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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 six bodies of people who 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 first Secretary.

¶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 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, 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 Inter-

national Apostolic Holiness Church a group of holiness people which, for some years, had been known as the Holiness Christian Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¶18—When the Pilgrim Church united with the International Holiness Church, at Cincinnati, Ohio,

in 1922, the word "International" in the name of the former was dropped 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 small but loyal band of holiness people, known as the Pentecostal Brethren in Christ, united with and became a part of the Ohio District.

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

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

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

¶23—Reversion to the policy of one General Superintendent* for the entire Church was decided upon by the General Assembly in 1930. Rev. Seth C. Rees was elected to this office. At the same time a cor-

related board, known as the General Board, was elected bringing together the directors of the various departments of the entire Church at home and abroad.

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

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

PART TWO—DOCTRINAL

CHAPTER 1

Object

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

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

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

Third. To conserve the holiness work by forming churches and aiding in placing over them Spirit-baptized pastors, who will feed the flock of God and in every way possible help to get souls ready for the coming of our Lord. While our great and primary object is, and must ever be, the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers, we shall aim to place proper emphasis on divine healing and all the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, the 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), and in unity with this Godhead there are three persons of one substance, power and eternity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (6).

(1) Deut. 4:35; 1 Cor. 8:4; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kings 8:23, 60; Isa. 43:10, 11; Mark 12:32; John 17:3; Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5.

(2) Gen. 21:33; Rom. 16:26.

(3) John 4:24.

(4) Gen. 17:1; Matt. 19:26; Psalms 147:5; 34:8.

(5) Psalms 19:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16.

(6) 1 John 5:7; 1 Tim. 1:17; 3:16; Matt. 28:19.

ARTICLE 2

Jesus Christ

Section 5—The Son who is the Word of the Father (1), the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, who took man's nature (2), in the womb of the Virgin, so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and very man, who truly

suffered, was crucified, dead and buried (3), to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for the actual sins of man (4). Christ did truly rise again from the dead and took again His body (5), with all things pertaining to the perfection of man's nature (6), wherewith He ascended into Heaven (7).

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

ARTICLE 3

The Holy Ghost

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

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

ARTICLE 4

The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation

Section 7—The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation (1), so that whatsoever is not read therein nor may be proved thereby is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or to be thought requisite or neces-

sary for salvation (2). In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, commonly received and known as the Bible.

(1) John 15:3; 20:31; 2 Tim. 3:15-17.

(2) Eph. 5:6; 1 Tim. 6:3, 4.

ARTICLE 5

Original or Birth Sin

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

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

ARTICLE 6

The Atonement

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

- (1) Acts 3:18.
- (2) Rom. 5:8-10; 1 John 1:7.
- (3) Eph. 2:13, 16.
- (4) Rom. 5:11.
- (5) 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 1:7.
- (6) John 3:16.
- (7) Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 18:30; Rom. 5:31.

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), wherefore we have no power to do good works (2), pleasant and acceptable to God (3), without the grace of God, by Christ, assisting us (4), that we may have a good will and work within us when we have that good will (5).

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

ARTICLE 8

Justification

Section 11—We are accounted righteous before God only by the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1), by faith (2), and not for our own works or 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), it is subsequent to regeneration (2), it is for all believers (3), it is an instantaneous experience, received by faith (4), cleansing the heart of the recipient from all sin (5), setting him apart and endowing him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called (6).

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

ARTICLE 10

Sin After Justification

Section 13—Not every sin willfully committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Spirit and unpardonable (1); wherefore the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification. After we have received the

Holy Ghost we may depart from grace given and fall into sin, and by the grace of God rise again and amend our lives; and therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here, or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent (2).

(1) Matt. 12:31, 32.

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

ARTICLE 11

The Church

Section 14—The Ecclesia, the Church, is composed of the called-out people who have separated themselves from the world and have a living faith in Christ as their personal Savior (1). Her mission is the proclamation of the Full Gospel (2): salvation from all sin (3), divine healing (4), and the 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 12

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

Section 15, ¶1—It is a thing plainly repugnant to

the Word of God and the custom of the primitive Church to have public prayer therein or to administer the Sacraments in a tongue not understood by the people (1).

¶2—In sanctification, which is synonymous to and simultaneous with the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire (2), we hold that any teaching which gives to it any other distinction as to its time, or that holds any particular manifestation, as by the Gift of Tongues, so-called, as proof of this Baptism, is opposed to the explicit Word of God (3), and shall not be tolerated among our people.

