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PART ONE—HISTORICAL

Introduction

Section 1, ¶1—In the midst of the prevailing drift of modern Christianity from Bible standards of doctrine and practice, there have been numerous organizations providentially raised up in various parts of the world for the conservation and propagation of true holiness.

¶2—Numbers of these organizations have from time to time found common ground of union and have combined under various denominational names. One of these united bodies is the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶3—The following is a brief account of the origin of the several organizations now united under the above name.

CHAPTER 1

Historical Statement

Section 2, ¶1—The history of the Pilgrim Holiness Church is, in a great measure, the combined histories of seven bodies of people. These people have been drawn together in the unity of the Spirit because of a similarity of views, not alone as to the doctrine of entire sanctification, as a second definite work of grace, but also regarding 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. 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, a paper called *The Revivalist*, 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 in 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 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 carried on not only missions and rescue work, but also engaged in camp meeting and orphanage activities and 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 year of 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. The name Pilgrim Church was 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 and a paper was published. A flourishing missionary work was carried on in Mexico and 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 and the name Pilgrim Holiness Church was chosen.

¶19—In 1924, at the Annual Assembly of the Ohio

District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a 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. 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. A Bible training school was operated, a periodical published, and a camp meeting maintained 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—The General Assembly of 1934 created the office of Secretary of Foreign Missions.

¶25—The office of Secretary of Home Missions was created in the General Assembly of 1938.

¶26—In 1942 the word conference was substituted for assembly so that the terms district conference and general conference came into use in the church.

¶27—The General Conference of 1946 created the office of Secretary of Sunday Schools. Also in 1946 the Church was incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana.

¶28—In 1880 a movement known as Holiness Bands originated in California under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Swing. This body was later known as The Holiness Church. These were a missionary people having work in Peru, and in Palestine. This church, led by its General Superintendent, Fred K. Wells, was received into membership of the Pilgrim Holiness Church during the General Conference of 1946.

¶29—With the passing of Rev. Seth C. Rees to the heavenly home on May 22, 1933, Rev. W. L. Surbrook, assistant superintendent, finished the unexpired term. The General Assembly of 1934 elected Rev. W. L. Surbrook as general superintendent. He served in that capacity through the General Conference of 1946.

¶30—Rev. L. W. Sturk was elected to the office of general superintendent in 1946, and re-elected in 1950.

¶31—The General Conference of 1950 changed the title of the Secretary of Home Missions to Secretary of Church Extension.

PART TWO—DOCTRINAL

CHAPTER 1

Object

Section 3, ¶1—The Pilgrim Holiness Church is composed of groups of individuals who believe in liberty of conscience regarding all matters that are not sinful. They believe 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:

¶2—First. To glorify God, our Father, to exalt Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and to honor the Holy Spirit.

¶3—Second. To carry out the great commission of our heaven-ascended Head by publishing the full gospel to every nation.

¶4—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 pre-millennial coming of Christ, the evangelization of the world and kindred neglected 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). In 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 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), is the very 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, died and was 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

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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.

ARTICLE 5

Original or Birth Sin

Section 8—Original sin stands 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. This atonement is the only ground of salvation (5), and 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 (7).

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 17:30; Rom. 5:18, 19; 1 Cor. 15:22.

ARTICLE 7

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). For this reason 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 Saviour Jesus Christ (1), by faith (2), and not for our own works or deservings (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.

ARTICLE 9

Sanctification

Section 12—Entire sanctification is the baptism with the Holy Spirit (1), which is subsequent to regeneration (2), is for all believers (3), and is an instantaneous experience, received by faith (4). It cleanses the heart of the recipient from all sin (5), sets him apart and endows 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; 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.

ARTICLE 11

Eternal Security

Section 14, ¶1—The doctrine of Eternal Security, or Once in Grace Always in Grace or Absolute Final Perseverance of the Saints, is not in harmony with the teachings of the Scriptures. The Scriptures plainly teach that any one, after having received the grace of God in his recovery from sin, including regeneration and sanctification, may fall from the same and finally be lost.

¶2—The doctrine of Eternal Security assumes an absolute divine sovereignty and excludes all the conditional relationship involved in man's recovery from sin.

¶3—The scriptural references, as alleged proofs favoring this doctrine, may be shown to rest upon an assumption, in each case, that the Word of God will not bear out.

¶4—Among the many Scripture texts we list the following which give ample proof of the possibility of final apostasy.

(a) The righteous may fall into everlasting condemnation and death. Ezek. 18:24; 33:13-18.

(b) They that had faith to sanctification may perish everlastingly. I Tim. 1:18, 19; 2 Tim. 4:14.

(c) Those grafted into the true vine may be broken off never to be grafted in again. Rom. 11:17, 20-22. Likewise the branches of the true vine may be

purged away unto everlasting death. John 15:1-6.

(d) Those who have escaped the pollutions of this world through Christ may fall back and perish. 2 Pet. 2:20, 21.

(e) Those made partakers of the Holy Ghost may turn away and be finally lost. Heb. 10:38.

(f) Those who live by faith may turn from that faith and finally be lost. Heb. 10:38.

(g) Those who are sanctified may fall from that Grace and perish everlastingly. Heb. 10:26-29.

ARTICLE 12

The Church

Section 15—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 Saviour (1). Her mission is the proclamation of the full gospel (2): salvation from all sin (3), divine healing (4), and the pre-millennial 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 13

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

Section 16, ¶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 14

The Sacraments

Section 17—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 to be duly used by us. Only those who partake of them worthily will receive a wholesome effect or benefit; but they that receive them unworthily purchase unto themselves condemnation, as St. Paul says. (1 Cor. 11:29).

Section 18—Baptism. This is an outward sign of an

inward work wrought by the Holy Ghost in the soul. As to the mode, let every one be fully persuaded in his own mind, and no preacher or layman shall insist on any certain mode. The baptism of children shall be retained in the church.

(Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-38; 16:33; 1 Pet. 3:21.)

Section 19—The Lord's Supper. This 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 accrue only 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 15

Healing

Section 20—We embrace the scriptural doctrine of healing for the body, and believe 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 16

The Return of Jesus

Section 21—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.

ARTICLE 17

Resurrection and Judgment

Section 22, ¶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 to 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 that 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) Rev. 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.

ARTICLE 18

Destiny

Section 23, ¶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, 46).

¶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 24, ¶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.

¶2—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 on 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 always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:19, 20.

¶3—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.

¶4—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.

¶5—Let us humbly follow Christ, a 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 25, ¶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 general or district superintendent or another member of the executive or 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 district superintendent, an ordained or licensed minister, or any other person authorized by the district superintendent,

may take charge of such meeting.

Section 26—The organization of such church shall be accomplished as follows:

¶1—The Chairman, after the usual preliminaries, and an earnest petition for the blessing of the Triune God, shall cause to be read, the following:

(1) Our Object (Section 3).

(2) General Statement of Belief (Sections 4-23)

¶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 29, ¶2-7). Then shall the church covenant be read and entered upon as provided in Sections 30-32.

¶4—After this takes place, such members shall elect officers who shall serve for the remainder of the year, or until the time specified (Sections 42, 43).

¶5—Steps shall also be taken to secure the service of a pastor and to place the church upon a sound financial basis (Section 53).

¶6—The Sunday school shall be organized according to the rules given in the Manual (Sections 46, 81-84).

Section 27, ¶1—In order to provide for the organization of a body of people fewer in number than re-

quired for regular church organization the following procedure may be followed:

¶2—Where a group of saved people, fewer in number than required for the organization of a church, are willing to accept the church covenant and to be governed by the doctrines and Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, such persons shall be received into membership the same as in a regularly organized church. An advisory council shall be appointed by the district superintendent, and such advisory council shall act as a governing body in the group just as the local church board acts in an organized church. This council shall consist of the pastor or other worker in charge, the Sunday school superintendent and a secretary-treasurer. This council shall regulate its activities according to the Manual.

¶3—Such organization as provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 27 shall be continued until sufficient members have been received into the church to effect a regular church organization.

¶4—The advisory council referred to here in Section 27 shall be directly amenable to the district superintendent, and the final church organization shall be effected when he so directs.

¶5—When the number of active members in any local church shall fall below the number required for organization, such church shall automatically revert to the status of a home missionary church and shall be under the direct supervision of the district superintendent as outlined in Sec. 27, ¶2.

Reception of Members

Section 28—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 who desires to be recognized as a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, shall first be accepted by the local church board. Afterward, in the presence of the church, he may be received into membership provided he affirmatively answers the prescribed questions (Section 29, ¶2-7) and agrees to the articles of the church covenant (Section 30). (Where no organization exists, procedure is as outlined in sections 25-27).

Section 29, ¶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. At the call of the pastor, or other officer, they shall 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?

¶8—The candidates for membership having satisfactorily answered these questions in Section 29, the church covenant shall then be read.

Church Covenant

Section 30, ¶1—Having been led to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, 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 lives.

¶3—Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, 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, the spread of the gospel throughout the nations of the earth, and the relief of the poor.

¶6—To maintain family and secret devotions.

¶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; to be faithful in our engagements; to abstain from contracting debts without due care to discharge them.

¶9—To avoid all tattling, backbiting, evil-speaking, 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 harm-

ful drugs in all forms.

¶11—To avoid worldly amusement, such as dances, shows, theatres, horse races, promiscuous bathing, and all 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).

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¶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." And according to 1 Tim. 2:9-10: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

¶14—To remember the Sabbath 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 Saviour.

Section 31—The pastor shall then address the can-

didates by asking, "Do you cheerfully accept the obligations of this Covenant?"

Section 32, ¶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 fellowship, 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 33—Any local church may receive members on six months' probation or longer, provided such members answer affirmatively the questions in Section 29, ¶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 34—Persons coming from other denomina-

tions 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 28).

Section 35—Members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in good and regular standing who present letters of transfer from some other church of our denomination (Section 37) within sixty days of the date of issue of such letter, shall be received directly into the church; whereupon the church receiving such member shall notify the church which issued the letter of transfer.

Letter of Recommendation

Section 36—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 chairman and secretary of the church board issuing such certificate (Section 197). Such person's membership in the local church ceases on the date the letter is issued.

Letter of Transfer

Section 37—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 chairman and secretary of the church board issuing such letter (Section 198). 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 date of such letter of transfer.

Withdrawal of Members

Section 38, ¶1—The chairman of the church board shall, upon request of a member, issue to such applicant a letter of dismissal (Section 199). 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. This is true provided a letter has been mailed to them notifying them of intention to drop their names from the roll.

¶3—Members of a church who, over a period of one year, wilfully fail to attend its services or who fail to support it financially as they are able, may be dropped from the rolls, provided a letter has been mailed to them notifying them of intention to drop them from the roll, and providing they have been dealt with according to Matthew 18:15-20.

¶4—As soon as any member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church unites with another denomination his membership in the Pilgrim Holiness Church will automatically be discontinued.

Church Business Meetings

Section 39, ¶1—The pastor of the church, or, in the absence or disqualification of the pastor, any person whom the meeting may select, 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 juvenile under the age of fourteen years shall be allowed to vote at any church meeting, and all such juveniles shall be listed as non-assessable members.

¶3—Order of Business:

- (a) Song and prayer.
- (b) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- (c) Reports.
- (d) Reports of committees.
- (e) Unfinished business.
- (f) New business.
- (g) Applications for membership.
- (h) Questions of finance, such as pastor's support and incidental expenses, and statements of what the church has done in raising the quotas for district and general budgets.
- (i) Miscellaneous business.
- (j) Closing 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 40—The annual church meeting shall be held at least 30 days prior to the district conference. The district superintendent shall be notified at least ten days prior to the appointed date of the annual church meeting, and shall preside if present. (Section 94, ¶13).

Section 41—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 may 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 hear the reports of the pastor, secretary, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, and the young people's society.

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

¶5—Particular attention should be given to what the church is doing for the support of missions and other general interests included in the general church budget.

Section 42, ¶1—The annual church meeting shall elect a Sunday school superintendent, church treasurer, church secretary, and not more than five elders and five deacons, or deaconesses. (Section 60, ¶9). These officers shall be elected by secret ballot. If there be no election on the first ballot, the two names receiving 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 conference year, and continue until the first day of the next year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, 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 elected to serve on the same local church board. No member of the board shall hold more than one office on such board if competent persons are otherwise available.

¶3—Prior to the annual church meeting the local church board shall nominate two or more persons qualified for the office of Sunday school superintendent, two or more persons qualified for the office of local treasurer, and two or more qualified persons to be elected as delegate to our annual conference. Two or more persons for young people's president (Section 84, paragraph 5e), and two or more persons for the president of the missionary society. (Section 88, paragraph 1).

Section 43—In addition to the superintendent, the annual church meeting shall elect 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 44—¶1 The annual church meeting shall also elect a board of trustees, upon nomination of the pastor, which board shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons, all of whom shall be members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶2—Immediately after the election, the local trustees shall meet and elect from their number a chairman and a secretary.

Section 45—The annual church meeting shall elect one delegate for 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 conference. An alternate also shall be named who shall fill the regular delegate's place, provided he is unable to be present at the conference. Each delegate shall be provided with a certificate of his appointment signed by the pastor and secretary.

