record of, and disburse all the general finance of the Church, as ordered by the General Board.

¶5—To report, when requested, to the General Church Board and to make quadrennial reports to the General Assembly.

¶6—To serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Section 106-The General Treasurer shall be bonded.

The Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

Section 107, ¶1—The office of the Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate is provided for by the General Assembly, but the selection of the individual shall be made by the General Board.

¶2—It is the responsibility of the Editor to preside over the editorial management of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

CHAPTER 8

The General Board

Section 108—There shall be a body known as the General Board which shall consist of the General Officers of the Church, the five members of the Department Committee on Foreign Missions and fifteen others, known as Zone Representatives, who shall constitute the Committees on Education, Home Missions, and Publications.

Section 109, ¶1—The General Board is the chief governing body in the Church in the interim of the General Assemblies and, as such, is empowered to perfect all plans necessary to the performance of its duties.

¶2—The General Board is duly empowered by the General Assembly to publish a Church Manual for the Caribbean Area and to revise such Manual from time to time as need may require. Proposed changes in the Manual may originate in the District Assemblies of the Caribbean Area and shall come to the General Board for consideration when endorsed by the Caribbean General Committee.

Executive Council

Section 110—The General Officers are ex-officion members of the General Board and constitute a body known as the Executive Council of the General Board.

Department Committees of the General Board

Section 111—The twenty members of the General Board who are not elected as General Officers of the Church shall constitute four Department Committees:

- (a) Department on Education.
- (b) Department on Foreign Missions.

- (c) Department on Home Missions and Church
 - (d) Department on Publication.

The Department Committee on Foreign Missions

Section 112, ¶1—The Department Committee on Foreign Missions shall consist of five members selected by vote of the General Board from among the members of the Church at large, irrespective of place of residence. The members of this Committee shall be chosen for terms of three years each, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be so elected that not more than two terms shall end in any one year.

¶2—The Department Committee on Foreign Missions shall deal with all matters coming under the head of Foreign Missions, including publicity and deputation work in the interests of Foreign Missions and the applications of prospective workers.

CHAPTER 9

The Caribbean Area

Section 113—The West Indies Islands and lands adjacent to the Caribbean Sea together with the Guianas in South America, are designated as the Caribbean Area of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

The Caribbean General Committee

Section 114—There shall be a Caribbean General Committee whose membership shall be constituted as follows: The General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Chairman; the Field Superintendent, Vice-Chairman; the District Superintendents of the Caribbean Area and such other members as the General Board shall from time to time appoint.

Section 115—The Caribbean General Committee shall have general oversight of the Area much in the same way that the General Board exercises oversight of the entire Church, and as such this Committee is the chief governing body in the Caribbean Area. It is empowered to perfect all plans necessary for the effectual performance of its duties.

Section 116, ¶1—The duties and responsibilities of the Caribbean General Committee are as follows:

¶2—To meet once each year or as often as otherwise necessary, at such a time and place as may be designated by the General Board or the General Secretary of Foreign Missions; and at such times to make careful survey of the work of the Church in the lands under its jurisdiction.

¶3—To hear reports from the District Superintendents and the Field Superintendent concerning the work in their care.

¶4—To receive instructions and advice from the General Board concerning the policies and program of the Church and to disseminate same throughout the Area.

¶5—To set an annual budget of expense for the Area subject to the approval of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions and the General Board.

¶6-To make plans for the work in the Area.

¶7—To have responsibility for the publishing and sale of the official organ of the Area, known as the

Caribbean Pilgrim and to name the Editor of such publication.

¶8—To sit as a judicial body in hearing appeals from the districts and officers in the Area.

¶9—To elect from among its members a Secretary-Treasurer.

¶10-To keep minutes of its official meetings.

¶11—To be governed in its deliberations not otherwise covered by this Manual, by parliamentary procedure for such bodies as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

¶12—To receive from the District Assemblies, for consideration, any proposed changes in the Manual. When and if such changes are approved same shall be forwarded to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions for presentation to the General Board. (Sections 77, ¶13; 109, ¶2.)

Secretary-Treasurer

Section 117—There shall be a Secretary-Treasurer of the Caribbean General Committee elected by such Committee from among its own membership. This Officer shall hold office for the term of one year or until his successor is elected.

Section 118—The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be those duties commonly associated with such offices, namely; the recording and keeping of the minutes of each meeting, to serve as correspondent for the Committee and custodian of such funds as come into the hands of the Committee.

Field Superintendent

Section 119—The Field Superintendent is appointed by the General Board. He is Vice-Chairman of the Caribbean General Committee. This Officer, as his title implies, has charge as an overseer of the Caribbean Area. He is the connecting link in the organization between the various divisions of the Area and the General Secretary of Foreign Missions. The term of his office and the extent of his duties are fixed by the appointing body.

Section 120, ¶1—The Field Superintendent is responsible for the proper administration of the affairs in the Area in harmony with existing regulations as set forth in this Manual and as may be published from time to time by the General Board.

¶2—He shall visit the various parts of the field once each year or as often as may be necessary. At the time of such visits he shall have the right and duty to carefully investigate all phases of the work and to take such action, in conformity with existing regulations, as shall be for the best interests of the Church.

¶3—He shall attend all meetings of the Caribbean General Committee and in the absence of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions shall act as Chairman of such Committee.

¶4—He shall attend all District Assemblies and when required (Section 76, ¶1) shall serve as Chairman. At all times he shall assist as a leader in the work of the Assemblies.

¶5—In conjunction with the General Secretary of Foreign Missions (as provided for by the regulations of the General Board and this Manual) he shall have charge of all matters relating to the placing of Missionaries, opening up new stations, the purchasing of property, the legal incorporation of new districts, and the governing of the churches.

¶6—He shall personally examine the property records of the Church in his Area and see that all deeds of property are properly drawn and recorded, and send a report of same to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions.