(1) 1 Cor. 14: 1-40.

(2) Acts 15:8, 9; 1 Pet. 1:22.

(3) 1 Cor. 14:1-40; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 1:30.

ARTICLE 13

The Sacraments

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

ARTICLE 14

Baptism

Section 17—Baptism is an outward sign of an inward work wrought by the Holy Ghost in the soul. 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.)

ARTICLE 15

The Lord's Supper

Section 18—The Supper of the Lord is an ordinance whereby the body and blood of Christ are given, taken and eaten only after a heavenly and spiritual manner and their benefits only accrue to those who, with a clear conscience, partake in faith of the material elements, wine and bread. This Sacrament represents our redemption through Christ's blood and our spiritual nourishment through His body (1 Cor. 11:24-29).

ARTICLE 16

Healing

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

judgment upon those who use other providential means for the restoration of health.

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

ARTICLE 17

The Return of Jesus

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

(1) Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Matt. 24:27; 25:13; 26:29; Rev. 22:12. (2) 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Matt. 24:27; 25:13; 26:29; Rev. 20:4. (3) Ezek. 36:24; 37:21. (4) 2 Thess. 2:2-10; Rev. 19:20.

ARTICLE 18

Resurrection and Judgment

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

¶2—The Scriptures also teach that there is a resur-

rection of the dead, both to the just and unjust (4), and God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ whom He hath ordained (5).

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

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

(1) Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24.

(2) John 20:27.

(3) Hebrews 7:25.

(4) Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29.

(5) Acts 17:31.

(6) Luke 20:36; 1 Cor. 15:35.

(7) Rom. 20:4, 6.

(8) Rev. 20:5.

(9) Matt. 25:46.

(10) Acts 13:38, 39; Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 1:16, 17.

(11) 1 John 1:7.

(12) Hebrews 9:27.

ARTICLE 19

Destiny

Section 22, ¶1—Heaven. Everyone who has a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord, on departing from this life, goes to be in felicity with Him, and will share the eternal glories of His everlasting kingdom, the fuller rewards and the greater glories being reserved until the final judgment. (Phil. 1:23, 24; 2 Cor. 5:6, 8, 10; John 14:2, 3; Matt. 25:34, 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 23, ¶1—In all God's creation we see the most perfect organization. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."—Psa. 19:1-3.

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

¶2—The apostles went forth preaching everywhere and people were converted and sanctified. They organized the saved into congregations which they

called churches, and caused officers to be chosen to look after their spiritual and temporal interests.

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

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

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

CHAPTER 1

Local Churches

Method of Organization

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

¶2—Such individuals shall organize by meeting together and sending a request for the 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 minister or a licensed minister, or any other person authorized by the District Superintendent, may take charge of such meeting.

Section 25—The organization of such church shall be accomplished as follows:

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

(1) Our Object (Section 3).

(2) General Statement of Belief (Sections 4-22).

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

¶3—(Here let all the candidates come to the front and each distinctly answer for himself the questions found under "Reception of Members," Section 27, ¶2-7.) Then shall the Church Covenant be read and entered upon as provided in Sections 29-31.

¶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 41, 42).

¶5—Steps shall also be taken toward securing the service of a pastor and placing the church upon a sound financial basis (Section 52, ¶1, 2, 4, 5, 10).

¶6—The Sunday School shall be organized according to the rules given in the Manual (Sections 47, 75-79).

Reception of Members

Section 26—Any person giving satisfactory evidence of regeneration, by having forsaken and renounced the world, the flesh, and the devil, and living a consistent Christian life and desiring to be recognized as a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, shall first be accepted by the Local Church Board; then in the presence of the Church he may be received into membership provided he affirmatively answers the prescribed questions (Section 27, ¶2-7) and agrees to the articles of the Church Covenant (Section 29). (Where no organization exists, procedure is as outlined in Sections 24, 25.)

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

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

¶3—Have you forsaken and renounced the devil and all his works; the vain pomp and glory of the world,

with all covetous desires of the same; the carnal desires of the flesh; and do you refuse to be led by them?

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

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

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

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

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

Church Covenant

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

WE PROMISE, BY THE AID OF THE HOLY GHOST:

¶2—To shun the paths of sin and to walk in the ways of righteousness and true holi-

ness all the days of our life.