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 79-83) as to the management and work of the Sunday school.

Section 47—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; shall sign all checks given by the church; and shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. Money raised for special objects may be received and disbursed by special committees, provided the local church board so directs.

Section 48—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.

Section 49—Elders. 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 50—Deacons. 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.

Section 51, ¶1—Local Trustees. Their duties shall be to attend to all legal matters pertaining to the church. They shall sign all papers concerning loans; money borrowed; renting, buying and selling property; and the disposal of the proceeds as they are ordered by the local church board. They shall also hold in trust for the Pilgrim Holiness Church all property committed to them.

¶2—Said trustees shall be empowered to execute one or more mortgages on the property of said church as security for its financial obligations, they having secured the consent of both the district superintendent and the local church board.

¶3—In the event of disorganization of a local church, trustees holding property for such church shall sell or dispose of same only on the order and under the direction of the district council and shall turn funds from the sale of such properties over to such council.

¶4—No board of trustees nor church board may divert property from the Pilgrim Holiness Church (Section 60, ¶16; 108, ¶16).

Section 52—Missionary Committee. A committee on missions shall be either elected or appointed to

work in conjunction with the pastor, the district council, and the General Board in arranging missionary meetings and distributing missionary literature.

Call and Dismissal of Pastor

Section 53, ¶1—An ordained or licensed minister may be called to the pastorate of a local church, or circuit, by a two-thirds vote of all the church members of voting age. These shall vote at a church meeting duly called for that purpose, provided that said minister has been recommended to the church by the district superintendent and a two-thirds vote of the local church board. The minister's term of office as pastor shall continue until and including the first Sunday following the district conference.

¶2—The call of a pastor may be renewed for the second and each succeeding year of his pastorate, without the nomination of the church board, by a two-thirds vote by ballot of all church members voting, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

¶3—When a pastor is recalled by his church, he must give his answer of acceptance or rejection within ten days from the date of recall by the church.

¶4—It is hereby provided that a local church may, when renewing pastoral relations at a church meeting duly called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote by secret ballot of the church members of voting age, extend the call for two or three years. The above is true only on condition that such extended call has been recommended by the district superintendent and a majority vote of the church board. The pastor accepting such an extended call shall be placed under

obligation to fulfill the terms of the call, unless he is released by the church and district council.

¶5—The pastor shall be elected by secret ballot.

¶6—The election of a pastor shall be subject to the approval of the district council (Section 108, ¶13).

¶7—When the local church so requests, or where two-thirds of the district council deem a local situation has become such as to demand intervention in order to protect the life and interests 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 (Sections 66; 108, ¶14).

¶8—A pastor may be dismissed by a majority vote of the church upon recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the local church board. No pastor shall be dismissed by a church between district conferences unless his life and character are not in harmony with the Word of God and the Church Manual (For procedure in such case see Section 174).

¶9—We recommend that each charge support its pastor and that he devote his entire time to the same; that the local church board meet with the district superintendent and pastor, who, in conference, shall agree upon a minimum amount for his support, this amount to include food, clothing, books, rents, and unexpected incidentals (Section 67).

¶10—We recommend that each church calling a pastor pay transportation charges on household goods and the car fare of the pastor and his family; if there be no parsonage, that the local church board provide a suitable house for him.

¶11—No pastor shall be called 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 4-23) and the Covenant (Section 30).

The Pastor

Section 54—The special duties of the pastor are as follows:

¶1—To preach faithfully the full gospel as contained in the Word of God and interpreted by the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶2—To administer the Sacraments.

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

¶4—To preside at all the business meetings of the church, local church board; and Sunday school board; except as herein otherwise provided (Sections 56, 57).

¶5—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 their attendance at some one of our schools that they may obtain requisite training.

¶6—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 ad-

jacent communities. Cottage prayer meetings among his own members may also be established in this way.

¶7—To see that church papers are properly preserved and cared for.

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

¶9—To prepare carefully a calling list of all homes connected with the church and Sunday school, listing addresses by city, street, and number; and to give such calling list to his successor on the field.

¶10—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.

¶11—To preach on the church covenant once each year.

¶12—Our pastors should not grant the use of churches to those claiming to be missionaries, or to others who are raising money for religious work, unless such persons have proper endorsement of the district council.

¶13—Any pastor having accepted the call to a local church and wishing to resign before the end of the conference year, shall be required to give at least sixty days' notice to his district superintendent and local church board unless the local church board and the district superintendent deem it wise that he be relieved sooner. (Section 94, ¶12.)

Assistant Pastor

Section 55—The assistant pastor shall co-operate

with and assist the pastor, and shall be called and released in the same manner as a pastor (Section 53).

Called Meetings

Section 56—Whenever desired, the pastor, or in his absence, the secretary of the local church, by the direction of the local church board, or upon petition of a majority of the resident members, may 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 57—The coming of the district superintendent or his assistant (Section 94, ¶3) 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, one of which will be on a week day, the other, if convenient, on the Sabbath. The latter should consist of preaching, testimony, and, if so desired, the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper may be administered. The former 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 58—How constituted: The pastor, assistant pastor, Sunday school superintendent, church

treasurer, church secretary, and not more than five elders and five deacons or deaconesses shall be the governing officers of the church and shall constitute the local church board (Section 42, ¶1).

Section 59—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 53, ¶7) becomes such that three-fourths of the entire board vote to have the offending member vacate the office, it shall be vacated at once and shall be filled by a majority vote of the board.

Section 60—The duties of the local church board shall be as follows:

¶1—To provide a place of worship.

¶2—To nominate pastor and assistant pastor and to recommend all changes of pastors (Section 53, ¶1; 54, ¶13).

¶3—The local church board shall not nominate a minister from outside the bounds of the district organization in which it is located without previous consultation with the district superintendent; nor shall it call such a minister over the protest of the superintendent, when he is supported in this objection by two other members of the district council (Section 94, ¶11).

¶4—To supply the pulpit when any temporary vacancy arises or when without a regular pastor.

¶5—To collect all finances and disburse the same.

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

¶7—To attend to all matters pertaining to the

government and interests of the local church not otherwise provided for.

¶8—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.

¶9—Prior to the annual church meeting the local church board shall nominate: one or more persons for Sunday school superintendent; one or more persons for church treasurer, (Section 42, ¶3); one or more persons for Young People's president (Section 84, ¶5e) and one or more persons for the president of the Foreign Missionary Society (Section 88, ¶1).

¶10—For duties relative to Sunday schools, see Sections 43 and 80, and for standing committees see Sections 52 and 60, ¶8.

¶11—The local church board shall, at any regular meeting, have power to fill vacancies in the offices of Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, secretary, elders and deacons, for the remainder of the year.

¶12—All other vacancies may be filled at the pleasure of the board.

¶13—The board shall not permit fairs, festivals, dramatic exercises, so-called sociables, nor anything of like nature to be held in connection with the church or any department of its work.

¶14—The local church board shall recommend candidates for local preacher's license (Section 144, ¶2) to the district superintendent; also candidates for license and renewal of license, as ministers,

deaconesses, evangelists or song evangelists to the district conference (Section 148, ¶1; 151); it shall also perform any other duties required of it by this Manual with reference to the ministry.

¶15—The local church board shall direct the board of trustees in attending to all legal matters of the church according to Section 51.

¶16—No board of trustees or church board may divert property from the Pilgrim Holiness Church (Sections 51, ¶4; 108, ¶16).

Section 61, ¶1—Regular monthly business meetings shall be held, and the majority of the local board shall 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 three members of the board. No special meetings of the board shall be called in the absence of the pastor. All members of the board must be present at a specially called meeting or shall have been notified either personally or by a notice mailed to their residence, at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for the meeting.

¶3—No special meetings of the Board shall be called in the absence of the pastor except when calling a pastor.

Section 62—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 council.

Special Rules

Section 63—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 46-52).

Section 64—Let no one be elected as a leader who is careless of our covenant and the obligations imposed therein. A leader should be an example to the flock of Christ. If it be known that an individual 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 is vain in his attire; or is 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 he is not elected to any church office, or if elected, that he be speedily removed.

Section 65—Whereas the present trend toward immodesty of dress is so evidently out of keeping with the Word of God, the girls and women who are members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church are not to appear in public wearing the immodest forms of dress so current today: such as sun suits, shorts, anklets and no stockings, dresses of immodest lengths, slacks, or similar garments. Men and boys of the church should not appear in public in shorts or without shirts. And further, parents are strongly urged to dress their children in accordance with this standard.

Section 66—After three consecutive meetings of the local church board of any church resulting in a failure to nominate a minister for pastor, the district superintendent is empowered to call a church meeting and such meeting shall nominate and elect a pastor. In the event that more than two candidates are nominated only the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be voted upon on the second ballot, and of these two the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; provided that when the district council deems it necessary to protect the life and interests of the church it may select such pastor as provided by Section 53, ¶6.

Section 67—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 53, ¶9).

Section 68—Let public free-will offerings be taken each Sunday, or as often as there are preaching services. The pastor should instruct the people to remember that their first financial duty is to their own home church and that they should assist with the necessities there until they are relieved. For the Scriptures plainly say, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

Section 69—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 first consideration.

Section 70—We recommend that the churches take adequate measures to provide their proportionate amount annually for the support of our foreign missions, church extension, Sunday school and youth work, and general administration, thus taking care of our general interests. The money shall be sent to the district treasurer and he in turn shall forward same to the General Treasurer.

Section 71, ¶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 without first having the approval of the district council for its location (Section 108, ¶7).

Section 72—All our people are expected to patronize the book and Bible department of our publishing house.

Section 73, ¶1—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 treasury to its proper destination.

¶2—When a local church has raised the quota asked of it by the district, such local church shall be per-

nitted to stipulate the interest, or interests, to which said surplus shall be directed (Section 138, ¶10).

Section 74—In order that people may be enlightened concerning our church institutions, local churches shall open their doors at least once annually to representatives of the department of Foreign Missions, department of Church Extension, and our Bible schools. At such gatherings the representatives may present the needs of their institutions, and an offering shall be taken for their maintenance. In arranging for such promotional visits the administrations shall co-operate with both district and local officials.

Section 75—We are opposed to organizations, either of labor or capital, which involve Christians in unscriptural alliances.

Section 76, ¶1—Inasmuch as many of our people believe that military warfare is contrary to the teaching of the New Testament, and their conscience is therefore violated by being compelled to take part in such; while others believe that their obligation to the State is such as to require them to take their place in the armed forces, or otherwise support the war effort, when asked to do so in times of national emergency: We therefore agree to lend our moral support to the cause of all who are members, in good standing, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church that their conscience be not violated.

¶2—We are opposed to compulsory peace-time military training.

Section 77, ¶1—The General Conference of 1950 adopted the following resolution:

¶2—Inasmuch as our church is traditionally

against the wearing of rings, and

¶3—Whereas we deem this is for the best interests of the church,

¶4—Therefore be it resolved that this General Conference go on record as opposed to the wearing of all rings.

Section 78—In view of the present tendency among religious bodies to go outside of their scriptural and ordered sphere of service into areas which are harmful to spiritual life, inter-church sponsored athletics are prohibited.

CHAPTER 2

Sunday Schools

Section 79, ¶1—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 Saviour's precept concerning the Sabbath, 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.

¶2—The district council shall appoint for each conference year, a Sunday school board of not less than three members, one of whom shall be a conference promotional secretary of Sunday schools (Section 108, ¶8).

Section 80, ¶1—It shall be the duty of the local church board to maintain a Sunday school for the purpose of teaching the Holy Scriptures and lead-

ing the pupils to a saving knowledge of Christ.

¶2—One Sunday each year shall be set aside for a Sunday school rally. On that day a special effort shall be made to raise funds for the use of the General Committee on Sunday School Extension Work.

Section 81, ¶1—The Sunday school board, of which the pastor shall be the regular chairman, shall consist of himself, the Sunday school superintendent, the assistant superintendent, secretary, treasurer, librarian, and teachers, and shall have direct oversight of the school. (For manner of election see Section 42, ¶1 and Section 43.)

¶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.

¶3—Our Sunday schools are requested to purchase from our publishing house the literature recommended by the General Board.

Section 82—Since daily vacation Bible schools are of so much value to our children, we recommend that they be held annually in each of our churches.

Section 83—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 84, ¶1—There shall be an organization

for young people embracing both local and district features. Provisions are hereby made for the existence and work of such organization in the following particulars as set forth in this Section 84 of the Manual, paragraphs 2 to 5 inclusive.

¶2—The name of the young people's organization shall be the Pilgrim Holiness Young People's Society, hereinafter referred to as the Young People's Society or Society.

¶3—The objects of the Young People's Society shall be the same as the great objects of the Pilgrim Holiness Church as set forth in this Manual, except that the pursuit of such objects shall be adapted to young people.