¶7—He is charged with the special responsibility of keeping the actions of the District Assemblies in harmony with the regulations of the General Board, this Manual and the law of the secular Governments where such Assemblies operate.

Missionaries in the Caribbean Area

Section 121—From time to time missionaries are sent out by the General Board to fill appointments in the Caribbean Area. Such missionaries are responsible to the General Board but are also responsible (in accordance with the provision of the Policy of the General Board with Reference to Foreign Missions) to the districts of which they are a part and work in harmony with the provisions of this Manual and the regulations of the district organization of which they are a part. Missionaries under appointment by the General Board are, by virtue of such appointment, ministerial members of the district to which they are assigned.

PART FOUR—THE MINISTRY CHAPTER 1

The Ministerial Order

Section 122, ¶1—We assert our belief that God has especially called some to devote their time and talents entirely to His peculiar service, and that human ordination is simply our recognition of that which has already been conferred by the Divine Head of the Church. To prevent the many and grievous evils which arise from thrusting forth the unestablished and the mistaken, we feel that this office must be safeguarded by carefully testing the candidates therefor, as well as by causing them to be trained in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

¶2—Credentials shall be issued to all ministers both licensed and ordained as well as to licensed and ordained deaconesses and those under special appointment as evangelists or missionaries. All certificates issued in accordance with the foregoing shall be valid only when properly signed and bearing endorsement of proper authorities for the current year.

Local Preachers

Section 123, ¶1—A Local Preacher's License shall be issued to such as have a call for local church work. A similar license shall also be granted to those called to the regular ministry, for two successive years previous to the granting of License as a Minister by the District Assembly, except as provided for in

Section 127, ¶3. A Local Preacher's License is good for only one year and is renewed providing the applicant has shown a satisfactory improvement in spirit and in practice.

¶2—This license shall be furnished by the Field Superintendent but issued by the District Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Local Church Board in counsel with the District Superintendent (Section 55, ¶9).

Section 124—Said Local Preacher shall be under the personal supervision of the resident pastor, who shall secure openings for him where possible.

Section 125, ¶1—The Local Preacher shall not have authority to solemnize marriages, nor to administer the Sacraments.

¶2—Local Preachers shall make a report of their work to the local church each quarter.

¶3—If a Local Preacher shall do supply work as pastor of a local organized work, he shall make a report of the same to the District Assembly in which his congregation is represented.

¶4—A Local Preacher shall have a voice and vote in the Annual District Assembly.

Section 126—There shall be a Course of Study for local preachers.

Licensed Ministers

Section 127, ¶1—Any brother or sister presenting a recommendation from the local church of which he or she is a member, certifying to his or her holy character and conversation, as well as spiritual gifts and calling, may be recommended by the District Coun-

cil to the District Assembly for Minister's License (Section 77, ¶8).

¶2—Such license shall not be granted over the protest of the Examining Board, except by consent of three-fourths of all the delegates present at the Annual Assembly. The District Assembly shall reject any recommendation for the licensing of any minister who does not tithe and teach tithing into the Pilgrim Holiness Church. In case of a favorable report, license shall be granted on a simple majority (Section 88, ¶2).

¶3—No person shall be recommended to the Annual District Assembly for license as a minister until such party shall have served two years as a Local Preacher and completed the Course of Study for Local Preachers, or its equivalent (Section 176). Exception to this rule may be made in case of a person who has satisfactorily passed the Examining Board and has been recommended by them as a minister (Section 123, ¶1).

¶4—Candidates for license who do not reside within the bounds of any District Organization shall confer with the General Superintendent, or with one of the Assistant Superintendents, and shall be referred by them to the most convenient District Assembly.

¶5—Before granting this License a report shall be heard from the Examining Board, as provided under Section 88, ¶2.

¶6—License shall be granted by the District Assembly and shall be signed by the General Superintendent, the General Secretary, the District Superintendent and District Secretary. It may be renewed

each year upon the passage of the licentiate's character and the report from the Examining Board as to his or her gifts and growth in grace (Section 88, ¶3, 4) and from the Educational Board as to his or her progress in the Course of Study. For Course of Study see Section 176.

¶7—Careful attention will be given to doctrine, and no unorthodox and unscriptural teaching will be passed unchallenged, by either the Examining or the Educational Boards or by the principals of our schools.

Section 128—All licensed ministers failing to complete and report on at least two subjects a year in their required Course of Study, for two consecutive years, will automatically forfeit their licenses, unless in the judgment of the District Council an exception should be made.

Deaconesses and Deaconess Work

Section 129—We affirm that as God has called some to the work of ministering His Word, so has He also placed His peculiar approval, in numberless instances, upon the setting apart of women for labor in the interest of the souls and bodies of the poor, the afflicted, and for other necessary services in the various departments of Home and Foreign Missions.

Section 130—Any sister may be licensed for deaconess work in the same general manner as candidates are licensed as ministers of the Gospel (Section 77, ¶8), except that they are not required to take the Local Preacher's Course of Study.

Section 131-After her license, she shall report

quarterly to the District Superintendent and with her third Quarterly Report she shall enclose such a recommendation from the Local Church Board of the church with which she is connected, as that ordered for all ministers (Section 81, ¶8; 137).

Section 132—The candidate for license as a deaconess shall be examined by the Examining Board, according to Section 88, ¶2. In the Course of Study she shall be under the direction of the District Educational Board, as in the case of licensed ministers, and after being licensed for three years, she shall be reported to the District Assembly, with recommendation for or against her ordination, which recommendation shall receive primary consideration in deciding as to whether it shall be granted or refused. Her ordination shall, in general, be conducted exactly as though she were to be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel, except that she shall be set apart for deaconess work as provided in Section 129, 162.

Ordained Ministers

Section 133—No person shall be eligible for ordination until first having served at least two years in active ministry.

Section 134—The licentiate who has held his license at least three years and has successfully completed the required Course of Study, shall be eligible for ordination as a Minister of the Gospel, unless the District Council will have deemed it wise to have ordained before the expiration of the three year period.