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

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

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

¶6—To maintain family and secret devotion.

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

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

¶9—To avoid all tattling, backbiting, 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 harmful drugs in all forms.

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

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

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

¶14—To remember the 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 Savior.

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

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

¶2—Brethren, these persons, having satisfactorily responded to these questions and the Covenant are entitled to recognition as members of this Church. We therefore extend to them the right hand of 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 32—Any local church may receive members on six months' probation or longer, provided such members answer affirmatively the questions in Section 27, ¶2-7 of the Manual. However, such probationers shall not hold any church office nor vote on any church matter. At the expiration of the probationary period all probationers who come into full membership must take the Church Covenant in the public service.

Reception of Members by Letter

Section 33—Persons coming from other denominations by letter shall not be received unless fully recommended, and they shall receive the same examination and be passed upon in the same way as all new members (Section 26).

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

Letter of Recommendation

Section 35—When persons in good standing desire to unite with some other evangelical church, the Local Church Board shall give them a letter of recommendation, signed by the chairman and secretary of the church board issuing such certificate (Section 198). Such person's membership in the local church ceases on the date the letter is issued.

Letter of Transfer

Section 36—When persons in good standing desire to be transferred to another Pilgrim Holiness Church, the Local Church Board shall give them a letter of transfer signed by the chairman and secretary of the church board issuing such letter (Section 199). 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 37, ¶1—The chairman of the church board shall, upon request of a member, issue to such applicant a letter of dismissal (Section 200). Such person's membership in the local church ceases upon the date the letter is issued.

¶2—When members move away from the church of which they are members and fail for one year to report their spiritual standing, and fail to send their financial support to the church, their names shall be dropped from the roll; provided a letter has been mailed to them notifying them of intention to drop their names from the roll.

Church Business Meetings

Section 38, ¶1—The pastor of the church, or, in the absence or disqualification of the pastor, any person whom the 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 child under the age of 14 shall be allowed to vote at any church meeting.

¶3—Order of Business:

1. Open with song and prayer.

2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Applications for membership.
8. 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.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Dismiss with prayer.

¶4—The rules of common parliamentary law shall govern in all business proceedings except where the Manual provides special instructions.

The Annual Church Meeting

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

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

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

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

¶3—The Church should also have the reports of the Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School

Superintendent, and a report from 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 41, ¶1—The Annual Church Meeting shall elect a Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, and not more than five elders and five deacons, or deaconesses. 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 assembly year, and continue until the first day of the next year, or until they are removed, as hereinafter provided.

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

Section 42—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 43—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.

Section 44—The Annual Church Meeting shall elect one delegate to each church of fifty members or less and an additional delegate for every additional fifty members or major fraction thereof, to the Annual Meeting of the District Assembly. An alternate also shall be named who shall fill the regular delegate's place, providing he is unable to be present at the Assembly. Each delegate shall be provided with a certificate of his appointment signed by the pastor and secretary.

Section 45—**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 46—**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, providing the Local Church Board so directs.

Section 47—Sunday School Superintendent. His duties shall be those usually incident to this office and he shall carry out the instructions of the Manual (Sections 75-79) as to the management and work of the Sunday School.

Section 48—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 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, ¶1—Local Trustees. Their duties shall be to attend to all legal matters pertaining to the church; sign all papers concerning loans, money borrowed, renting, buying and selling property, and disposing of the proceeds as they are ordered by the Local Church Board, and 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.

Section 51—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.

Section 52, ¶1—Calling of a Pastor. 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 members of the church present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting, provided that said minister has been nominated to the church by a two-thirds vote of the Local Church Board.

¶2—Each local church shall consult with the District Superintendent in choosing a pastor.

¶3—The minister's term of office as pastor of a church shall continue until the following District Assembly. He may be recalled from year to year. In the recalling of a pastor a simple majority vote of the Local Church Board is sufficient.

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

¶5—The election of a pastor shall be subject to the approval of the District Council (Section 101, ¶11).

¶6—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 64; 101, ¶12).

¶7—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 Assemblies unless his life and character are not in harmony with the Word of God and the Church Manual (Section 173). For procedure in such case see Section 168, ¶1, 2.

¶8—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 65).

¶9—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.

¶10—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 4-22) and the Covenant (Section 29).

The Pastor

Section 53, ¶1—The special duties of the pastor are as follows:

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

¶3—To administer the Sacraments.