¶4—The membership of the Young People's Society shall be held locally; that is, there shall be local young people's societies each with its own membership roll. There shall also be a district young people's society comprised of the young people's societies within the bounds of each church district; and such district organizations shall be known by the name of their respective districts, as, for instance, those in Indiana shall be known as the Indiana District Pilgrim Holiness Young People's Society, those in California, as the California District Pilgrim Holiness Young People's Society, etc. Thus there are two units of the Young People's Society; namely, the local unit made up of individual members and the district unit comprised of the several young people's societies within such district. The membership of the local young people's society is divided into three classes as designated in the following divisions of

this paragraph that are marked (a) to (d) inclusive:

- (a) Active members shall be persons between the ages of twelve and thirty-five who are Christians and members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church desirous of being affiliated with the society. Such members shall have the right to vote in the business meetings of the young people's society and are eligible for office in the society. Such members shall be urged to place their tithe in the local church.
- (b) Associate members shall be persons who are Christians and who wish to be affiliated with the young people's society, but who are not members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Such members have the right to attend all meetings of the society but do not have the right to vote in business meetings of the society or to hold office.
- (c) Honorary members shall be those who are Christians and members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church desiring membership but who are excluded from active membership by the age limit. (This does not include the president of the society nor the pastor.) Such members may attend all meetings of the society but may not vote nor hold office.
- (d) Dismissal of members. Active and honorary members may be dismissed from such membership only when they are no longer members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in good and regular standing. Associate members may be dropped only when they fail to live in har-

mony with the qualifications of associate membership.

¶5—There shall be district officers and local officers and, if the district council of any district deems it advisable, zone officers. These officers, their manner of election or selection, and their duties are as set forth by the following paragraphs, (a) to (e) inclusive:

- (a) The district superintendent shall be the chief officer and head of the work of the young people's society in his district. He is elected to this office when elected as district superintendent by the annual conference. His duties in connection with the young people's society shall be those of a superintendent. As such, he shall have the right and privilege of attending any or all meetings, district, zone or local, of the society within the bounds of his district, whether such meetings be devotional services, business meetings, or the official meetings of any group of officers, or of any committee. It is also the duty of such district superintendent to advise, counsel or correct in harmony with the provisions of the Manual.
- (b) There shall be an officer known as the young people's executive secretary who shall be elected to his office for each conference year by the district youth convention from nominations made by the district council. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to assist the district superintendent in the district work of the Young People's Society and in this manner the

district superintendent and the executive secretary shall have charge of the work of such Society within the bounds of the district. In the absence of the district superintendent the executive secretary shall be recognized as the supervisor of the district activities of the Young People's Society, provided that all policies and programs proposed or followed by such executive secretary shall have the approval of the district superintendent. It must also be understood in this connection that in the event of any difference of opinion the decision of the district superintendent shall be final. The executive secretary shall also have the duty of receiving and distributing reports of the activities of the Young People's Societies, as well as gathering and distributing other information and literature of interest and value to the Society. Such executive secretary shall also, as a supervisor, assist the zone chairmen (in the event such officers as zone chairmen are provided by the District Council).

- (c) There shall be a district treasurer who shall be elected to his office for each conference year by the district youth convention from nominations made by the district council. It shall be the duty of this officer to receive and disburse all district funds of the society as directed by the society, subject to the approval of the district council. He must also keep an accurate record of the same and render accounts to the society and /or/ the district conference as the district council may require. Such accounts

shall also be open to the district superintendent and executive secretary at all times. Such district treasurer is amenable to the district superintendent and to the district council.

- (d) Whenever the district council deems it advisable, that council may appoint one or more zone chairmen for the work of the young people's societies within certain areas of the district. In doing this the council shall first recognize certain areas as district zones for the work of the young people's societies and set the bounds of such zones. Then the council shall appoint or arrange otherwise for the selection of an officer to be known as a zone chairman who shall hold office for the conference year. It shall be the duty of such officer to act as chairman of zone meetings or rallies of the young people's societies within such zone. Further zone organization shall be as authorized by the district council from time to time.
- (e) The officers of the local young people's society shall be the pastor of the church to which such local society belongs, the president of the society, the vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer. These officers, including the pastor, shall constitute the local executive council. The duty of this local executive council shall be similar, in its sphere, to the duty of the church board in its sphere. The duties of the officers of the local young people's society shall be similar, in their sphere, to the duties of the church officers in their sphere.

All these officers, except the pastor and the president, shall be elected by ballot just as the officers of the church are elected. The pastor is, of course, an officer by virtue of his position. The president shall be nominated by the local church board but shall be elected by ballot. The rules that govern the parliamentary proceedings of the church shall govern the same kind of proceedings of the young people's society in conformity with the provisions of this Manual for this society. In nominating the president of the young people's society the church board shall not be limited by the age limit of active members.

- (f) Wherever a local young people's society is of sufficient strength to divide into two or more young people's societies within the local church, such young people's society may divide, after securing the approval of the local church board.

This organization shall hold no meetings that are not strictly religious and spiritual. All social meetings for visiting and feasting are prohibited.

- (g) All active members of the local young people's societies attending the district young people's conference shall be entitled to vote.

Section 85—All the work of the young people's society, whether district, zone or local, shall conform to the spirit and teaching of the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The district council has the right to remove or cause to be removed any officer of the young people's society who, in the

judgment of such council, is not in harmony with the teaching and practice of this Manual.

CHAPTER 3

Missionary Societies

Section 86—The 1942 General Conference enacted legislation which makes provision for the organization of local missionary societies in churches where they may be desired. The constitution and by-laws for such societies are given in the following sections.

Section 87—

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Name

This society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the
(Ex. The Missionary Society of the Rees Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church.)

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be the promotion of the interests of the Kingdom of God through the missionary work of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, both home and foreign.

ARTICLE III.

Affiliation

The missionary societies of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall each be a constituent part of some local church organization and as such shall be subject to the supervision of the pastor and the local church board.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

The officers of the missionary society shall be: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The term of office and the duties of each shall be fixed by a by-law.

ARTICLE V.

Membership

¶1—Membership in the missionary society shall have two ratings: first, active members; second, associate members.

¶2—Active members shall be members also of the local Pilgrim Holiness Church. Associate members shall be those interested in the work of the society and who wish to assist in its efforts but who are not members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Active members form the voting body of the society, and from the ranks of these members shall the officers be drawn.

¶3—Membership in the missionary society shall be open to both men and women. There shall be no membership dues except such as may be decided upon by the society subject to the approval of the church board. The basis of membership shall be simply a heart interest in the work of Christian missions and a willingness to support the effort as God may make such support possible.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings

The missionary society shall hold a meeting at least once a month. More frequent gatherings may be arranged for in accordance with local opportunities. The meeting schedule of the society shall, of course,

be with the knowledge and consent of the pastor and / or / the local church board. These meetings shall be held for the purpose of promoting the interests of the society. Business meetings shall be held as often as necessary and may be combined with services held for other purposes.

ARTICLE VII.

Finances

Finances may be collected by the society for the cause of missions in the Pilgrim Holiness Church or for the incidental needs of the society itself. All funds raised for the missionary cause should be remitted to the General Church Treasurer through the local and district church treasurers. Monies may be raised for some specific missionary interest provided that the local church quota for the entire general budget is paid in full up to date. All funds raised by the missionary society shall be credited to parent local church.

ARTICLE VIII.

Missionary Representation and Literature

Missionary speakers chosen to address meetings of the society shall, if possible, be representatives of the missionary work of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, but in any event should have the approval of the pastor. The same rule shall hold good with reference to missionary literature, except that no missionary literature shall be distributed other than that of the Pilgrim Holiness Church unless it has the approval of the Secretaries of Home and Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

By-Laws

By-laws shall be provided for the further guidance of the missionary society. Such by-laws may be amended at any business session of the society, provided that the laws adopted are in harmony with the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and these articles.

ARTICLE X.

Amendment of Articles

These articles may be amended only by the General Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and in the same manner as any change in the Manual of the church is effected.

BY-LAWS**Section 88—****NUMBER ONE****Duties of Officers**

¶1—**President.** It shall be the duty of the president of the society to preside at all meetings of the society, except those called for elections, and to have oversight and supervision of the activities of the body. While the responsibility of leadership for the society is upon the president, yet it is highly desirable that the president shall use as many of the members as possible in order to promote leadership among them. The president shall report annually to the missionary society and to the local church board as to the activities of the society, number of meetings held, etc.

¶2—**Vice President.** The vice president shall serve

as an assistant to the president and shall succeed to the office of president in the event of that office becoming vacant between annual elections.

¶3—**Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a list of names and addresses of all members of the society; to notify members of dates and places of business meetings; and otherwise assist in the work of the society as requested by the president.

¶4—**Treasurer.** The selection of a treasurer shall be optional with the local church board. The regular church treasurer may serve as custodian for missionary society funds if so instructed by the board. Or it may be arranged to have the offices of secretary and treasurer filled by one person, a secretary-treasurer. The treasurer shall keep a record of all funds handled by the society and shall make an annual report to the society and to the local church board of the same. More frequent reports may be given if requested.

NUMBER TWO

Election of Officers and Terms of Office

¶1—The officers, except the president, shall be elected from among the active members of the missionary society at the annual business meeting by a majority vote; such elections shall be subject to the ratification of the local church board. Candidates for election to the office of president of the foreign missionary society shall be nominated by the local church board.

¶2—Officers shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected. They shall enter upon their duties the first day of the con-

ference year (Section 42, ¶1).

¶3—Special elections may be held during the year to fill vacancies, in which case the elections shall be for the unexpired term only.

NUMBER THREE

Executive Committee

¶1—The officers of the society shall form an executive committee of which the president shall be chairman. This committee shall meet at the call of the chairman or at the wish of any two of the officers.

¶2—The duty of the committee shall be to advise with the president on matters pertaining to the work and welfare of the society. In matters of decision coming before the committee, the president shall be bound by a majority vote of the committee.

NUMBER FOUR

Business Meetings

¶1—There shall be an annual business meeting held for the purpose of hearing the reports of the president and treasurer and to elect officers.

¶2—Special meetings may be called as may seem advisable.

¶3—The pastor shall preside at all meetings of the society where elections are held.

¶4—The time of the annual business meeting and of any special elections shall have the approval of the local church board.

NUMBER FIVE

By-Laws Amended

These by-laws may be amended by a majority

vote of the active members of the society at any regular or special business meeting provided at least three days' notice of such meeting is given; and provided further that such amendments are in harmony with the articles and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

CHAPTER 4

Annual Conferences

Section 89, ¶1—In every district there shall be an annual conference, which shall consist of the district council, all licensed and ordained ministers, ordained deaconesses, and lay delegates (Section 45) who may be present, whose affiliation is with that particular district organization. The general superintendent or one of the assistants shall act as chairman, or in case of necessity, the district superintendent or his assistant shall be chairman. Other Pilgrim Holiness ministers and deaconesses may be permitted to join in the deliberations and to have a seat within the conference bar as advisory members, by special permission of the conference.

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

¶3—Any church or pastor failing to raise the budget and having no good reason therefore shall be denied a voice in the annual conference.

Section 90, ¶1—The duties of the annual conference shall be as follows:

¶2—To inquire into and hear written reports con-

cerning 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.

¶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 provided such resolutions are in complete harmony with the Manual.

¶7—To elect the district superintendent (Sections 92-94) and the assistant district superintendent (Section 95), the district secretary (Sections 96, 97), the district treasurer by a two-thirds vote from nominations previously made by the district council (Sections 98, 99, 108, ¶4), and at least three other members of the district council by a majority vote. (Sections 107, 108, ¶4).

¶8—To elect an examining board of at least three members (Sections 100, 101, 108, ¶4).

¶9—To elect a district board of trustees in accordance with the laws of the state in which they are to serve (Sections 104, 105).

¶10—To elect an educational board of at least three members (Sections 102; 108, ¶4).

¶11—To act upon all applications for license for ministers, deaconesses, evangelists or song evangelists.

¶12—To pass upon and authorize the ordination

of candidates to the ministry or to the office of ordained deaconesses (Sections 150, 154).

¶13—To select, at the annual conference immediately preceding the General Conference, ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference according to the ratio provided for in Section 112, ¶2, 3.

¶14—To adopt resolutions, not over ten in number, covering desired changes in or additions to the Manual and to send immediately said resolutions as memorials to the chairman of the Polity Committee. (Sections 97, ¶6; 118, ¶2).

¶15—To publish annually a journal or minutes of the annual conference proceedings, said publication to be in book form, 9"x6", outside measurement, and printed in eight-point type. A tabulated system shall be used in compiling local church statistical reports for said minutes, such tabulations to show a comparison of local church totals as well as district totals.

¶16—The district secretary shall send copies of the Annual Conference Minutes as follows: ten copies to the general secretary at headquarters, two copies to each of the railway and bus clergy bureaus, and one copy to each district superintendent. (Section 97, ¶7).

¶17—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 Superintendent or one of the assistant general superintendents.

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

¶19—To make plans for the collection of general

church funds, namely: foreign missions, church extension, Sunday school and youth work, and general administration (Section 138, ¶10, ¶12).

¶20—The district shall provide a parsonage and telephone for the district superintendent.

¶21—All meetings of the annual conference shall, in absence of specific instructions appearing in this Manual, be governed in methods of business procedure by the rules of common parliamentary law.

Section 91, ¶1—Any district conference that desires to divide into two or more separate districts or conferences must secure the approval of the Executive Council.