Section 135, ¶1—In considering the case of a candidate for ordination, the District Assembly shall

hear: (1) the report of the Examining Board as to the candidate's religious experience and personal character (Section 88, ¶2); (2) the report of the Educational Board on his or her standing in the Course of Study; (3) the candidate's personal testimony; (4) any recommendation from the District Council regarding him or her.

¶2—The report of the Boards having been received by the Assembly, the said Assembly shall earnestly seek divine guidance, waiting upon God in prayer; then, if the Assembly so orders, it shall recommend the candidate for ordination to the District Council, which shall appoint a body of at least five ministers, that by the laying on of hands and by prayer he may be set apart for the work whereunto God has called him (Section 90, ¶3).

Section 136—Certificates of Ordination shall be issued and shall bear the signatures of at least five ordained ministers who have had part in the ordination (Section 90, ¶3).

CHAPTER 2

Ministerial Regulations

Rules

Section 137, ¶1—All licensed or ordained ministers and deaconesses, whether acting as pastors or otherwise shall make reports to the District Superintendent of the Assembly with which they are allied each month, said report to be made out on blanks sent out by the District Secretary.

¶2-With the third quarterly report each minister

and deaconess shall mail the District Superintendent the recommendation from the Local Church Board required for the renewal of credentials (Section 131).

Section 138—If any licensed minister or deaconess shall fail for three successive months to forward his or her report to the District Superintendent, the latter shall make an investigation, and if no reasonable cause shall be found for his or her failure, as above mentioned, the District Superintendent shall be justified in referring the case to the District Council.

Section 139—Any ordained or licensed minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church interfering with the work of, or influencing anyone against any pastor, shall be answerable to the District Council. Should the offender be a member of another District the offender shall make charges to his District Council, they in turn to the Council of the District of which the offender is a member.

Section 140—All ministers shall place their church letter in some local church within sixty days after receiving the same, and if they fail to do so their letter becomes void. Each pastor shall become a member of the church or one of the churches which he serves, and such membership shall move automatically when he moves to another charge.

Section 141—No minister shall be permitted to change Districts except by agreement with the Field Superintendent in concurrence with the District Superintendent of the District to which such minister belongs.

Section 142—No minister shall enter a town or city where there is an organized Pilgrim Holiness Church to hold a revival meeting over the protest of the local Pilgrim Holiness Church pastor and the District Superintendent.

Section 143—Every minister shall be duly registered with the Secretary of some District Council, preferably that nearest to his own location, and if he shall permanently enter the bounds of any other District Organization, he shall present a letter from his own District Secretary, certifying to his standing, and shall thereafter be acknowledged as a member thereof.

Section 144—Any minister or deaconess who has been divorced from one companion and has married another without the former having died should not be licensed nor ordained.

Section 145—As there are questions and conditions known to a District work that are not generally known, therefore when outside workers come within the bounds of such Districts they shall fully recognize the decision of the District Officials in said questions and conditions.

Section 146—The Sacraments are usually administered by ordained ministers, but licensed ministers having charge of congregations shall have power to do so. Bread and unfermented wine shall be used at the Lord's Supper.

Section 147, ¶1—Only ordained ministers who are devoting and who are properly registered according to civil law are permitted to perform marriage ceremonies.

¶2—In these days of multiplied divorces and great laxity relative to the marriage question, it is fully agreed that no minister shall unite in holy wedlock any who have been divorced.

Special Advice to Ministers

Section 148—John Wesley's "Twelve Rules of a Helper" have perhaps never been excelled as counsel to ministers, whether young or old. These "Rules" are, in part, as follows:

- 1. Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.
- 2. Be serious. Let your motto be: "Holiness to the Lord." Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.
- 3. Converse sparingly and conduct yourself with prudence in the presence of the opposite sex (1 Tim. 5:2).
- 4. Be honest. Keep out of debt; preach your own sermons.
- 5. Believe evil of no one unless you see it done; take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything.
- 6. Speak evil of no one; else your words especially will eat as doth a canker; keep your thoughts within your breast till you come to the person concerned.
- 7. Be courageous. Fear not to rebuke sin to its face and privately as well as in the public congregation.
- 8. Flee all affectation. A preacher of the Gospel should regard himself as the servant of all.
- 9. Be ashamed of nothing but sin. Let your industry, as well as your humility, commend itself to all.

- 10. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time; and keep your Covenant, not as a heavy duty, but for conscience sake.
- 11. You have nothing to do but to save souls; therefore spend and be spent in this work; and go always not only to those who want you, but to those who need you most.

12. It is not your business to preach merely a certain number of times, nor take care of this or that church; but to get as many souls saved as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

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Section 149—Adam Clarke, the Commentator, in "A Letter to a Preacher," makes many exceedingly pertinent observations, which we summarize herewith:

¶1—"Concerning Choice of Texts. — Never take a text which you do not fully understand. Remember, you are called not only to explain the things of God, but also the words of God. Seldom take a very short text. Never take a text out of its setting, but always give the meaning intended by the Holy Spirit. Beware of allegorizing on one side and literalizing on the other.

¶2—"Concerning Your Behavior in the Pulpit and Mode of Conducting the Public Service.—Go from your knees to the service. Be careful how you say things to make your congregation laugh. Never assume an air of importance while in the pulpit. Avoid:

fantastic attitudes. Endeavor to gain the attention of your congregation. You are a witness for God and are bound to tell the 'truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' Keep your eyes closed while you pray. Read your text distinctly and begin to speak about the middle of your voice. Be sure to have the matter of your text well arranged in your own mind before you come into the pulpit. Preach Jesus Christ. Never ape any person, however prominent he may be for piety or ministerial ability.