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

¶5—To preside at all the business meetings of the Church, Local Church Board, and Sunday School Board; except as herein otherwise provided (Sections 55, 56).

¶6—To encourage and help prepare young people for the Gospel ministry, missionary, and deaconess work by enlisting the services of those whom God has especially called and gifted for these offices and to recommend their attendance at some one of our schools that they may obtain requisite training.

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

¶8—To see that the care of the church records is placed in the hands of competent persons and that the records are kept neatly and accurately.

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

¶10—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.

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

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

¶13—Our pastors should not grant the use of their churches to those claiming to be missionaries, or raising money for religious work, unless such persons have proper endorsement of the District Council.

Assistant Pastor

Section 54—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 52).

Called Meetings

Section 55—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 56—The coming of the District Superintendent or his Assistant (Section 87, ¶3-9) 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 57—How constituted: The Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent 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 41, ¶1).

Section 58—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 52, ¶7) becomes such that three-fourths of the entire Board votes to have the offending member vacate the office, the office is vacated at once, and is to be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 59—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 52, ¶1).

¶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, together with two other members of the District Council (Section 87, ¶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—For duties relative to Sunday Schools, see Sections 42 and 75, and for standing committees see Sections 51 and 59, ¶8.

¶10—The Local Church Board shall, at any regular meeting, have power to fill vacancies in the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, deacons, and elders, for the remainder of the year.

All other vacancies may be filled at the pleasure of the Board.

¶11—The Board shall not permit fairs, festivals, dramatic exercises, nor so-called sociables, nor any-

thing of like nature to be held in connection with the church or any department of its work.

¶12—The Local Church Board shall recommend candidates for local preacher's license (Section 137, ¶1) to the District Superintendent; also candidates for license and renewal of license, as ministers or deaconesses, to the District Assembly (Sections 141, ¶1; 144); it shall also perform any other duties required of it by this Manual with reference to the ministry.

¶13—The Local Church Board shall direct the Board of Trustees in attending to all legal matters of the church according to Section 50.

Section 60, ¶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 personally, or by mailing a notice to their residence, at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for the meeting.

Special Rules

Section 61—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.

Section 62—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 45-50).

Section 63—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, and if it be known that a candidate for an office is a divorced person, and is living in a state of wedlock with another party, or is married to a divorced person of such state, or vain in his attire, or in debt to such a degree as to cause stumbling, or is boastful, haughty, overbearing, or otherwise un-Christlike in his temper or behavior, let the Local Church Board see that he is not elected to any church office, or if elected, that he be speedily removed.

Section 64—After three consecutive meetings of the Local Church Board of any church resulting in a failure to nominate a candidate 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 52, ¶6.

Section 65—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 52, ¶8).

Section 66—Let public free-will offerings be taken each Sunday, or as often as there are preaching services, the pastor instructing the people to remember that their first financial duty is to their own home church, assisting with the necessities there until they are relieved, for the Scriptures plainly say, "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

Section 67—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 68—We recommend that the churches take adequate measures to provide their proportionate amount annually for the support of our General Budg-

et and Foreign Missions, 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 69, ¶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 101, ¶6).

Section 70—All our people are expected to patronize the Book and Bible Department of our Publishing House.

Section 71—All money, or pledges, raised by missionaries or religious workers representing district or general interests shall be taken in charge by the local church treasurer and sent through the District Treasurer to its proper destination.

Section 72—Military warfare and the spirit of it are contrary to the teachings of the New Testament and the spirit of Jesus Christ, therefore we are opposed to military training and strongly urge our members to refrain from bearing arms in war.

Section 73—We recommend that our local churches open their doors at least once annually to representatives of our schools and rescue homes in order that our people may be enlightened concerning the good

work accomplished by our institutions, and that their needs may be presented to our churches, at which time an offering shall be taken for their maintenance.

Section 74—We are opposed to organizations, either of labor or capital, which involve Christians in unscriptural alliances.

The Sunday School

Section 75—It shall be the duty of the Local Church Board to maintain a Sunday School for the purpose of teaching the Holy Scriptures and leading the pupils to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Section 76—As the Church in all ages has been mainly dependent on its children for its future, we admonish our people to give due diligence that, like our Savior's precept concerning the 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.

Section 77, ¶1—The Sunday School Board, of which the pastor shall be the regular chairman, and which shall consist of himself, the Sunday School Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Teachers, shall have direct oversight of the school. (For manner of election see Section 41, ¶1 and Section 42.)