¶2—If they desire to divide into two or more districts within one conference they may by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the conference make such division for a period not to exceed four years.

¶3—They must then secure permission from the Executive Council to organize as regular conferences or to continue as a divided conference for a period not to exceed two years at which time they must organize as separate conferences.

¶4—Any district conference that desires to divide into two or more separate conferences without the trial period may do so by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote provided they have received the approval of the Executive Council.

CHAPTER 5

Annual Conference Officers

Section 92—District Superintendent. The district superintendent shall be elected for a term of one

year, or until his successor is elected.

Section 93, ¶1—The district superintendent is responsible to the annual conference for the work assigned to him, and he is also amenable to the executive council which shall have authority to remove, reprove, or request the district that another be placed in his stead.

¶2—The district shall pay to the retiring district superintendent one month's salary or the equivalent of one month of his average monthly offerings during the last year of his service.

Section 94—The duties of the district superintendent shall be as follows:

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

¶2—To act in conjunction with the district council in effecting the appointment of a pastor or the changing of pastors (Section 53, ¶1, 4, 7).

¶3—To preside over quarterly meetings, if it is possible for him to attend. If not, his assistant shall do so.

¶4—To renew, with the district secretary, the licenses of the candidates who are pursuing the course of study (Section 148, ¶6), if ordered to do so by the annual conference (Section 90, ¶11).

¶5—To sign, with the district secretary, the credentials of all ministers and deaconesses in his district (Sections 144, ¶2; 148, ¶6; 151).

¶6—To cause to be sent out the quarterly report blanks and to summarize their contents when they are returned. These, together with a report of

his own labors, he shall then forward to the general superintendent. With the blanks for the second quarter, he shall mail the blank required for the recommendation of pastors, deaconesses, and other ministers by the local church board; and shall, after receiving the third quarterly report from the pastors, deaconesses and other ministers, together with recommendations, endorse their names to the district council for renewal of paper for the forthcoming year. (For duties in connection with the supplying of churches with pastors, and the recommendation of ministers, deaconesses and licentiates see Sections 53, ¶1, 7; 60, ¶3; 66; 159; 162).

¶7—To examine the records, personally, and see that the deeds of all church property within the bounds of the district are properly recorded, or have the deeds mailed to him for examination. He must then send a report of his findings to the general superintendent, giving the name and location of each church.

¶8—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.

¶9—To visit, or have his assistant visit, without fail, each church in his district at least twice a year, and to preserve carefully in his office, for future reference, the reports received on these visits (Section 57).

¶10—To prepare, at the annual conference im-

mediately preceding the General Conference, a list of all the ministers and deaconesses of his district, properly classified and alphabetically arranged, for presentation to the general secretary at the General Conference.

¶11—To give reasons for his objection, in case of protest, to calling a pastor from outside the bounds of the district (Section 60, ¶3).

¶12—To act, in conjunction with the local church board, upon a pastor's application for release from his appointment (Section 54, ¶13).

¶13—He shall, when present, preside at local church annual meetings (Section 40).

Assistant District Superintendent

Section 95—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 in whatever capacities the district superintendent shall appoint him.

Secretary

Section 96—The district secretary shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected.

Section 97, ¶1—The duties of the district secretary shall be as follows:

¶2—To keep a correct record of the actions of the annual conference and of all meetings of the district council and to 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 94, ¶5).

¶4—To arrange, alphabetically, a classified list of the ministers of the district in the annual minutes. He shall designate whether the above ministers are engaged in pastoral, evangelistic, educational, or other accredited work. Said classification shall be made in order that clergy bureaus may be guided in issuing clergy certificates.

¶5—To send to the General Secretary, at the close of the annual conference previous to the meeting of the General Conference, a list of the delegates elected to the General Conference.

¶6—To send, immediately following the close of the last annual conference previous to the General Conference, a copy of the memorials adopted by the district to the chairman of the Polity Committee for classification (Section 90, ¶14; 118, ¶2).

¶7—The district secretary shall send copies of the Annual Conference Minutes as follows: ten copies to the general secretary at headquarters, two copies to each of the railway and bus clergy bureaus, one copy to each district superintendent. (Section 90, ¶16.)

Treasurer

Section 98—The district treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor is elected.

Section 99, ¶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 annual conference or district council. To keep a correct record of all financial transactions of the district reporting same to the annual conference and, when requested, to the district council.

¶3—It is recommended that all district treasurers be bonded, the amount of bond to be determined by each district council (Section 108, ¶15).

Examining Board

Section 100—The members of the examining board shall hold office as follows: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, each one elected thereafter to serve for three years.

Section 101, ¶1—The duties of the examining board shall be as follows:

¶2—To examine all applicants for license, such as ministers, deaconesses, evangelists or song evangelists, as to their proficiency in reading, writing, and spelling. To examine them in matters of doctrine, practice, 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 annual conference at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Section 90, ¶11).

¶3—Applicants for license as ministers shall be required to fill out and sign a standard questionnaire provided by the general church, answering all questions.

¶4—To examine applicants as ministers or

deaconesses, for renewal of license or for ordination, and to pass on them as to their religious experience and personal life. The above findings must be reported to the annual conference at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Sections 148, ¶6; 90, ¶12).

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

Educational Board

Section 102—The members of the educational board shall hold office as follows: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, each one elected thereafter to serve three years.

Section 103, ¶1—The duties of the educational board shall be as follows:

¶2—To examine all applicants for license as ministers in the Course of Study for local preachers (Section 208) and all licentiates in the Course of Study leading to ordination as ministers or deaconesses (Sections 208-210) unless they are taking the course or an equivalent course in school or by correspondence. The examinations are to be conducted at the time and place of the annual conference or during the year, upon completion of a book or subject, either personally or through the mails (Section 149, ¶2).

Board of Trustees

Section 104—The members of the board of trustees are to hold office as shall be determined by

each annual conference so as to conform with the laws of their respective states.

Section 105 ¶1—The duties of the board of trustees for the district are as follows:

¶2—To hold all district property in trust for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, to attend to all legal matters pertaining to the district, to sign all legal papers for loans, money borrowed, renting, selling, and buying property and disposing of proceeds as ordered by the district council

CHAPTER 6

District Council

Section 106—Each district organization shall have a council of not less than seven members, which shall be elected at the annual conference and shall serve through the succeeding year and conference.

Section 107, ¶1—A district council may be of varying sizes. A district with fewer than 50 churches shall have 7 members on its district council. These shall be the district superintendent, assistant district superintendent, secretary, treasurer and 3 elective members, 5 members making a quorum.

¶2—A district with from 50 to 100 churches may have 9 members on its district council including the district officers, 7 members making a quorum.

¶3—A district with more than 100 churches may have 13 members on its district council including the district officers, 9 members making a quorum.

Section 108, ¶1—The duties of the council within the district shall be similar to the duties of the General Board over the whole church, except that its

oversight shall be more particularly with reference to 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. It may also grant temporary ministerial recognition to ministers coming to us from other denominations until their proper standing can be ascertained and credentials granted at the next annual conference. (Section 212, ¶1) The district council shall have power to review and pass upon the action of the educational board when such action of the educational board is deemed advisable. (Section 149, ¶1 and 2).

¶3—It shall act upon the recommendation of the annual conference in ordaining candidates for the ministry and for deaconess work by appointing five ordained ministers who shall set apart the licentiate, when he or she has been recommended by the conference (Section 156, ¶2).

¶4—The district council shall nominate to the annual conference one or more candidates for each vacancy to be filled on the examining and educational boards respectively. (Section 90, ¶8, 10). The district council shall also nominate one to three candidates for district treasurer (Section 90, ¶7).

¶5—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 contiguous preaching points to be united into circuits, under the charge of competent pastors.

¶6—The council shall assist in planning the work

of the district superintendent, and shall also lend its advice to local churches in the various problems which arise from their financial and spiritual necessities. It is its duty, likewise, to urge the pastors to secure an adequate support for the district superintendent.

¶7—The approval of the district council must be secured with reference to the location of new places of worship (Section 71, ¶2).

¶8—The district council shall appoint a young people's executive secretary for each conference year (Section 85, ¶5b).

¶9—It shall also appoint a Sunday school board composed of not less than three members, one of whom shall be conference promotional secretary of Sunday schools (Section 79, ¶2). (1.) It shall be the duty of this board to supervise the Sunday school work of the district in harmony with the direction and advice of the department committee on education and the General Sunday School Secretary. (2.) It shall be the duty of this board to encourage the organization and maintenance of a Sunday school in every church in the conference and to establish mission Sunday schools wherever practicable. (3.) The board shall plan for a district-wide or zone-wide Sunday school convention or institute, in co-operation with the district superintendent. (4.) The board shall arrange for the holding of special services in the interest of Sunday school work in our general gatherings, such as camp meetings, conferences, etc. The district Sunday school board through the district Sunday

school secretary shall report to the district conference and also the General Sunday School Secretary and department committee on education.

¶10—The district council shall be called together by the chairman, the number required to constitute a quorum depending upon the size of the council (Section 107).

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

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

¶13—It shall be the duty of the district council to approve the selection of pastors by the local churches calling them (Sections 53, ¶6; 60, ¶3).

¶14—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, in order to protect the life and interests 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 (Section 53, ¶7).

¶15—It is recommended that all district treasurers be bonded, the amount of bond to be determined by each district council (Section 99, ¶3).

¶16—It shall be the duty of the district council, where a local church becomes disorganized, to take possession of the property of such church on behalf of the district, and to direct any remaining trustees

or board members of such disorganized church in the sale or transfer of such property. (Section 51, ¶3; 60, ¶16).

Section 109—If the district council shall feel the need of assistance, it may turn for it to the General Board.

CHAPTER 7

The Organization of New Districts

Section 110 — 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 Secretary of Church Extension shall recommend to the General Board the appointment of a superintendent and two other members as an advisory council to supervise the field until such a time as the district can be organized and elect its own district officers (Section 138, ¶22).

Section 111, ¶1—When a church extension or a home mission district reaches a membership of 200 or when the Secretary of Church Extension deems advisable, two additional members in advisory capacity shall be elected by the annual conference to the district council. These members shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

¶2—All newly organized home missionary districts shall be assessed but one-fourth of the general budget quota for the fiscal year following their organization into fully organized districts, one-half for the following year, and three-fourths the third year. From then on they shall assume their full quota (Section 138, ¶11).

¶3—The superintendent appointed for the church extension or home mission district shall make a full report, quarterly, to the Secretary of Church Extension.

¶4—The General Board shall be empowered to change any person or persons on this advisory council at any time (Section 138, ¶22).

CHAPTER 8

General Conference

Section 112, ¶1— There shall be a General Conference composed of all the general officers and members of the General Board, district superintendents, assistant district superintendents (this to include district superintendents and assistant district superintendent of conferences that are divided) district secretaries, district treasurers, the presidents of Pilgrim Holiness Church Bible Schools who are members of the said church, superintendents of general church institutions, members of all standing committees, a ministerial delegation and a lay delegation to be selected at the annual conferences immediately preceding the General Conference. Licensed or ordained deaconesses may be elected as lay delegates.

¶2—The delegates to the General Conference shall be selected as follows: Ministerial delegates shall be selected at the ratio of one for every seven or major fractional part of such number from all ordained ministers who are actively and regularly engaged in the work of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The lay delegates shall be chosen from the local churches of each district at the ratio of one to every four hun-

dred members, or fractional part of such number. No district shall be deprived of at least one lay delegate. No delegate under twenty-one years of age can be seated as a member of the conference.

¶3—In considering the ratio for our ministerial delegation to the General Conference, our foreign missionaries shall not be counted. All foreign missionaries who may be at home on furlough and/or/who are under appointment by the General Board at the time of the General Conference shall act as a delegation to the General Conference to represent our foreign missionary work irrespective of their fields of labor; and all expenses incurred by their being at the General Conference shall be paid from the foreign missionary fund.

¶4—All delegates shall pledge themselves to their annual conferences that they will stay until the close of the General Conference, unless called home by sickness or death.

Section 113, ¶1—The General Conference shall meet quadrennially on the second Tuesday of June, 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 Conference (Section 138, ¶14).

¶2—In case there be need of a special session of the General Conference between regular sessions, the General Superintendent shall call such a special session when authorized to do so by a two-thirds vote of the General Board (Sections 121, ¶6; 138, ¶15).

¶3—No special session of the General Conference shall interfere with the meeting of the regular sessions.

¶4—The General Superintendent shall state in the call the purpose for the special meeting of the General Conference, and the deliberations of that body shall be confined to that purpose. All other matters whatsoever shall be reserved for the regular sessions of the General Conference.

Section 114—The General Conference 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 church.

Section 115, ¶1—The purpose and duties of the General Conference shall be as follows:

¶2—To elect the general officers of the church; namely, the General Superintendent, First and Second Assistant Superintendents, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Church Extension, the Secretary of Sunday schools and the Editor; by a two-thirds majority vote; and the additional members of the General Board as provided for in the Manual (Section 136).

¶3—To receive the reports of the General Superintendent, the General Treasurer, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of Church Extension, the Secretary of Sunday schools, and other such officers as it may designate from time to time.