¶3-"Concerning Your Behavior on Your Circuit of at the Place Where You Exercise Your Ministry. -Never disappoint a place. Be punctual in getting in proper time to the place where you are to be entertained. Do not make the whole family wait upon you. Never leave any place you visit without reading a portion of the Scripture and praying with the family. Take heed that while you avoid levity on the one hand you fall not into sour godliness on the other. Tell your secret trials and temptations to very few. Never go in debt for food, clothes or anything else; it is no sin to die in a ditch through hunger or cold: but it is a crime to go in debt when there is not the fullest prospect of being able to pay. Get a genuine friend whenever you can. Beware of forming hasty friendships.

¶4—"Concerning Your Behavior in the House Where You Lodge.—On your arrival, get as speedily as possible to private prayer. Show yourself satisfied with everything you receive. Be punctual at meals and rise when called. Be not over-particular about your food. Give the family where you lodge

as little trouble as possible. Keep your room in such an orderly manner that everything will have its place and that even your absence will testify to the regularity of your habits. Go out as little as possible to eat and drink. Go not from house to house. (Luke 10:7).

¶5—"Concerning the Cultivation of Your Mind.— Pray much, read much, write much. Have always some essay, dissertation, or similar work upon the anvil; and be sure you finish whatever you undertake. Read the Bible regularly through at least once in the year; and take down in order every text you think you have light sufficient to preach from. Always carry a New Testament with you. No man can fully explain the Bible who has not a general acquaintance with the most important sciences and arts. There are multitudes of texts in that blessed Book which no man can explain who has not a tolerable knowledge of history, chronology, geography, astronomy, anatomy and chemistry. Illiterate piety may be useful in exhorting sinners to return to God, but it certainly cannot, without immediate inspiration, explain and apply the deep things of God. I think it of great consequence to the preacher of the Gospel to be able to read the Old and New Covenants of his God in those languages in which they were originally giv-The indolent preacher is soon known by his preaching; he has little or no variety. That knowledge which has for its object God and His works can never rob you of your religion nor deprive you of your simplicity; but, on the contrary, will be a powerful means of increasing both."

Section 150, ¶1—Systematic giving will never receive proper attention from the people unless clearly and frequently enunciated from the pulpit.

¶2—Special days, such as Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc., should be made the occasion of appropriate discourses.

¶3—Decency and cleanliness must not only be practiced by the preacher, but should be inculcated in his public preaching.

¶4—Congregational singing should receive careful attention. It should be lively, spiritual, and varied as to selection.

¶5—The pastor should be careful whom he permits to occupy his pulpit in his absence. Every preacher should control his pulpit.

¶6—Frequent sermons to the children are of great value.

¶7-The pastor must not neglect his Sunday School.

¶8—When children are converted they should have their own meetings and should receive special instruction so that they will grow up not only good Christians, but also good Pilgrim Holiness Christians.

¶9—Pastors will receive large returns in good done by circulating our Manual among their members. A copy should be in every home. The pastors should also constitute themselves agents for our holiness literature such as the books and periodicals to be procured at The Pilgrim Publishing House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHAPTER 3

Ministers From Other Evangelical Churches

Section 151—Ordained ministers from other evangelical churches desiring to unite with us may be admitted, receiving due credit for their standing, provided that they publicly assent to our beliefs, practices and system of government, are able to give evidence of holy character and a sanctified experience, and have pursued a course of study at least equal to the one prescribed for our ministers.

We do not recognize the credentials of ministers who have been divorced from one companion and have married another without the former having died.

PART FIVE—THE JUDICIARY

Judiciary

Breach of Covenant

Section 152—Members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, who wilfully and repeatedly neglect the means of grace (Heb. 10:25; Mal. 3:16; Acts 2:42), shall be investigated by the Local Church Board and if they do not repent and amend, they shall be discontinued; and the Secretary shall make known that they are excluded for breach of Covenant and not for immoral conduct.

Trial and Exclusion of Members

Section 153, ¶1—Whenever sin is openly manifested by any member it is to be rebuked, and all who wilfully oppose themselves to what is properly required of Christians, must, after being Scripturally dealt with without effect, be thrust out as having no part with the disciples of Christ.

¶2—Charges should never be made against anyone until care shall have been given in tenderness, and with much prayer and fasting. When charges are made against a member, they must be in writing and presented to the Local Church Board. In no case shall a charge be entertained unless the accuser is willing to come face to face with the accused, and unless proper means have been used to restore him, according to Matt. 18:15-17. No member shall be expelled without a Scriptural hearing and trial. When

all hopes of recovering the offender have disappeared, he may be expelled.

¶3—All matters of discipline and manner of procedure shall be left with the Local Church Board except in the case of ministers or deaconesses. When members are expelled or released they shall, if possible, be officially notified of such action by the Secretary.

¶4—Where the District or Field Superintendent deem intervention is justified the District Council may be called to act in the place of the Local Church Board.

Dismissal and Trial of a Minister

Section 154—Papers may not be refused to any Minister in good standing who desires to enter another Evangelical Denomination.

Section 155—When charges are brought against a Minister and it is necessary that he be tried, he shall be brought before the District Council of the District of which he is a member, the charges to be made in writing. One copy of such charge shall be given to the Chairman and one copy given to the accused. If the accused thinks he is not fairly dealt with he may appeal to the General Caribbean Committee.

PART SIX—RITUAL AND FORMS CHAPTER 1

Ritual

Section 156—The form of Solemnization of Matrimony.*

At the day and time appointed for solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of Man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ sanctioned and adorned with His presence, and first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee; and is commended of St. Paul to be honourable among all men, and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, or taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

It was ordained that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His Holy Name.

It was also ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other,

both in prosperity and adversity.

Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined

^{*}Only ordained ministers who are devoting entire time to the work of the ministry and who are properly registered according to civil law are permitted to perform marriage ceremonies.

together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

And, speaking unto the Persons that are to be

married, he shall say,

I require and charge you both, (as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed,) that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, you do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are joined together otherwise than God's law doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their Matrimony lawful.