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

Section 78—Our Sunday Schools are requested to purchase from our Publishing House the literature recommended by the General Board.

Section 79—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 80, ¶1—The young people's organization of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall be called the Pilgrim Holiness Young People's Society.

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

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

tion. (d) Only active members have a right to vote or hold office in the organization.

¶4—Officers of the local organization, with their pastor, shall constitute the Local Executive Council. The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Pastor. The President shall be nominated by the Local Church Board, and all the work of the organization shall conform to the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

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

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

¶7—There shall not be any organization of the young people without the consent of the majority of the Local Church Board.

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

Section 81—While all Young People's Society organizations shall be local and under the supervision of the pastor and the Local Church Board, district or zone meetings may be held in which a number of societies participate. These meetings must be strictly spiritual and are to be arranged for by the District Council. (Section 101, ¶7.)

CHAPTER 2

District Assemblies

Section 82, ¶1—In every District there shall be an Annual Assembly, which shall consist of the District Council, all licensed and ordained ministers and deaconesses and lay delegates (Section 44) 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 Assembly bar as advisory members, by special permission of the Assembly.

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

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

Section 83, ¶1—The duties of the District Assembly shall be as follows:

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

¶3—To hear reports from the District Superintendent, the Assistant District Superintendent and other District officers.

¶4—To hear reports from each minister.

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

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

¶7—To elect the District Superintendent (Sections 85-87) and the Assistant District Superintendent (Section 88), the District Secretary (Sections 89, 90), the District Treasurer (Sections 91, 92), and at least three other members of the District Council (Section 100).

¶8—To elect an Examining Board of at least three members (Sections 93, 94).

¶9—To elect a District Board of Trustees (Sections 97, 98).

¶10—To elect an Educational Board of at least three members (Section 95).

¶11—To act upon all applications for license as ministers or deaconesses (Sections 59, ¶12; 141; 144).

¶12—To pass upon and authorize the ordination of candidates to the ministry or the office of ordained deaconesses (Sections 145-150).

¶13—To select, at the Assembly immediately preceding the General Assembly, ministerial and lay delegates to the General Assembly according to the ratio provided for in Section 104, ¶2.

¶14—To adopt resolutions, not over ten in number, covering desired changes in or additions to the Manual and to send 500 copies of said resolutions as memorials to the General Assembly (Section 90, ¶6).

¶15—To publish annually a journal of the District Assembly proceedings. Said publication to be in book form, 9" x 6", outside measurement, and printed in eight-point type. The paragraph form shall be used in printing statistics and the grand totals shall be given on a separate page.

¶16—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.

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

Section 84—All meetings of the District Assembly shall, in the absence of specific instructions appearing in this Manual, be governed in methods of business procedure by the rules of common Parliamentary Law.

CHAPTER 3

District Officers

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

Section 86—The District Superintendent is responsible to the District Assembly 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.

Section 87—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 52, ¶2, 5, 6).

¶3—Where quarterly meetings are held, he or his Assistant shall preside (Section 56).

¶4—Together with the Secretary he shall renew the licenses of the candidates who are pursuing the Course of Study (Section 141, ¶6), if ordered to do so by the District Assembly (Section 83, ¶11).

¶5—To sign, with the District Secretary, the credentials of all ministers and deaconesses in his District (Sections 137, ¶2; 141, ¶6; 144).

¶6—To cause to be sent out the quarterly report blanks, and when they are returned he shall summarize their contents and, with the report of his own labors, shall forward the same 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 52, ¶2, 6; 59, ¶3; 64; 152; 155.)

¶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, and send reports of his findings to the General Superintendent (Section 112, ¶9), 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 carefully preserve in his office, for future reference, the reports received on these visits (Section 56).

¶10—To prepare, at the District Assembly immediately preceding the General Assembly, 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 Assembly.

¶11—To give reasons for his objection in case of protest to calling a pastor from outside the bounds of the District (Section 59, ¶3).

Assistant District Superintendent

Section 88—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 89—The District Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected.

Section 90, ¶1—The duties of the District Secretary shall be as follows:

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

¶3—To sign, with the District Superintendent, the credentials of all ministers and deaconesses in his District (Section 87, ¶5).