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

¶5—To consider, prayerfully, plans for the fu-

ture which will lead to progressive movements along all lines of church activities.

¶6—To receive and vote upon proposed changes in this Manual or the Articles of Incorporation. All such changes or additions to the Manual or the Articles of Incorporation shall be made by two-thirds vote of the General Conference, said changes or additions to be presented in writing by a district conference delegation or a General Conference Committee.

¶7—To appoint all standing committees who shall hold office through the quadrennium and the following General Conference.

¶8—To take action with reference to anything pertaining to the life and welfare of the church, as the occasion may arise.

¶9—To outline, in a general way, the duties of the general officers.

The Polity Committee

Section 116—The polity Committee shall be composed of thirteen persons appointed by the General Conference.

Section 117—The Polity Committee shall be a standing committee of the General Conference and shall hold office through the quadrennium and the following General Conference.

Section 118, ¶1—The duties of the Polity Committee shall be:

¶2—To receive copies of all memorials presented by the annual conferences for General Conference legislation (Sections 90, ¶14; 97, ¶6) and to classify

such memorials and print them in book form for distribution at the General Conference.

¶3—To meet two days prior to the opening of the General Conference in order to prepare and arrange the work in hand.

¶4—To pass upon all said memorials presented, arranging them and otherwise preparing them for presentation to the General Conference.

¶5—To present to the General Conference all proposed measures, resolutions, etc., affecting the Manual.

CHAPTER 9

General Church Officers

Section 119, ¶1—The general church officers (the General Superintendent, First Assistant and Second Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary, General Treasurer, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Secretary of Church Extension, Secretary of Sunday Schools and Editor) are members of the General Board, and unless disqualified, or removed by illness or death, hold office for the succeeding quadrennium and General Conference.

¶2—The General Conference outlines in a general way the duties and responsibilities of the various general church officers. If, at any time, such officers feel it necessary to change the plans or make new ones, they must get the consent of the General Board. Any general church officer disregarding and violating this rule automatically disqualifies himself, and his office may, by the General Board, be declared vacant, and the vacancy be filled by the General Board.

¶3—The retiring General Superintendent, General Treasurer, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Secretary of Church Extension, Secretary of Sunday schools, and the Editor, shall receive one month's salary beyond the time that such officers serve.

¶4—The General Superintendent, First Assistant General Superintendent and the General Secretary shall act as a committee to represent applicants for chaplaincy in the service of the United States Government.

The General Superintendent

Section 120, ¶1—There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be elected by the General Conference.

¶2—The General Superintendent shall hold office for the following quadrennium and through the following General Conference.

¶3—In the case of the death or removal of the General Superintendent, the First Assistant shall become the General Superintendent.

Section 121, ¶1—The General Superintendent shall have general oversight of the church both at home and abroad with authority to exercise supervision over all the church districts, the church institutions, and the various departments of the general church. As such General Superintendent, his duties shall be:

¶2—To preside at the General Conference, and, when present, at the annual conferences in the United States, Canada, and all other foreign fields, the meetings of the General Board and the Executive Council

of the General Board. In the absence of the General Superintendent, his assistants, or someone whom he may appoint, shall preside, as directed, over the annual conferences other than foreign missionary or home missionary districts (Sections 128, ¶3; 131, ¶3).

¶3—To be an ex-officio member of all the committees of the General Board and all church institutions.

¶4—To call Executive Council meetings.

¶5—To call, with the two-thirds vote of the Executive Council, a special session of the General Board (Sections 138, ¶2; 140, ¶3).

¶6—To call, with the two-thirds vote of the General Board, a special session of the General Conference Section 113, ¶2).

¶7—To make annual reports to the General Board and also a report to the General Conference.

¶8—To sign, with the General Secretary, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual except as hereinafter indicated. (The Secretary of Foreign Missions may sign necessary legal papers incident to the work of Foreign Missions. The signature of either the General Superintendent or the Secretary of Foreign Missions upon such papers is lawful and sufficient.) (Sections 123, ¶6; 128, ¶7).

¶9—The General Superintendent shall have general supervision over the various institutions of the church, namely, the Bible schools and publishing house, and over the work and fields of the Sec-

retary of Foreign Missions and the Secretary of Church Extension, in the same sense and manner that the General Superintendent exercises such supervision over the district superintendents of the church. He shall have the duty and privilege of inspecting the work and fields of such institutions and officers just as such General Superintendent may inspect the work of the district superintendents (Sections 128, ¶9; 131, ¶7).

Assistant General Superintendents

Section 122, ¶1—There shall be a First Assistant and a Second Assistant General Superintendent who shall be elected by ballot in the General Conference.

¶2—They shall hold office for the following quadrennium and through the following General Conference.

¶3—As their names imply they shall serve the church in the capacity of assistants to the General Superintendent in supervising the affairs of the church and in presiding in conferences under appointment of the General Superintendent.

¶4—They are members of the General Board and of the Executive Council.

¶5—In case of the death or removal of the General Superintendent, the First Assistant shall become the General Superintendent; and in the case of the elevation of the First Assistant to the office of General Superintendent, or in the event of the death or removal from office of such First Assistant, the Second Assistant shall become the First Assistant General Superintendent.

The General Secretary

Section 123, ¶1—There shall be a General Secretary elected by the General Conference.

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

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

¶4—To act as custodian of records of the General Conference.

¶5—To make a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the General Conference, General Board meetings, and Executive Council meetings, and to see that no part of those records is destroyed unless ordered. He must also see that the action of the General Conference, General Board, and Executive Council is written out in full, in a bound book kept for that purpose, and filed in the general headquarter's office for reference.

¶6—To sign, with the General Superintendent, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual (Section 121, ¶8).

The General Treasurer

Section 124, ¶1—There shall be a General Treasurer who shall be elected by the General Conference from two or more persons nominated by the General Board.

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

¶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 send a general financial report, monthly, to the district superintendents. To report, when requested, to the General Church Board and to make quadrennial reports to the General Conference.

Section 125—The General Treasurer shall be bonded to the sum of \$10,000, the cost of same to be paid out of the General Church Treasury.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions

Section 126—There shall be a Secretary of Foreign Missions who shall be elected by the General Conference and who shall hold office for the ensuing quadrennium and General Conference.

Section 127, ¶1—The Secretary of Foreign Missions is charged with the responsibility of carrying out the policies and program of the General Board with reference to foreign missions.

¶2—The Secretary of Foreign Missions is a member of the General Board, the Executive Council, and all district organizations in foreign lands.

Section 128, ¶1—The duties of the Secretary of Foreign Missions are as follows:

¶2—To supervise the foreign mission fields as provided for by this Manual, to visit them when authorized to do so by the General Board and, in case of emergencies, when so authorized by the General Superintendent,

¶3—To preside, when present, at district conferences held in foreign mission fields, except when the General Superintendent is present at such conferences.

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

¶5—To handle all correspondence of the department of foreign missions except such as may be directed to the General Superintendent, either by address or content.

¶6—To make reports to the General Board and the General Conference.

¶7—To sign necessary legal papers pertaining to the foreign work. Either the General Superintendent or the Secretary of Foreign Missions may sign necessary legal papers and the signature of either shall be lawful and sufficient (Section 121, ¶8).

¶8—To direct publicity and deputational work for the Department of Foreign Missions.

¶9—The Secretary of Foreign Missions shall be amenable to the General Board just as a district superintendent in our Church is amenable to the district council and district conference; and such Secretary shall be under the supervision of the General Superintendent in the same sense in which a district superintendent is under the supervision of the General Superintendent (Section 121, ¶9).

The Secretary of Church Extension

Section 129— There shall be a Secretary of Church Extension who shall be elected by the General Conference and who shall hold office for the ensuing quadrennium and General Conference.

Section 130, ¶1—The Secretary of Church Extension is charged with the responsibility of carrying out the policies and program of the General Board with reference to church extension and home missions.

¶2—The Secretary of Church Extension is a member of the General Board, the Executive Council and all organizations in church extension and home missionary districts.

Section 131, ¶1—The duties of the Secretary of Church Extension are as follows:

¶2—To supervise the church extension and home mission fields as provided for by the policy with reference to Church Extension and Home Missions of the General Board and to visit such fields as outlined in the Policy; and, in case of emergency, as directed by the General Superintendent.

¶3—To preside, when present, at district conferences held in church extension and home missionary districts except when the General Superintendent is present at such conferences.

¶4—To handle all correspondence of the department of church extension and home missions except such as may be directed to the General Superintendent either by address or content.

¶5—To make reports to the General Board

and to the General Conference.

¶6—To direct publicity and deputational work for the department of church extension and home missions.

¶7—The Secretary of Church Extension, under the direction of the General Board, shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the work of the General Church in the U.S.A. and Canada which is not a part of the regularly organized districts. It is the duty of the Secretary of Church Extension to recommend for appointment superintendents and advisory council members for church territory not in regularly organized districts which shall be known as church extension and/or home missionary districts. He shall recommend the changing of any person or persons as such superintendents or as members of such advisory councils (Section 138, ¶22).

¶8—The Secretary of Church Extension shall be amenable to the General Board just as a district superintendent in our church is amenable to the district council and district conference; and such secretary shall be under the supervision of the General Superintendent in the same sense in which a district superintendent is under the supervision of the General Superintendent. (Section 121, ¶9).

The Secretary of Sunday Schools

Section 132—There shall be a Secretary of Sunday Schools who shall be elected by the General Conference and who shall hold office for the ensuing quadrennium and the General Conference.

Section 133, ¶1—The Secretary of Sunday Schools is charged with the responsibility of carrying out the policies and program of the General Board with reference to the Sunday School and Young People's Society. (Section 142, ¶3).

¶2—The Secretary of Sunday Schools is an ex-officio member of the General Board.

Section 134, ¶1—The duties of the Secretary of Sunday Schools are as follows:

¶2—To handle all correspondence of the General Board as related to Sunday Schools and Young People's work.

¶3—To make reports to the General Board and to the General Conference.

¶4—To direct publicity for the Sunday School and Young People's Societies.

¶5—The Secretary of Sunday Schools shall be amenable to the General Board just as a district superintendent in our church is amenable to the district council and the district conference; and such secretary shall be under the supervision of the General Superintendent in the same sense in which a district superintendent is under the supervision of the General Superintendent.

Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

Section 135, ¶1—The Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate is elected by the General Conference, upon nomination by the General Board (Section 115, ¶8; 138, ¶4).

¶2—The Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate is also editor in chief of all Sunday school literature

with full editorial responsibility for the production of the same.

¶3—The Editor shall represent the publishing interests of the church wherever opportunity affords within reasonable limits of his ability.

¶4—The Editor shall devote his full time to this work under the direction of the Genral Board.

CHAPTER 10

The General Board

Section 136—There shall be a body known as the General Board which shall consist of the General Superintendent, the First and Second Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary, General Treasurer, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Secretary of Church Extension, Secretary of Sunday Schools, and the Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate, and three additional members from each of the five church zones. (Section 141).

Section 137—The General Board is the chief governing body in the Church in the interim of the General Conferences and, as such, is empowered to perfect all plans necessary to the performance of its duties.

Section 138, ¶1—The duties and responsibilities of the General Board are as follows:

¶2—To meet at least twice each year and take a careful survey of the work of the church in its entirety. The General Board shall convene in special session when authorized to do so by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council (Sections 121, ¶5; 140, ¶3).

¶3—To issue approved policies with reference to the several departments of the church for the guidance of all concerned.

¶4—To nominate not less than three persons for the office of Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate (Section 115, ¶8).

¶5—To hear reports of the general church officers.

¶6—To review the work of the Secretary of Foreign Missions, Secretary of Church Extension, and Secretary of Sunday Schools.

¶7—To pass upon any proposed changes in the duties and responsibilities of the general officers.

¶8—To set the salaries and allowances of all general officers and appointees, and to provide a parsonage and telephone for the General Superintendent.

¶9—To review and pass upon measures and plans proposed by the Executive Council.

¶10—To set a yearly budget of expense of not more than five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per member for the work of the General Church, both at home and abroad, namely:

General administration, \$1.00; foreign missions, \$2.00; Church extension, \$1.00; Sunday school and youth work, 25c; church extension loan fund, 50c; and senior college fund, 75c. Three special offerings are to be taken, as follows: November self-denial offering for foreign missions; the Easter offering for church extension and the rally day offering for Sunday school work.

¶11—All newly organized churches on established districts shall be assessed but one-fourth of the general budget quota for the fiscal year following their organization; one-half for the following year; and three-fourths the third year. From then on they shall assume their full quota (Section 111, ¶2).

¶12—To be responsible for the collection of general church funds and the disbursements of same. (Each district shall raise the general church funds according to its own plan.) When a local church has raised the monthly quota asked of it by the district, such local church shall be permitted to stipulate the interest, or interests, to which said surplus shall be directed provided the budget is paid up to date (Section 90, ¶19).

¶13—To have power to revise the reading and study courses as may be deemed necessary.

¶14—To fix the meeting place of the General Conference and to announce same not less than a year in advance of the time set (Section 113, ¶1).

¶15—To authorize by a two-thirds vote the calling of a special session of the General Conference (Sections 113, ¶2; 121, ¶5).