The Man shall then say, as required by law, in the presence of the Registrar and two Witnesses, I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment, why I, A. B.,* may not be joined in Matrimony to C. D.† (*The Man, †The Woman.)

In like manner the Woman shall say, in the presence

of the same Persons.

I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment, why I, C. D.,* may not be joined in Matrimony to A. B.† (*The Woman, †The Man.)

N.B.—The names of the persons to be married must be repeated as they stand upon the License or Certificate.

If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister

say unto the Man,

A.B.—Wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer, I WILL

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

C.D.—Wilt thou have this Man to thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, serve him,

love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer, I Will.

Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man? Then the Minister shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand,

and to say after him, as required by law,

I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, A.B.,* do take thee, C.D.,† to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth. (*The Man. †The Woman.)

Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right

hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,

I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, C.D.† do take thee, A.B.,* to be my lawful wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

They shall again loose their hands, and the Minister shall pray. (If desired the couple and the Minister

may kneel for the prayer.)

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man

put asunder.

Then shall the Minister speak unto the People:

Forasmuch as A.B. and C.D. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have pledged their troth either to other and have declared the same by joining hands; I pronounce that they be Man and Wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Minister shall add this blessing:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

After which the Minister shall read as followeth:

All ye that are married, or that intend to take the holy estate of Matrimony upon you, hear what the Holy Scripture doth say, as touching the duty of husbands towards their wives, and wives towards their husbands.

Saint Paul, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, the fifth chapter, doth give this commandment to all married men:

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the

washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own

bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh;

and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and

mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular

so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.—Eph. 5:25-33. Likewise the same Saint Paul, writing to the Co-

Likewise the same Saint Paul, writing to the Colossians, speaketh thus to all men that are married: Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.—Col. 3:19.

Hear also what Saint Peter, an Apostle of Christ, who was himself a married man, saith unto them that are married: Ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.—1 Peter 3:7.

Hitherto ye have heard the duty of the husband toward the wife. Now likewise, ye wives, hear and learn your duties toward your husbands, even as they are plainly set forth in holy Scripture.

Saint Paul, in the aforenamed Epistle to the

Ephesians, teacheth you thus:

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own hus-

bands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every

thing.-Eph. 5:22-24.

And again he saith: Let the wife see that she reverence her husband.—Eph. 5:33.

And in his Epistle to the Colossians, Saint Paul giveth you this short lesson: Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.—Col. 3:18.

Saint Peter also doth instruct you, thus saying:

1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

- 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
- 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price.
- 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.—1 Pet. 3:1-6.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.—2 Cor. 13:14.

Section 157-Baptism.

At a suitable time and place when the candidates, having been previously examined, shall have gathered let there be a brief service of song after which the Minister shall read.

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

- 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey.

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

- 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.
- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
- 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
- 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

 —Mark 1:1-11.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen—Matt. 28:18-20.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.—Mark 16:15, 16.

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nico-

demus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can-

not see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?—John 3:1-10.

Then shall the Minister pray. After prayer let the candidates make a public statement of their faith in the following manner.

Minister: Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not be led by them?

Candidate: I renounce them all.

Minister: Dost thou believe in God the Father and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord; in the Holy Ghost, and in the Church of Christ in general; the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life after death?

Candidate: All this I steadfastly believe.

Minister: Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Candidate: This is my desire.

Minister: Wilt thou obediently keep God's holy commandments and walk in them daily?

Candidate: I will do so, God being my helper.

Then the Minister, asking the name of the candi-

date, shall baptize him, saying:

A.B.—on the profession of thy faith, and in obedience to our Lord's command, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Repeat the Lord's Prayer, closing with extemporary prayer.

Section 158-Dedication of Children.

(When parents desire to dedicate their children. the following form may be used):

Read from Mark 10:13-16:

13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them. Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Matthew 18:1-6.

1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them.

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of

heaven.

5 And whose shall receive one such little child in

my name receiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

After the reading let there be prayer as follows: Almighty God, we here and now dedicate this child unto Thee, praying that he (or she) may be endued with heavenly virtues, taught by Thy Holy Spirit, nourished by Thy Word, kept by divine grace and everlastingly rewarded through Thy eternal mercies.

In the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Be pleased, O God, to grant unto this child an understanding mind. May Thy providence lead him (or her) through the dangers, temptations and ignorance of youth; may he (or she) never run into folly nor into the evils of unbridled appetite; may he (or she) be led to serve Thee faithfully, so that, when he (or she) has glorified Thee in his (or her) generation and has served Thy cause on earth, he (or she) may be received into Thy eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction (2 Cor. 13:14).

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Section 159-Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

No person shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper who is guilty of any practice for which we would exclude a member of our church.

Let the minister read 1 Cor. 11:23-34:

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eat-

eth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among

you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not

be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together

to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together under condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

And Luke 22: 1-22:

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they

might kill him; for they feared the people.

3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot,

being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him

money.

6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when

the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that

we prepare?

- 10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.
- 11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestcham-

ber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12 And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto

them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said,

Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth

me is with me on the table.

22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Prayer of consecration, extemporary. Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and proceed to deliver the same to the other officiating Ministers in like manner, (if any be present) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands. And when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say,

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart

by faith with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivereth the Cup shall say, The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

In closing, let the people unite with the Minister in repeating the Lord's Prayer, to be followed by dismissal as follows:

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Section 160-Burial of the Dead.

At the beginning of the services either at the house or the church, let some of the following Scriptures be read.

"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11:25, 26.

"I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another."—Job 19:25-27.

"We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."—1 Tim. 6:7; Job 1:21.

Then let there be a hymn sung and prayer offered and the following Scripture read in connection with address. Other appropriate selections will be found in Psa. 39; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and Rev. 21:21-27.

(For the death of a child the following Scriptures

may be read: Mark 10:13-16; Matt. 18:1-6, 10; 2 Sam. 12:16-23.)

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in

Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for some

have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him,

and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the

glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is

sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory; it

is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quick-

ening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second

man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy,

we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all

sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is

thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the vic-

tory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, ye be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15:20-58.