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

¶6—Immediately following the close of the last District Assembly previous to the General Assembly, to send a copy of the memorials adopted by the District to the Chairman of the Polity Committee, and also to send 500 copies of said memorials to the General Secretary for distribution at the General Assembly (Section 83, ¶14). (Memorials to be in printed form, twin pages on a sheet of paper measuring 6x8½ inches over all, and printed on one side only. Each separate resolution shall bear the name of the district submitting same.)

Treasurer

Section 91—The District Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor is elected.

Section 92, ¶1—The duties of the District Treasurer shall be as follows:

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

Examining Board

Section 93—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 94, ¶1—The duties of the Examining Board shall be as follows:

¶2—To examine all candidates for license as ministers, or deaconesses, as to their proficiency in reading, writing, and spelling. To examine them in matters of doctrine, practice, and personal religious experience, ministerial call, evidence thereof, and as to whether any objections might arise from the circumstances of the candidate's personal, family, and business life. To report the result of the same to the District Assembly at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Section 83, ¶11).

¶3—To examine candidates for renewal of license as ministers or deaconesses, or for ordination, pass on them as to their religious experience and personal life, and to report the result of the same to the District Assembly at the time the candidate's character is under consideration (Sections 141, ¶6; 83, ¶12).

¶4—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 95—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 96, ¶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 209) and all licentiates in the Course of

Study leading to ordination as ministers or deaconesses (Sections 210, 211) 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 District Assembly or during the year upon completion of a book or subject, either personally or through the mails.

Board of Trustees

Section 97—The members of the Board of Trustees are each to hold office for one year.

Section 98, ¶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 4

District Council

Section 99—Each District Organization shall have a Council of not less than seven members, which shall be elected at the Annual Assembly and shall serve through the succeeding year and Assembly.

Section 100, ¶1—A District Council may be of varying sizes. A District with less than 50 churches shall have 7 members on its District Council, consisting of 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 101, ¶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 particular 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.

¶3—It shall act upon the recommendation of the District Assembly as to 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 Assembly (Section 149, ¶2).

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

¶5—The Council shall assist in planning the work of the District 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.

¶6—The approval of the District Council must be secured with reference to the location of new places of worship (Section 69, ¶2).

¶7—The District Council shall select one member of said Council, who shall be at least thirty years of age, to serve as a Director of young people's work. It shall be the duty of this officer to promote young people's work in all churches in the District and to conduct rallies under the direction of the District Council (Section 81).

¶8—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 100).

¶9—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.

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

¶11—It shall be the duty of the District Council to approve the selection of pastors by the local churches calling them (Sections 52, ¶5; 59, ¶3).

¶12—When the local church so requests or where two-thirds of a District Council deem a local situation has become such as to demand intervention 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 52, ¶6).

Section 102—If the District Council shall feel the need of assistance, it may turn for it to the General Board.

CHAPTER 5

The Organization of New Districts

Section 103, ¶1—Whenever there shall be new church territory not organized into a regular district but in which there are Pilgrim Holiness Churches and the prospect of a new district, the Executive Council of the General Board shall have power to appoint 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 129, ¶7).

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

¶3—The Executive Council shall be empowered to change any person or persons on the advisory council at any time (Section 129, ¶7).

CHAPTER 6

General Assembly

Section 104, ¶1—There shall be a General Assembly composed of all the General Officers and members of the General Board, District Superintendents, Assistant District Superintendents, District Secretaries,

District Treasurers, the Presidents of Pilgrim Holiness Church Bible Schools who are members of the said Church, a ministerial delegation and a lay delegation to be selected at the District Assemblies immediately preceding the General Assembly.

¶2—The delegates to the General Assembly 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 hundred 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 Assembly.

¶3—All delegates shall pledge themselves to their district assemblies that they will stay until the close of the General Assembly, unless called home by sickness or death.

Section 105, ¶1—The General Assembly shall meet quadrennially on the first Tuesday of September, at 7:30 P. M., at such place as may be fixed by the General Board, notice of which shall be given not less than one year in advance of the time of meeting of said General Assembly.

¶2—In case there be need of a special session of the General Assembly between regular sessions, the General Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the General Board, may call such a meeting.

Three-fourths of the General Board must sanction the call.

¶3—No special session of the General Assembly 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 Assembly, 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 Assembly.

Section 106—The General Assembly is the chief legislative body of the Church and the final authority, and shall have authority to propose and make amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Church.