¶16—To pass upon the conduct or teaching of any of its own members and by a three-fourths majority vote remove an offender.

¶17—To fill the vacated office of any general officer, with the exception of the General Superintendent.

¶18—To approve the appointment of all persons proposed for home and foreign missionary service.

¶19—To fill the vacated office of a zone representative from the zone in which the vacancy occurred.

¶20—To act as trustee for all properties, both real and personal, belonging to the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Inc., of Michigan, and Indiana, U.S.A., (what is commonly referred to as the "General Church").

¶21—To execute deeds, mortgages, and other necessary legal papers by the hands of the General Superintendent and General Secretary.

¶22—To appoint a superintendent and advisory council for church territory not in regularly organized districts which shall be known as Home Missionary Districts (Section 110), and to be empowered to change any person or persons on the advisory council of such Home Missionary Districts at any time (Section 111, ¶4).

¶23—To nominate candidates for the offices of General Treasurer and Editor at the General Conference.

¶24—To provide uniform report blanks for the use of districts in reporting to the general statistician.

¶25—To provide questionnaires for use of the district examining boards.

¶26—The General Board shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the educational work of the General Church (Sections 221, ¶1).

(a) **Sunday Schools.** Shall have general oversight of Sunday schools and all other activities sponsored by the local Sunday school, such as week-day and vacation Bible schools, camp meeting Bible schools,

and the publication of literature for workers and students in all such schools.

(b) **Young People.** Shall encourage and aid in the establishment of Young People's Societies in each church, Young People's Conventions, Young People's services at our camp meetings, and other interests pertaining to the Young People's work.

(c) **Bible Schools and Colleges.** Shall have power to standardize recognized church schools, as to entrance requirements, scholarship, doctrinal statements, and credentials required of the faculty.

Executive Council

Section 139, ¶1—There shall be an Executive Council of the General Board which shall consist of the following members: The General Superintendent, the First Assistant General Superintendent, Second Assistant General Superintendent, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the Secretary of Church Extension, the Secretary of Sunday Schools and the Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate. This Executive Council shall have charge of all general church matters in the interim of General Board meetings (see ¶3).

¶2—The Executive Council shall come together at the call of the General Superintendent, who is the presiding officer, and in the absence of such call, in times of emergency, the Executive Council shall assemble itself (Section 121, ¶4).

¶3—All actions of the Executive Council are subject to review by the General Board: provided, That in

all matters of emergency requiring a definite and final decision and on which decision persons or parties other than Church Departments or affiliates have acted, the acts of the Executive Council shall be final.

Section 140, ¶1—The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Council shall be:

¶2—To advise with the General Superintendent whenever called.

¶3—To authorize, by two-thirds vote, special meetings of the General Board (Sections 121, ¶5; 138, ¶2).

¶4—To change the boundaries of districts. The Executive Council may also grant permission to conferences to divide into two or more districts or conferences (Section 91).

¶5—To elect a board to direct the affairs of the Ministerial Benefit Association, the Burial Association, and a Pension Plan. (Section 228).

¶6—To have the authority to reprove or remove a district superintendent, or to request the district to place another in his stead.

¶7—The Executive Council shall be and constitute, and shall have and exercise the powers and authority formerly vested in: the Department of Foreign Missions, Department of Home Missions, Department of Publications, Department of Education, and Department of Sunday Schools and Young People's Work.

Zone Representatives

Section 141, ¶1—For the election of zone repre-

sentatives the church is divided into the following zones:

- (a) **Eastern:** Pennsylvania-New Jersey, New York, Eastern, Pittsburgh, and Ontario Districts.
- (b) **Central:** Indiana and Illinois Districts.
- (c) **Southern:** Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Louisiana Districts.
- (d) **Northern:** Michigan and Ohio Districts.
- (e) **Western:** North Central, South Central, Oklahoma-Texas, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, California, Pacific-Northwest, and Idaho-Washington Districts.

¶2—Zone representatives shall be elected in the following manner: The delegates representing the districts comprising each zone shall meet at the discretion of the General Conference to nominate by ballot three zone representatives. The election of the representatives so nominated is by the General Conference.

¶3—The office of a zone representative automatically becomes vacant when a member moves his residence into the bounds of another zone.

¶4—The vacated office of a zone representative is to be filled by the General Board from the zone in which the vacancy occurred (Section 138, ¶19).

Foreign Missions Policy

Section 142, ¶1—The following statement from the "Policy of the General Board with Reference to Foreign Missions" sets forth the general principles upon which administrative and legislative action in

connection with the work of our foreign missions shall be based.

"It has been stated in our Manual that the purpose of the Pilgrim Holiness Church is to glorify God, our Father; exalt Jesus Christ, our Saviour; and to honor the Holy Spirit. Secondly, to carry out the great commission of our heaven-ascended Head by publishing a full gospel to every nation. As this is our object in our work in the United States, so often referred to as the 'Homeland,' it is our object in our work in lands beyond the borders of this, our own nation.

"It is evident to all that in carrying out the Great Commission, it is necessary for the church to send workers into foreign lands. These workers are called foreign missionaries. However, we understand that while they are foreign missionaries to us and to those to whom they may minister, in a very real sense, before God, there are no foreign fields — the whole world is the Field.

"Our great obligation is, first of all, to preach the gospel in all its fullness to all men everywhere as God may give us opportunity.

"We shall plan to establish indigenous churches in each foreign land to which our missionaries shall go.

"We shall endeavor to multiply our efforts and effect the evangelization of the fields by a trained native ministry.

"In keeping with the policy of using a trained native ministry, we shall undertake to open and maintain native training schools in strategically located centers. Our educational institutions located in foreign lands shall be operated solely for the purpose of

training Christian workers. We shall not attempt to maintain institutions such as orphanages, hospitals, etc., unless fully convinced that these are essential to the evangelization of the area in which they are located, and we shall ever deem them as secondary to the preaching of the Gospel.

"It shall be our purpose to put all churches on a basis of self-support and self-government and to organize them into districts as soon as possible. We propose to hold no native congregations in dependency any longer than it is necessary. On the other hand, we shall guard against releasing our control over them before they are able to properly take care of the work. If we do not do this, we fear that the natives may become confused as to sound doctrine and may become victims of designing and ambitious native leaders who wish to control them.

"The foregoing statements outline in a broad way the general principles of the policy of the General Board of the Pilgrim Holiness Church with reference to the foreign missionary work. Missionary leaders, both at home and abroad, shall conduct their work and settle their problems in harmony with these statements."

Conference membership of foreign missionaries

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(a) The conference membership of all foreign missionaries shall automatically be transferred to the field of their appointment upon their arrival on the field.

(b) They shall be amenable to the constituted authority as set up in the Manual for their area and

shall be answerable to such authority for any offense as outlined in the Judiciary.

(c) They shall hold honorary membership in their home conference while engaged by the foreign missionary department, and their local church membership shall be retained in the home church. Upon leaving the foreign missionary department their conference membership will automatically return to their home conference provided they leave the department in good standing.

PART FOUR—THE MINISTRY

CHAPTER 1

The Ministerial Order

Section 143, ¶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 candidate therefor, as well as by causing him 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 missionaries, evangelists or song evangelists. 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 and Deaconesses

Section 144, ¶1—A local preacher's or deaconesses' 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 ministry by the district conference, except as provided for in Section 148, ¶3. A local preacher's or deaconesses' license is good for only one year and is renewed provided the applicant has shown a satisfactory improvement in spirit and in practice.

¶2—This license shall be furnished by the General Secretary, but issued by the district superintendent, upon the recommendation of the local church board in counsel with the district superintendent (Section 60, ¶14).

Section 145—The local preacher or deaconess shall be under the personal supervision of the resident pastor, who shall secure openings for him or her where possible.

Section 146, ¶1—The local preacher or deaconess shall not have authority to solemnize marriages, nor to administer the Sacraments; neither shall he or she have either voice or vote in any district or General Conference or in any local church board unless elected thereto, but shall not be debarred from doing evangelistic work.

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

¶3—If a local preacher or deaconess shall do supply work as pastor of a local organized work, he shall make a report of the same to the annual conference in which his congregation is represented.

Section 147—There shall be a course of study for

local preachers and deaconesses the extent and content of which shall be determined by the General Conference.

Licensed Ministers

Section 148, ¶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 council to the annual conference for minister's license (Section 90, ¶11).

¶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 conference. The annual conference shall reject any recommendation for the licensing of any minister who does not tithe and teach tithing in to the Pilgrim Holiness Church. In case of a favorable report, license shall be granted on a simple majority vote (Section 101, ¶2).

¶3—No person shall be recommended to the annual district conference 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 208). Exception to this rule may be made in the case of a person who has satisfactorily passed the examining board and has been recommended by them as a minister (Section 144, ¶1).

¶4—Candidates for license who do not reside within

the bounds of any district organization shall confer with the Secretary of Church Extension and shall be referred by him to the most convenient district conference.

¶5—Before granting this license a report shall be heard from the examining board, as provided under Section 101, ¶2.

¶6—License shall be granted by the annual conference 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 101, ¶3, 4) and from the educational board as to his or her progress in the course of study (Section 103, ¶2). For Course of Study see Section 209.

¶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 149, ¶1—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 educational board an exception shall be made. The district council shall have power to review and pass upon such action when it deems it advisable (Section 108, ¶2).

¶2—When an applicant cannot be present at an annual conference, due to unusual circumstances, the

educational board and other boards may pass on such cases provided such absentee has sent in a satisfactory report and also has a recommendation from his local church board and district superintendent.

Deaconesses and Deaconess Work

Section 150—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 151—Any sister may be licensed for deaconess work in the same general manner as candidates are licensed as ministers of the gospel (Section 90, ¶11), except that she is not required to take the Local Preacher's Course of Study.

Section 152—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 94, ¶6).

Section 153—The candidate for license as a deaconess shall be examined by the examining board, according to Section 101, ¶2. In the course of study she shall be under the direction of the district educational board (Section 103, ¶2), as in the case of licensed ministers, and after being licensed for three

years, she shall be reported to the district conference, with recommendation for or against her ordination. This recommendation shall receive primary consideration in deciding whether or not the ordination 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 90, ¶12).

Ordained Ministers

Section 154—No person shall be eligible for ordination until first having served at least two years in active ministry.

Section 155—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 shall deem it wise to ordain before the expiration of the three year period.

Section 156, ¶1—In considering the case of a candidate for ordination, the district conference shall hear: (1) the report of the examining board as to the candidate's religious experience and personal character (Section 101, ¶2); (2) the report of the educational board on his or her standing in the course of study (Section 103, ¶2); (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 conference, the said conference shall earnestly seek divine guidance, waiting upon God in prayer;

then, if the conference so orders, it shall recommend the candidate for ordination to the district council, which shall appoint a body of at least five ministers, who, by the laying on of hands and by prayer, may set apart the candidate for the work whereunto God has called him (Section 108, ¶3).

Section 157—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 108, ¶3; 202).

CHAPTER 2

Ministerial Regulations Rules

Section 158, ¶1—All licensed or ordained ministers and deaconesses, whether acting as pastors or otherwise, or without regular employment, shall make a quarterly report to the district superintendent of the conference with which they are allied, said report to be made out on blanks sent out by the district secretary, and furnished by the General 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 94, ¶6).

Section 159—If any licensed minister or deaconess shall fail for three successive quarters to forward his or her report to the district superintendent, the later 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 examining board. This failure shall be considered before deciding to recommend for renewal of license.

Section 160—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 offended shall make charges to his district council, and they in turn to the council of the district of which the offender is a member.

Section 161—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. The membership of such pastor's wife shall be automatically transferred with her husband's membership, provided she is a member in good and regular standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Section 162—No minister shall entertain a pastoral call from a church within the bounds of a district conference other than the one with which he is connected, except by agreement with the General Superintendent in concurrence with the district superintendent of the district in which the church is located.

Section 163, ¶1—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.

¶2—No minister shall be permitted to go into a state or territory where we have no church and start one, as such, without the consent of the General Superintendent and the district superintendent of the district in which the applicant holds his membership.

Section 164—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 165—Any minister or deaconess who has been divorced from one companion and has married another without the former having died should not be licensed or ordained; and any minister or deaconess who violates this rule shall be immediately dismissed from his or her ministerial standing.

Section 166—As there are questions and conditions pertaining 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 167—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 168—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.

Section 169—No licensed or ordained minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall accept the pastorate of any group outside of this church without the consent of the district council of the district in which he or she holds credentials.

Special Advice to Ministers

Section 170—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:

(a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.

(b) Be serious. Let your motto be: Holiness to the Lord. Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

(c) Converse sparingly and conduct yourself with prudence in the presence of the opposite sex (1 Tim. 5:2).

(d) Be honest. Keep out of debt. Preach your own sermons.

(e) Believe evil of no one unless you see it done; take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything.

(f) 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.

(g) Be courageous. Fear not to rebuke sin to its face and privately as well as in the public congregation.

(h) Flee all affectation. A preacher of the gospel should regard himself as the servant of all.

(i) Be ashamed of nothing but sin. Let your industry, as well as your humility, commend itself to all.