After the Scripture Lesson and Address a hymn or

prayer may follow at the Minister's discretion.

Then having reached the place of burial as the casket is lowered, let the Minister say:

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of trouble. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Then, while the earth (or a sprig of green) shall be cast upon the Casket by some standing by, the

Minister shall say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of the departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He shall burst the bands of death and gather to Himself in the skies to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb all those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us

all evermore. Amen.

Section 161-Form for Ordination of Ministers.

As the congregation enters let the Council of Ordination take their places on the rostrum.

Candidates for Ordination shall be seated before

the altar.

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have." Prayer by a member of the Council.

Hymn: "Rock of Ages."

Scripture Lesson: 1 Timothy, 3rd Chapter.

1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office

of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy

lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them

which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the

snare of the devil.

8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure con-

science.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers,

sober, faithful in all things.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come

unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Acts 20:17-36.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called

the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come unto him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me

by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the

Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the

flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one

night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or ap-

parel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have

ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken he kneeled down,

and prayed with them all.

2 Tim. 4:1-5.

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering

and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Then shall follow the charge to the candidates and

sermon on the calling and work of the ministry. The candidates shall then kneel at the altar, and while prayer is being offered, the members of the Council shall severally lay their hands on the head of each candidate, after which the official minister in charge of the service shall place the Bible in the hand of the candidate, saying:

Take thou authority to preach the Word of God. and to administer the sacraments in the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Doxology and Benediction.

Section 162-Form for Ordination of Deaconesses. Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Prayer.

Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing."

Then shall the following Scripture be read accompanied by suitable address.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-42.

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was

neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also

sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many

things:

42 But one think is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The Minister in charge shall then call the candidates

forward and ask the following questions:

Do you believe that you are called of God to do the work of a Deaconess? Do you promise to faithfully perform the duties of this office as taught in the Word of God? Will you strive to represent your Lord and Master wherever you are needed, and to go where you are needed most?

The Minister in charge shall then offer prayer, the candidates kneeling at the altar, after which he

shall take each one by the hand and say:

Thou art admitted to the office of Deaconess in the Church of Christ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Hymn: "I'll Live for Him."

Doxology and Benediction.

Section 163-Form for Laying the Corner Stone of a Church.

Hymn.

The Minister, standing near the place where the Stone is to be laid, shall say unto the Congregation:

Dearly Beloved, we are taught in the Word of God, that, although the heaven of heavens cannot contain the Eternal One, much less the walls of temples made with hands, yet His delight is ever with the sons of men, and that wherever two or three are gathered in His Name, there is He in the midst of them. And in all ages His servants have separated certain places for His worship: as Jacob erected a stone in Bethel for God's house: as Moses made a tabernacle in the desert; as Solomon builded a temple for the Lord, which He filled with the glory of His presence before all the people. We are now assembled to lay the Corner Stone of a new house for the worship of the God of our fathers. Let us not doubt that He will favorably approve our godly purpose, and let us now devoutly unite in singing His praise, and in prayer for His blessing on this our undertaking.

Humn.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Most Glorious God, the heaven is Thy throne and the earth is Thy footstool; what house then can be builded for Thee, or where is the place of Thy rest? Yet, blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth. And now, especially, we render thanks unto Thy Holy Name that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to erect in this place a house for Thy worship. We thank Thee for Thy grace which has inclined them to contribute of their substance for the glory of Thy Name: and we pray Thee to continue Thy blessing upon their pious undertaking.

May many unite with them in their holy work, until this habitation of Thy house shall be completed, and ready for dedication to Thy service, free from

all debt or claim of man.

Accept this our prayer, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son; and to Thee, the only True and

Living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be honor, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Humn.

The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:9-23.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are

God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that

is laid, which is Jesus Christ,

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold.

silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built

thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become

a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things

are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours:

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Then shall follow the Sermon, or an address suitable to the occasion, after which the Contributions of the People shall be received.

Then shall the Minister, standing by the Stone, exhibit to the congregation a box to be placed in an excavation of the Stone. It may contain a copy of the Bible, the Hymn Book, the Manual, the Assembly Minutes, Church periodicals of recent date, the names of the Pastor, Church Board, Members, with such other documents as may be desired. A list of these may be read, after which the Minister may deposit the box in the Stone and cover it; and the Stone shall be laid and adjusted by the Minister, assisted by the Builder.

Then shall the Minister say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this Corner Stone for the foundation of a house to be builded and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the Order and Usages of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Amen.

The service may conclude with extemporary Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction.

Section 164—Form for the Dedication of a Church. The Congregation being assembled in the Church, the Minister shall sau:

Dearly Beloved, the Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to His Name. We have heard how He filled the temple of Solomon with His glory, and how in the second temple He manifested Himself still more gloriously. And the Gospel approves and commends the centurion who built a synagogue for the people. Let us not doubt that He will also favorably approve our purpose of dedicating this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us now devoutly join in praise to His name, that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed, and in prayer for His further blessing

upon all who have been engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter worship His Name in this place.

Hymn.

Extemporary Prayer.

The First Lesson. 2 Chronicles 6:1, 2, 17-21.

1 Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee,

and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

17 Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward

this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

The Second Lesson. Hebrews 10:19-26.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh:

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full as-

surance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto

love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of truth, there remaineth no

more sacrifice for sins.

Hymn; after which the Minister shall deliver a Sermon suitable to the occasion. Contributions shall then be received from the people.

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Then let the Pastor stand up before the Altar, and say unto the Field or District Superintendent:

We present unto you this Building, to be dedicated as a Church for the service and worship of Almighty God.

Then shall the Superintendent request the Congregation to stand, while he repeats the following

DECLARATION:

Dearly Beloved, it is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. With gratitude therefore, to Almighty God, Who has signally blessed His servants in their holy enterprise of erecting this Church, we dedicate it to His service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Manual and Usages of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, I now call upon you all to

dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God. To Him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To Him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. To Him may our labours and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His great Name, and to the advancement of His kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this solemn act, let us pray.