Section 107, ¶1—The purpose and duty of the General Assembly shall be as follows:

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

¶3—To receive the reports of the General Superintendents, the General Treasurer, 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 prayerfully consider plans for the future 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 Assembly, said changes or additions to be presented in writing by a District Assembly Delegation or a General Assembly Committee.

¶7—To appoint all standing committees (Section 109).

¶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 108—The Polity Committee shall be composed of five persons appointed by the General Assembly.

Section 109—The Polity Committee shall be a standing committee of the General Assembly and shall hold office through the quadrennium and the following General Assembly.

Section 110, ¶1—The duties of the Polity Committee shall be:

¶2—To receive copies of all memorials presented by the District Assemblies for General Assembly legislation (Sections 83, ¶14; 90, ¶6).

¶3—To meet two days prior to the opening of the General Assembly 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 Assembly.

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

CHAPTER 7

General Church Officers

Section 111, ¶1—The General Church officers (the General Superintendent, First Assistant and Second Assistant General Superintendents, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate) are ex-officio members of the General Board, and unless disqualified, or removed by illness or death, hold office for the succeeding quadrennium and General Assembly.

¶2—The General Assembly 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.

The General Superintendent

Section 112, ¶1—There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be elected by the General Assembly. He shall hold office for the following quadrennium and through the following General Assembly. The duties of the General Superintendent shall be;

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

¶3—To preside at the General Assembly, and when present, at the District Assemblies in the United States and Canada, the meetings of the General Board and of the Executive Council.

¶4—To call, with the consent of the General Board, special sessions of the General Assembly.

¶5—To call, with the consent of the Executive Council, special sessions of the General Board.

¶6—To call all meetings of the Executive Council.

¶7—To direct the establishment of churches and in the affiliation of ministers in territory outside the bounds of the regular district organizations.

¶8—To make regular reports to the General Board and the General Assembly.

¶9—To keep on file records of the District Superintendents with regard to the local churches of the various districts (Section 87, ¶7).

¶10—To sign, with the General Secretary, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual (Section 119, ¶4).

Section 113—In the case of the death or removal

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

Assistant General Superintendents

Section 114—There shall be a First and a Second Assistant General Superintendent who shall be elected by ballot in the General Assembly. As their name implies, they shall serve the Church in the capacity of assistants to the General Superintendent in supervising the affairs of the Church.

The General Secretary of Foreign Missions

Section 115—There shall be a General Secretary of Foreign Missions who shall be elected by the General Assembly and who shall hold office for the ensuing quadrennium and General Assembly.

Section 116—He shall have full supervision of all the foreign missionary work of the Church and shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Department Committee of Foreign Missions and is responsible directly to the General Board.

Section 117, ¶1—The duties of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

¶7—To handle all correspondence of the Department.

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

General Secretary

Section 118, ¶1—There shall be a General Secretary elected by the General Assembly.

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

Section 119, ¶1—The duties of the General Secretary shall be as follows:

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

¶3—To make a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the General Assembly, General Board meetings, and Executive Council meetings, and to see that no part of those records is destroyed unless ordered and that the action of the General Assembly, General Board, and Executive Council be written out

in full, in long hand with a good and legible handwriting, in a bound book kept for that purpose, and filed in the General Headquarters Office for reference.

¶4—To sign, with the General Superintendent, all legal papers executed by the General Board and such credentials as provided for in this Manual (Section 112, ¶10).

The General Treasurer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 121—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 Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

Section 122, ¶1—The office of the Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate is provided for by the Gen-

eral Assembly, but the selection of the individual shall be made by the General Board.

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

CHAPTER 8

The General Board

Section 123—There shall be a body known as the General Board which shall consist of the General Officers of the Church, the five members of the Department Committee on Foreign Missions and fifteen others, known as Zone Representatives, who shall constitute the Committees on Education, Home Missions, and Publications.

Section 124—The General Board is the chief governing body in the Church in the interim of the General Assemblies and, as such, is empowered to perfect all plans necessary to the performance of its duties.

Section 125, ¶1—The duties and responsibilities of the General Board are as follows:

¶2—To meet at least once each year and take a careful survey of the work of the Church at home and in foreign lands.

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

¶4—To elect the members of the Foreign Missionary Committee.

¶5—To elect the Editor of the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

¶6—To elect governing Board of the Burial Association.

¶7—To hear reports of the General Church Officers.

¶8—To review the work of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions.

¶9—To pass upon any proposed changes in the duties and responsibilities of the General Officers.