(j) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time; and keep your Covenant, not as a heavy duty, but for conscience' sake.

(k) 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.

(l) 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 171—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 or 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 any-

thing 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 a 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 given. 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."

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Section 172, ¶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 for 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 173, ¶1—Ordained ministers from other evangelical churches who desire to unite with us may be admitted and receive 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.

¶2—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—JUDICIARY

Section 174, ¶1—The purpose of church government and discipline is for the vindication of the truth, the preservation of the integrity of the body, a warning to the careless, and the salvation and restoration of the wayward.

¶2—Members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church who violate the rules of the church, or who hold doctrines contrary to this Manual, or are guilty of breach of covenant, shall be dealt with kindly, yet faithfully, and according to the seriousness of their offense. Each case shall have immediate and thorough attention on the part of the proper church authorities having jurisdiction, either local, district, or general. The teaching and standards of the church are to be maintained at all times.

¶3—Sincere and reasonable effort shall first be made to deal with each case without the formality of a church trial. In case a trial is deemed necessary by the church authorities or is requested by the accused, the same shall be held in accordance with this Judiciary.

¶4—The following charges shall constitute the offenses for which any member, minister, deaconess, district or general officer of the Pilgrim Holiness Church may be dealt with and tried:

- (a) Holding or teaching any doctrine contrary to the Word of God or the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

- (b) Breach of Covenant or breaking the special rules of the church.
- (c) Insubordination or willful refusal to recognize church authority.
- (d) Conduct unbecoming a member or minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
- (e) Immoral conduct.

¶5—The right of a fair and impartial trial of a layman or minister shall not be denied.

¶6—A layman or a minister who has been convicted by trial shall not be denied the right of appeal as provided for by this Judiciary.

Section 175—Local Church Boards. The local church board shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all charges brought against any member of the local church except members who are ordained or licensed ministers, or deaconesses, or hold official positions on the district council or the General Board of our church.

Section 176 — District Council. The district Council shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all charges brought against any of the ministerial membership in their respective districts, including deaconesses and anyone who may be serving in any district office, except general officers.

Section 177—In cases involving a home missionary territory, the Executive Council shall appoint three additional members to serve with the home missionary council involved.

Section 178—General Board. The General Board shall have original jurisdiction to hear and de-

termine all charges brought against the general administrative officers. If the General Board so desires, and expresses the same by a two-thirds vote by secret ballot, it may appoint a committee of five or seven persons to handle any case coming under its jurisdiction, provided the General Board ratifies the committee's decision by a majority vote by secret ballot.

Section 179—General Conference Committee. The general conference committee shall consist of five persons appointed by the General Conference. The committee shall have appellate jurisdiction only, and shall hear and determine appeals from decisions of the General Board.

Section 180—Charges. All charges must be signed by the accuser. The accused must be given the privilege of meeting the accuser or accusers.

Section 181—Notice. Charges must be specifically stated in writing and be dated, together with a notice of the time and place of the trial, and shall be delivered to the accused ten days prior to his or her trial.

Section 182—Chairman. The chairman has the authority, during the trial, to rule on procedure and the admissibility of evidence.

Section 183—Taking Part in the Trial. Only members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church may take an active part in any trial, except as witnesses.

Section 184—Prosecutor and Defense. A prosecutor may be appointed by those having jurisdiction in the case. The accused will be permitted to have

one defense council taking part in the trial.

Section 185, ¶1—Appeal. Anyone convicted may appeal from the local board to the district council; from the district council to the General Board; from the General Board to the General Conference. Any case may be appealed but once.

¶2—While under investigation or pending the outcome of the trial, if the accused requests a letter of dismissal from the Church (Section 199) same shall be granted without protest and the case shall thereupon end.

¶3—Failure or refusal of the accused to appear for trial after due notice, as provided for above, shall be deemed sufficient cause for summary dismissal.

Section 186—Voting. In all judicial cases not otherwise provided for, a two-thirds vote by secret ballot, of the entire trial committee, shall be required for conviction.

PART SIX—RITUAL AND FORMS

CHAPTER 1

Ritual

Section 187—Marriage Ceremony I.

(At the day and time appointed for the solemnization of matrimony, the persons to be married—having been qualified according to law—standing together, the man on the right hand and the woman on his left, the minister shall say:)

on his left, the minister shall say:)
Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony. This is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that exists between Christ and His Church. This holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence and first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee. It is commanded of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and, therefore, is not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into this holy estate these persons present now come to be joined. Therefore, if any can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else forever hold his peace.

(And also speaking unto the persons who are to be married, the minister shall say:)

I require and charge you both that if either of you knows any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it; for be ye well assured that as many as are united otherwise than as God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God.

(If no impediment is alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man:)

Eater Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her as long as ye both shall live?

(The man shall answer:)

I will.

Jane *(Then shall the minister say unto the woman:)*

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him as long as ye both shall live?

(The woman shall answer:)

I will.

(Then shall the minister join their right hands together and say:) I lay this hand on thine

Forasmuch as this man and this woman have consented together in holy wedlock and have witnessed the same before God and this company and have de-

clared the same by joining of hands, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Amen.

(Then shall the minister pray thus:)

May the blessing of the Triune God rest upon this husband and wife. Grant unto them Thy presence and guidance along the pathway of life, and grace to fulfill Thy thought concerning their lives. Grant unto them and this company a place hereafter at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. And unto Thee we will ascribe the praise, and the honor, and the glory, now and evermore, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Section 188—Marriage Ceremony II.

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying the mystical union that exists between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified by His first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into this holy estate these persons present now come to be joined. Therefore, if any can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak or else forever hold his peace.

(Speaking to the persons who are to be married, the minister shall say:)

I require and charge you both that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together, you do now confess it; for be ye well assured that as many as are united otherwise than as God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God.

(If no impediment is alleged, then someone besides the officiating minister may pray.)

Almighty and ever blessed God, Whose Presence is the happiness of every condition, and Whose favor hallows every relation; we beseech Thee to be present and favorably look upon these Thy servants, that they may be truly joined in the honorable estate of marriage in the covenant of their God. As Thou hast brought them together by Thy providence, sanctify them by Thy Spirit, giving them a new frame of heart fit for their new estate and enrich them with all grace, whereby they may enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, endure the trials, and perform the duties of life, together as becometh Christians, under Thy heavenly guidance and protection; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Then the minister shall say:)

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

(The Father, or guardian, or friend of the woman shall answer:)

I do.

(The minister, calling the man by his Christian name shall say:)

Robert wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her as long as ye both shall live?

(The man shall answer:) I will.

(Then the minister, calling the woman by her first name, shall say:)

Lisa wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him as long as ye both shall live?

(The woman shall answer:) I will.

(The minister shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand and say after him as follows:)

I, *Robert*, take thee, *Lisa*, to be my wedded wife and I do promise and covenant before God and these witnesses to be thy loving and faithful husband in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

(Then shall they loose their hands; the minister shall cause the woman to take the man by his right hand, and say after him as follows:)

I, *Jais*... take thee, *Robert*... to be my wedded husband, and I do promise and covenant before God and these witnesses to be thy loving and faithful wife; in plenty and in want; in joy and in sorrow; in sickness and in health; as long as we both shall live.

(Then the minister shall say:) Let us pray.

Most merciful and gracious God, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, bestow upon these Thy servants the seal of Thine approval and Thy Fatherly benediction, granting unto them grace to fulfill with pure and steadfast affection the vow and covenant between them made. Guide them together, we beseech Thee, in the way of righteousness and peace, that loving and serving Thee with one heart and mind all the days of their lives, they may be abundantly enriched with the tokens of Thy everlasting favor, grant unto them and this company a place hereafter at the marriage supper of the Lamb, and unto Thee we will ascribe the praise and the honor, and the glory now and evermore through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Then shall the minister say unto all present:)

By the authority committed unto me as a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, I declare that *Robert* and *Jais* are now husband and wife, according to the ordinance of God and the law of the state; in the name of the Father and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Then causing the husband and wife to join their right hands the minister shall say:)

Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

(It is fitting that the bride and groom kneel to receive this benediction:)

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace; both now and in life everlasting. Amen.

or

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord with His favor look upon you and 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 everlasting life. Amen.

Section 189—Baptism.

Let the minister read Matt. 3; John. 3:1-8.

Prayer.

Let the candidates be questioned as follows:

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?

Ans. I renounce them all.

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

Ans. All this I steadfastly believe.

Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Ans. This is my desire.

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

Ans. I will do so, God being my helper.

The minister, asking the name of the candidate, shall baptize him, saying:

....., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Section 190—Baptism of Children.

Where parents so desire, let baptism be administered, using the following form:

Read Mark 10:13-16, and Matthew 18:1-6.

Then shall the minister take the child into his hands and say to the parents:

Name this child.

And then, naming it after them, he shall baptize it, saying:

....., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Lord's Prayer be repeated, closing with extemporary prayer.

Section 191—Dedication of Children.

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

Read from Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 18:1-6.

Charge to Parents.

Dearly Beloved: You are now about to dedicate your children (child) to your God and to His service. God hath declared "all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine." Ezek. 18:4. By this act you acknowledge the high claim of Almighty God to the life and service of your offspring. Too, you confess your own obligation to the Most High God, to the Church and to your child. I trust you fully realize the solemnity of this occasion. It is imperative that you live the Christian life in sincerity, thereby setting the example worthy of emulation.

You will need the grace of God and the wisdom of God to enable you to discharge your duty. May you find "Grace sufficient" and "wisdom liberally" as you labor to glorify God.

You should instruct your child in the Word of the Lord; strive to bring him (or her) to an early saving knowledge of God; guide his feet into paths of righteousness; bring him often to the house of God.

Do you solemnly promise to endeavor to do this?

(Answer:) We (I) do.

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 Saviour. 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).

Section 192—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, and Luke 22:14-20.

Prayer of consecration, extemporary.

Then let the people be invited to partake, and as the bread is delivered, let the minister say:

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

As the cup is delivered, let the minister say:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thou thankful.

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 193—Burial of the Dead.

In the house or at the church let some of the following Scriptures be read:

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in 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 this 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.

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art

God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth."—Psa. 90:1-6.

Other appropriate selections will be found in Psa. 39; 1 Cor. 15:41-58; 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; Matthew 18:1-6, 10; 2 Sam. 12:16-23.

At the grave, as the body is laid away, let the minister say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to take out of the world the soul of the departed, we therefore commit his (or her) 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.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with us now and evermore. Amen.

Section 194—Form for Ordination of Ministers.

As the congregation enters let the council of ordination take their places on the platform.

Candidates for ordination shall be seated before the altar.

Singing: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Prayer by a member of the council.

Singing: "Rock of Ages."

Scripture Lesson: 1 Tim. 3; 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Titus 3:1-11.

Charge to the candidates, and sermon on the call and work of the ministry. 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 General Superintendent (or one authorized to act in his place) shall place the Bible in the hand of the candidate, saying:

Take thou authority to preach the Word of God, to administer the Sacraments and to perform all the duties of an ordained minister in the Church of God. In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology

Benediction

Section 195—Form for Ordination of Deaconesses.

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

Prayer.

Singing: "Rescue the Perishing."

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-42; Matt. 25:31-40.

Address to the Candidates.

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 the most?

The minister in charge shall then lead in prayer, candidates kneeling at the altar, after which he shall take each candidate by the hand, and say:

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

Doxology

Benediction

Section 196—Form for Dedication of a Church.

The following order of service may be used:

Singing

Prayer

Singing

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Offering

Scripture Selections: 2 Chron. 6:1, 2, 18-21, 40-42; 7:1-4; Heb. 10:19-25.

Address to the Congregation:

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples in 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.

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 worshippers 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 we may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost; to Him may our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His great name and to the advancement of His Kingdom.

Address to the Trustees:

Brethren: You have been selected by the church to hold the honorable and responsible place of trustees of this house of worship now being dedi-

cated 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 president of the board of trustees as the symbol of your authority, to hold this property in trust for God and 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 comfort,

Dedicatory Prayer.

Doxology

Benediction

CHAPTER 2

Forms

Church Letters

Section 197—Letter of Recommendation.

Date.....

This certifies that is
an acceptable member of the
Pilgrim Holiness Church at
Upon removal from this church is heartily
commended to the Christian fellowship of those to
whom this certificate may be presented.

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Secretary.....
Pastor

Section 198—Letter of Transfer and Reply.

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.

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 Secretary

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 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

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 Secretary

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 Pastor

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

Section 199—Letter of Dismissal.

Date.....

This certifies that has
 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

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 Pastor

Credentials**Section 200—Local Preacher's License.**

This certifies that has
 been examined concerning gifts, graces, and
 service and is recommended by the advisory board
 of Pilgrim Holiness Church
 at as a person to be licensed
 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 19.....

.....
 District Superintendent

.....
 District Secretary

Issued at

Section 201—Licensed Minister's 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 19.....

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 Gen. Superintendent

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 Dist. Superintendent

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 Gen. Secretary

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 Dist. Secretary

Section 202—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 Whereof, we hereunto affix our names this day of 19.....