Dedicatory Prayer.

Hymn.

Address to the Church Board:

Brethren: You have been selected by the Church to hold the honorable and responsible place of members of the Church Board of this house of worship now being dedicated to the service of Almighty God. In this office you represent the Church, and will act on its behalf and for its welfare.

The house of God is sacred; it is God's holy temple, where He is to be worshipped in the beauty of holiness and love; therefore nothing should enter this sacred place that will defile the temple of God.

By your official relation you are vitally interested in this temple. Protect it at all times; preserve it for constant service; improve it as needs arise. As assistants of the Pastor, help to make this a holy place. As representatives of the Church in the community, win men to it, and through it to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Holy Trinity I now give this key to the Pastor as Chairman of the Church Board, as the symbol of your authority as representatives of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. I pray that Christian faith and hope and love may dwell in your hearts, and that the Holy Spirit may be your guide and bless you.

Doxology. Benediction.

(Note: Form for Reception of Members to be found under Sections 26-31.)

CHAPTER 2

Forms

CHURCH LETTERS

Section 165-Letter of Recommendation	
This certifies that	is
an acceptable member of thePilgrim Holiness Church at	
Upon removal from this churchcommended to the Christian fellowship or	
whom this Certificate may be presented.	
S	ecretary
	Pastor

Section 166-Letter of Transfer.

Section 200 Metter of Arminister.
Date
To the Secretary of the
Pilgrim Holiness Church at
This is to certify that
is a member in good and regular standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church at
and in compliance with
request is affectionately commended to your
Church and fellowship.
This Letter is invalid if not presented within sixty
days.
St
Secretary
Pastor

To the Pastor or Church issuing the above Letter:
The Pilgrim Holiness Church at
has received into membership
to whom you issued a Letter of Transfer on date
of

Secretary

Pastor

(This Letter of Transfer to be used by a member removing to another Pilgrim Holiness Church.)

This certifies that has
This certifies that has
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been a member of the Pilgrim
Holiness Church at until the
above date.
Upon request is hereby dismissed
from membership in said Church.
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Secretary
Pastor
CREDENTIALS
Section 168-Local Preacher's License.
This certifies that has
been examined concerning gifts, graces, and
service and is recommended by the Advisory Board
of Plgrim Holiness Church
at
as a Local Preacher in said Church.
We therefore license to preach the Gospel
subject to the requirements of the Manual of the
Pilgrim Holiness Church.
In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix our
names this day of
District Superintendent
District Superintendent
District Secretary
Issued at

Section 169—License Certificate
This certifies that is
this day licensed to preach the Gospel for one year,
and, being in good and regular standing in the Pil-
grim Holiness Church, is recommended to the Chris-
tian fellowship of the people of God everywhere.
is authorized to perform all the duties per-
taining to the office provided spirit, practice,
and teaching continue to correspond with the teach-
ings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pil-
grim Holiness Church.
Praying that ministry may be blessed to the
salvation of many souls, we commend to the
keeping of God.
In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix our
names this day of
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Dist. Superintendent Gen. Superintendent
Dist. Secretary Gen. Secretary
Section 170—Certificate of Ordination

This certifies that we, a Council of Regularly Ordained Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, after careful examination, by the laying on of hands and prayer have this day ordained to the Gospel ministry. is therefore commended to the Christian fellowship of the people of God everywhere, and is authorized to perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the Gospel ministry as long as spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the teachings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

In Testimony			
names this	day of	***************************************	19

Section 171-Ordained Minister's Credentials. This certifies that is an Ordained Minister in good and regular standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and is therefore commended to the Christian fellowship of the people of God everywhere. is authorized to perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the Gospel ministry as long as spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the teachings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Praying that ministry may be blessed to the salvation of many souls, we commend to the keeping of God. In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix our names this day of 19 General Superintendent General Secretary Section 172-Evangelistic Commission. This certifies that being a minister in good standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and having given evidence of evangelistic gifts and ability is hereby commissioned as a regular evangelist for one year. is commended to the fellowship of the people of God everywhere provided spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Praying that ministry may be blessed to the salvation and edification of many souls, we commend to the keeping of God. In Testimony Whereof, we now affix our names this day of 19....... Issued atunder authority of _____ District Assembly. District Superintendent

District Secretary

Section 173-Special Appointment.

(The following Certificate is for special use both in the Districts and the General Church.)

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Certificate of Special Appointment This certifies that
Said appointment being effective from to unless revoked prior thereto. This Certificate is issued under authority of the of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and is revokable at any time by Issued at on the day of Signed:
Section 174—Certificate of License as Deaconess. This certifies that is this day recognized as a Licensed Deaconess for one year. Being in good and regular standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, she is commended to the Christian fellowship of the people of God everywhere and is authorized to perform all the duties pertaining

ing correspond with the teachings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Praying that her labors may be blessed to the salvation of many souls, we commend her to the keeping of God.

to the office, provided her spirit, practice, and teach-

Dist. Superintendent Gen. Superintendent

Dist. Secretary Gen. Secretary

Section 175-Certificate of Ordination as Deaconess.

This certifies that is an Ordained Deaconess in good and regular standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church. She is therefore commended to the Christian fellowship of the people of God everywhere, and is authorized to perform all the duties pertaining to the office as long as her spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the teachings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Praying that her labors may be blessed to the salvation of many souls, we commend her to the keeping of God.

General Superintendent

General Secretary

PART SEVEN—COURSES OF STUDY CHAPTER 1

Local Preacher's Course

Section 176—Course of study to be completed by local preachers make application for Minister's License:

First Year

To be studied:

- 1. Preparation for Teaching (Oliver).
- 2. Entire Sanctification, A Second Blessing (C. W. Ruth).