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Section 203—Minister's Credentials.**¶1—Pocket Credentials.**

There shall be a pocket certificate for both licensed and ordained ministers which shall be an official certification reproduced on a small card suitable for carrying in billfold. These credentials shall be issued annually to each licensed and ordained minister in good standing. The text of such pocket certificate shall be as follows:

Minister's Annual Pocket Credential

Date

This is to certify that:

..... was, on the date of issuance hereof, an (Ordained) (Licensed) minister in good standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church of America.

..... Gen. Sec'y.

Valid only when signed by the Gen. Sec'y.

SEAL

..... Dist. Sec'y.

and countersigned by the Dist. Sec'y.

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Name of Dist.

.....
Address of Dist. Sec'y.

This credential is valid for one year from date of issue.

¶2—Minister's Permanent 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, as long as spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the teachings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holi-

ness 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.....

District Superintendent

District Secretary

Section 204—Evangelistic Commission.

¶1—Evangelist's Certificate

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 at under authority
of District Conference

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District Superintendent

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District Secretary

¶2—Song Evangelist's Certificate

This certifies that being a member in good standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and having gifts and ability is hereby commissioned as a regular song evangelist for one year. is commended to the fellowship of the people of God everywhere provided spirit and practice 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 at under authority
 of the District Conference

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 District Superintendent

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 District Secretary.

Section 205—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 to the office, provided 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.

In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix our names this day of 19.....

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Gen. Superintendent

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Dist. Superintendent

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Gen. Secretary

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Dist. Secretary

Section 206—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.

In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix our names this day of 19.....

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General Superintendent

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General Secretary

Section 207—Special Appointment.

(The following certificate is for special use both in the districts and the General Church.)

Certificate of Special Appointment

This certifies that is an accredited representative of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and is under appointment to special work as follows:

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 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 19.....

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 District Superintendent

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 District Secretary

PART SEVEN—STUDY COURSE BOOKS

Chapter 1

SECTION 208—Local Preacher's Study Course — Leading to District License.

(Maximum time allowed, two years)

Books to be Studied:

Bible I, Study of the Pentateuch (With Huffman's Guide to the Study of the Old and New Testaments, Pages 7-41).

New Training for Service—Sharp

General Biblical Introduction—Miller

Macmillan's Handbook of English

The Galilean Fisherman—Witmer

Bible Doctrines—Smith

Foundations of Doctrine—Jessop

Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church

Books to be Read:

All About the Bible—Collett

Entire Sanctification—Ruth

Story of the Christian Church—Hurlbut

Redemption Completed—Huffman

Christian Purity (Abridged)—Foster

Preacher and Prayer—Bounds

Chapter 2**LICENSED PREACHER'S STUDY COURSE**

Section 209—(Prerequisite: Local Preacher's Study Course or Equivalent)

PART ONE

Books to be Studied:

Bible II. The Gospels, Acts and Epistles (With Guide to the Study of the Old and New Testaments, by Huffman, Pages 105-174).

The Life of Christ—Winchester

Life of Paul—Stalker

Bible History—Blaikie & Matthews

Homiletics and Pastoral Theology—Hogue

Christian Theology, Volume I—Wiley

Bible Atlas—Hurlbut

Lessons in Parliamentary Procedure—Plummer

Books to be Read:

Technique of Study—Crawford

The Crisis of the Christ—Morgan

Impressions—Martin Wells Knapp

Beacon Lights of Faith—Wimberly

The Preacher and His Work—Jowett

The Way to Pentecost—Chadwick

PART TWO

Books to be Studied:

Bible III. The Historical and Poetical Books (With Guide to the Study of the Old and New Testaments, by Huffman, Pages 43-94).

Christian Theology, Volume II—Wiley

A System of Christian Evidence—Keyser

Chaos of Cults—Van Baalen

The Sunday School in Action—Benson

Voices from Rocks and Dust Heaps of Bible Lands
—Huffman

American Social Problems—Odum

Christ in All The Scriptures—Hodgkin

Books to be Read:

After Holiness, What—T. M. Anderson

The Tongue of Fire—Arthur

Perfect Love (Abridged)—Woods

Messianic Hope in both Testaments—Huffman

Message to Sunday School Workers—Lawrence

Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette—Harmon

PART THREE

Books to be Studied:

Bible IV. The Major and Minor Prophets and the
Book of Revelation

Jesus Is Coming—Blackstone

Bible Basis of Missions—Glover

Christian Theology, Volume III—Wiley

A System of General Ethics—Keyser

Church History—Zenos

The Holy Spirit—Huffman

How We Got Our Denominations—Struber

Books to be Read:

The Harmony of Science and Scripture—Rimmer

Progress of World Wide Missions—Glover

Central Idea of Christianity—Peck

From Chaos to Character—Marston

Pastors Legal Advisor—Brand & Ingram

Holiness Triumphant—Chapman

Chapter 3

Section 210—Local Deaconess' Course

PART ONE

Books to be Studied:

Bible Study by Books—Sell

Bible Doctrines—Smith

Teacher's Training Lessons—Hurlbut

A Story of the Christian Church—Hurlbut

Books to be Read:

Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley

Building the Home Christian—Huffman

Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians—Lawson

PART TWO

Books to be Studied:

Foundations of Doctrine—Jessop

All About the Bible—Collett

Galilean Fisherman—Witmer

Bible History—Blaikie & Matthews

Books to be Read:

Perfect Love (Abridged)—Wood

Bible History of World Government—Smith

Impressions—Knapp

Life of Christ—Stalker

Section 211—Examination 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 212, ¶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 Conference has provided that a course of study shall be arranged for applicants for licenses as ministers and for ordination as deaconesses and ordination as ministers.

Section 213, ¶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 annual

conference 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 a course in either Bible or theology is taken in school, the chairman of the district educational board may at his discretion require a transcript of credits yearly. If a course of study in Bible or theology has been completed in school, a transcript of credits shall be presented to the chairman of the educational board by the candidate.

¶6—No course of study shall be accepted unless it is the equivalent of all subjects required in the course of study given in this Manual, except when said course or the equivalent thereof is taken by the candidate in an approved school either by correspondence or resident work.

CHAPTER 5

Section 214, ¶1—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. The passing grade shall be 75 per cent.

¶2—We recommend as a text "Hurlbut's Teacher

Training Lessons for the Sunday School," by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, together with the two following books to be read: "The Sunday School in Action" (Benson) and "When Do Teachers Teach?" by Campbell. These books may be secured from the Pilgrim Publishing House.

We recommend as a text "New Training for Service," by C. J. Sharp, together with the two following books to be read: "Galilean Fisherman" by Witmer and "When Do Teachers Teach?" by Campbell. These books may be secured from the Pilgrim Publishing House.

PART EIGHT—APPENDIX

CHAPTER 1

Special Rules of General Conference

Organization

Section 215—When the General Conference convenes, in accordance with the provisions of the Manual, after the devotional services, the call of the roll shall be made by the Secretary of the General Conference in the following manner:

- (1) The names of the General Superintendent and of the Assistant General Superintendents, and all the other members of the General Board.
- (2) The roll of members by districts. If no absentees, the secretary shall record all the delegates of that district as present, and, if a quorum is present, proceed to business.
- (3) A majority of the enrollment shall constitute a quorum.

Time of Meeting, Recess and Adjournment

Section 216—After the opening session, the General Conference shall meet at 8:00 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 11:30 o'clock A. M.; reconvene at 1:30, and adjourn at 5:00 P. M.; but the General Conference, at its discretion, may alter the time of meeting and of adjournment. A recess of ten minutes

shall be taken at 10:00 o'clock A. M., unless otherwise ordered.

The Chairman

Section 217, ¶1—The chairman shall take the chair precisely at the hour at which the General Conference stood convened, and cause the session to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer. He shall have the roll called, and if a quorum is present, see that the business of the conference proceeds regularly, according to the rules of procedure, and such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by the General Conference.

¶2—The chairman shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the General Conference. In case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate, except that the chairman may state the grounds of his decision, and the appellant may state the grounds of his appeal.

¶3—The chairman shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise especially ordered by the conference.

Order of Business

Section 218—The General Conference in its deliberations shall proceed in the following order of business:

- (1) Devotionals
- (2) Roll Call
- (3) Reading of Minutes
- (4) Reports
 - (a) General Superintendent

- (b) General Treasurer
- (c) Secretary of Foreign Missions
- (d) Secretary of Church Extension
- (e) Secretary of Sunday Schools
- (f) Educational Department
- (g) Publication Department
- (h) Other Church Institutions
- (i) Statistician
- (5) Unfinished Business
- (6) New Business which would be the report of Polity Committee as pertaining to:
 - (a) Doctrine and Government
 - (b) Ways and Means
 - (c) Resolutions (all other)

These calls shall be made in the order herein given, and shall be severally completed before the introduction of other business, except by a formal suspension of the rules. They shall be repeated in the same order, until dispensed with by a formal vote.

Motions and Resolutions

Section 219, ¶1—Resolutions shall be written and presented in duplicate by the mover. A motion shall be reduced to writing if the chair or secretary requests it.

¶2—All written motions, reports, and communications to the General Conference shall be passed to the secretary, to be read by him to the General Conference.

Voting

Section 220, ¶1—Every member who is within bar at the time the question is put shall vote unless,

for special reasons, excused by the General Conference.

¶2—No delegate shall leave the Conference without the consent of the Conference.

¶3—Voting shall be by the uplifted hand, or may also be taken by ballot, and by "Ayes" and "Noes," excepting that all officers and members of the General Board shall be elected by ballot.

¶4—In all matters not specified herein, the proceedings of the General Conference shall be governed by common parliamentary law. These rules may be suspended at any time by a vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting.

CHAPTER 2

Conveyance of Church Property

Section 221, ¶1—Grantees of Church Property. All grants, conveyances, devices, gifts, and assignments, heretofore made, or which shall be hereafter made, in due form of law, of any property, real or personal, shall be made to the duly elected local or district trustees or to the General Board, naming them and their successors in office, followed by these words: In trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and membership of The Pilgrim Holiness Church, in the United States of America, subject to the Manual and usage of said Church, as from time to time revised and authorized.

¶2—Grantors of Church Property. All grants and conveyances of any property, real or personal, shall be valid if made by the duly elected local or district

trustees or by the General Board of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, in the United States of America, subject to the Manual and usage of said Church, as from time to time revised and authorized. All monies received from any such sale shall not be used or re-invested, except by the written consent of the district council, or General Board.

¶3—Form for Bequest of Money or Personal Property. I give, devise, and bequeath to The Pilgrim Holiness Church, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the States of Michigan and Indiana the sum of dollars (or if personal property, notes, bonds, etc., describe the same), and the receipt of the treasurer of the said corporation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor of the same.

¶4—Form for a Devise of Land. I give, devise, and bequeath to The Pilgrim Holiness Church, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the States of Michigan and Indiana, the following described lands and premises, viz.: to have and to hold the same, with the privilege and appurtenances unto said corporation, its successors and assigns forever.

¶5—Form for a Devise of Residuary Estate or Any Part Thereof. I give, devise, and bequeath to the Pilgrim Holiness Church, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the States of Michigan and Indiana, all (or some specific part of) the rest, residue or remainder of my estate, real or personal, to have and hold the same, with the privileges and appurtenances, unto said corporation, its

successors and assigns forever, and the receipt of the treasurer of said corporation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor for money and personal property.

Section 222—All property deeded to The Pilgrim Holiness Church should be made to correspond to the form of deed in this appendix.

CHAPTER 3

General Church Associations

Section 223—The following associations, under the direction of the Pension Board, are operated for the benefit of the Pilgrim Holiness Church:

- (1) Ministerial Benefit Association.
- (2) The Pension Plan.
- (3) Burial Association.

Section 224, ¶1—Ministerial Benefit Association.

There are seven trustees, known as The Pension Board, elected by the General Board. These trustees are elected for a term of 4 years each. Written reports are made to the General Board, as requested, and to the General Conference (Section 140, ¶5).

¶2—The Pension Plan shall be directed by the Pension Board, as named. (Sections 224, 228).

¶3—The Burial Association shall be under the direction of the Pension Board, as named (Sections 224, 228). Written reports shall be made to the General Board, as requested, and to the General

Conference (Section 140, ¶5).

Note: Further information concerning the service offered through these associations may be secured by writing the Headquarters Office, 226-230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis 4, Ind.

CHAPTER 4

Educational Institutions

Section 225, ¶1—There are five recognized educational institutions serving the Pilgrim Holiness Church. To each institution there is given a church territory known as a school zone. Such recognized institutions are each separate corporations but are directed by their respective boards which are provided by the church districts they serve. These educational institutions are under the supervision and control of the General Board in accordance with the stated policy of said General Board. The names of the institutions herein referred to (not including foreign missionary institutions) are as follows:

Allentown Bible Institute, Allentown, Pa.

Owosso Bible College, Owosso, Mich.

Colorado Springs Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pilgrim Bible College, Kernersville, North Carolina.

Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Indiana.

Pilgrim Evangelistic Institute, El Monte, Calif.

¶2—Patronizing territory allotted the several educational institutions as passed by action of the General Board is as follows:

Allentown Bible Institute: The New York, Penn-

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