To be read:

- 1. Bible (Genesis to Isaiah).
- 2. Pastoral Theology (Kulp).
- 3. Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians (Lawson).
 - 4. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

Second Year

To be studied:

- 1. Jesus Is Coming (Blackstone).
- 2. Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

To be read:

- 1. Bible (Isaiah to Revelation).
- 2. False Doctrines and Fanaticism Exposed (Shelhamer).
 - 3. Story of the Christian Church (Hurlbut).
 - 4. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

This Course (or the equivalent of it), together with a thorough review of reading, writing, and spelling, should be completed in connection with application for License as Minister.

CHAPTER 2

Licensed Deaconess' Course

Section 177—Course of study to be completed by candidates applying for Ordination as Deaconess:

First Year

Books to be studied:

- 1. Bible (Pentateuch and Historical Books) with Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 72-159).
 - 2. Preparation for Teaching (Oliver).
 - 3. Bible Doctrine (Wm. M. Smith).

Reading Course:

- 1. Wesley's "Plain Account."
- 2. Preacher and Prayer (Bounds).
- 3. Church Manual.
- 4. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

Second Year

Books to be studied:

- 1. Bible (Gospels, Acts and Epistles) with Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 160-268).
 - 2. All About the Bible (Collett).
- 3. Modern Methods in Nursing: Red Cross Course, or any standard text.

Reading Course:

- 1. Perfect Love (Wood).
- 2. Missionary History (Mason, or other standard text).
 - 3. Life of Seth C. Rees.
 - 4. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

CHAPTER 3

Licensed Minister's Course

Section 178—Outline of course of study for licensed ministers making application for ordination:

First Year

To be studied:

- 1. Bible (Pentateuch and Historical Books) with Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 1-71).
- 2. Enlarged Practice Book in English Composition (Hitchcock).
- 3. Guide to the Study of the Old and New Testaments (Huffman).
 - 4. Bible Doctrines (Wm. M. Smith).
 - 5. Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

To be read:

- 1. Plain Account of Christian Perfection (Wesley).
- 2. To be supplied.
- 3. Missionary History (Mason, or other standard text).
 - 4. Preacher and Prayer (Bounds).
 - 5. Impressions (M. W. Knapp).
 - 6. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

Second Year

To be studied:

- 1. Bible (Poetical and Prophetical Books) with Sells' "Bible Study by Books" (pages 72-159).
 - 2. Effective English Expression (Webster).
 - 3. Manual of Biblical History (Blaikie).
- 4. Elements of Divinity (Ralston, Part I, omitting Section 6 on page 504 and Chapter 41).
 - 5. Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Part I (Hogue).

To be read:

- 1. Perfect Love (Wood).
- 2. Life of Christ (Stalker).
- 3. Heart Talks with Ministers (Shelhamer).
- 4. Bible History of World Government (Smith).
- 5. Life of Seth C. Rees.
- 6. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

Third Year

To be studied:

- 1. Bible (New Testament) with Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 160-273).
- 2. Practical Lessons in Parliamentary Procedure (Plummer).
 - 3. All About the Bible (Collett).
- 4. Elements of Divinity (Ralston, Parts II, III, and IV, pp. 953-993 optional).
- 5. Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Part II. (Hogue).

To be read:

- 1. Church History (Zenos, or other standard text).
- 2. The Preacher, His Life and Work (Jowett).
- 3. Typology (Christ in All the Scriptures, Hodg-kin).
 - 4. Ministry of Healing (Gordon.)
- Sunday School Work (Marion Lawrence of other good text).
 - 6. The Caribbean Pilgrim.

Section 179—Examinations or equivalent school credits required on books "to be studied." Also written statements are required, certifying to the careful reading of books "to be read."

CHAPTER 4

Study Course Regulations for Ministers

Section 180, ¶1—Men of this world demand a trained mind as well as a willing heart. In offering ourselves to the service of the Gospel ministry we should not be less diligent, that we may show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed.

¶2—Habits of study, together with Biblical and other knowledge secured through them are invaluable to the ministers of our Church. Therefore, to promote the same the General Assembly has provided that a course of study shall be arranged for applicants for license as a minister and for ordination as deaconess and ordination as a minister.

Section 181, ¶1—Persons pursuing the courses of study as given hereinbefore shall be governed by the following regulations:

¶2—Those entering a ministerial office shall immediately enter upon the prescribed course of study and pursue same until completed. To this end they shall place themselves under the direction of the District Educational Board which has charge of this work, unless the same course, or its equivalent, is taken in school.

¶3—Examinations required by the District Educational Board shall be submitted in writing and shall be conducted at the time and place of the District Assembly or during the year upon completion of a book or subject, either personally or through the mails.

¶4—The passing grade of any study shall not be less than an average of 70 per cent.

¶5—If the course of study is taken in our schools a yearly report of work completed shall be sent by the principal of such school to the Chairman of the District Educational Board, preceding the annual District Assembly where the student is registered. When the course of study is completed in a school, a certificate of standing shall be presented by the faculty of the school to the District Educational Board.

¶6—Candidates presenting diplomas from one of our schools, a theological seminary, or a college, shall present the outline of the course which has been followed that it may be made plain as to the exact character of the work which has been done. No course of study shall be accepted unless it is the equivalent of every subject represented in the course of study given in this Manual.

CHAPTER 5

Section 182—Teacher Training Class Course. We recommend that each local church provide for a Teacher Training Class for the purpose of better fitting our Sunday School teachers and workers for service. Said class shall be taught by the pastor or some other person suitable for this work. Examinations will be furnished by the General Office, and upon completion of the course prescribed, certificates will be granted to those receiving a passing grade. Passing grade shall be 75 per cent.

We recommend as a text "Hurlbut's Teacher Train-

ing Lessons for the Sunday School," by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, together with the two following books to be read: "My Message to Sunday School Workers" by Lawrence, and "Talks with the Training Class" by Slattery. These books may all be secured at the Pilgrim Publishing House.

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