¶10—To set the salaries and allowances of all general officers and appointees.

¶11—To review and pass upon measures and plans proposed by the Executive Council and the several Committees.

¶12—To set a yearly budget of expense for the General Church, both at home and abroad.

¶13—To be responsible through the Finance Committee for the collection of General Church funds and the disbursement of same according to a scale of percentages agreed upon.

¶14—To have power to revise the Reading and Study Courses as may be deemed necessary.

¶15—To fix the place of the General Assembly and to announce same not less than a year in advance of the time set.

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

¶17—To fill the vacated office of any General Officer with the exception of the General Superintendent.

¶18—To publish minutes of its proceedings annually for the benefit of the Church.

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

¶20—To fill the vacated office of a Zone Representative from the zone in which the vacancy occurred.

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

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

¶23—To direct affairs of the Burial Association and Ministerial Benefit Association.

Executive Council

Section 126—The General Officers are ex-officio members of the General Board and constitute a body known as the Executive Council of the General Board.

Section 127—The Executive Council shall come together at the call of the General Superintendent, who is the presiding officer.

Section 128—All the actions of the Executive Council are subject to review by the General Board.

Section 129, ¶1—The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Council shall be:

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

¶3—To authorize, by unanimous vote, a special meeting of the General Board.

¶4—To change the boundaries of districts.

¶5—To elect a Board to direct the affairs of the Ministerial Benefit Association, four members of such Board to be chosen from the members of the General Board.

¶6—To elect a Board to direct the affairs of the Beulah Rescue Home.

¶7—To appoint a Superintendent and Advisory Council for church territory, not in regularly organized districts, which shall be known as New Districts (Section 103, ¶1), and shall be empowered to change any person or persons on the Advisory Council of such New Districts at any time (Section 103, ¶3).

¶8—To have the authority to reprove or remove District Superintendents or to request the District to place another in his stead. The Council shall at all times have the best interests of the District in mind.

Department Committees of the General Board

Section 130, ¶1—The twenty members of the General Board who are not elected as General Officers of the Church shall constitute four Department Committees:

- (a) Department on Education
- (b) Department on Foreign Missions
- (c) Department on Home Missions and Church Extension
- (d) Department on Publication.

¶2—The Department Committee on Foreign Missions shall consist of five members selected by vote

of the General Board from among the members of the Church at large, irrespective of place of residence. The members of this Committee shall be chosen for terms of three years each, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be so elected that not more than two terms shall end in any one year.

¶3—The Department Committees on Education, Home Missions and Church Extension, and on Publication shall consist of five persons each who shall be known and chosen as Zone Representatives. For the election of Zone Representatives the Church is divided into the following zones:

(a) Eastern: Pennsylvania-New Jersey, New York, and Eastern Districts.

(b) Central: Indiana District.

(c) Southern: Virginia, West Virginia, Southern, Tennessee-Alabama and Kentucky Districts.

(d) Northern: Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio Districts.

(e) Western: Illinois-Missouri, Arkansas-Louisiana, Oklahoma-Texas, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, California, and Idaho-Washington Districts.

¶4—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 Assembly to nominate by ballot their representatives for the several departments of the General Board, each Zone nominating one person for each Department. The election of the representatives so nominated is by the General Assembly.

¶5—The office of a Zone Representative automatically becomes vacant when a member moves into the bounds of another Zone.

¶6—The vacated office of a Zone Representative is to be filled by the General Board from the Zone in which the vacancy occurred.

Section 131—The members of each department shall meet together as separate committees to consider matters coming under their special jurisdiction and report, as committees, their plans and recommendations to the General Board. No policies or plans shall be put into practice by any department until agreed upon by the majority of the General Board.

Section 132, ¶1—The provinces of the several committees are, in a general way, outlined by the following:

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

¶3—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 Savior; 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 education-

al institutions located in foreign lands shall be operated solely for the purpose of training Christian workers and 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 not to hold 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."

14—The Department Committee on Home Mis-

sions and Church Extension deals with all matters pertaining to the work of the General Church in church territory in the U. S. A. and Canada not a part of the regularly organized districts, except in the appointing of superintendents for such fields which is the responsibility of the Executive Council. Responsibility for the various benevolent and charitable institutions of the General Church was also given this Committee by the Assembly of 1934, namely: Beulah Rescue Home, Burial Association, and the Ministerial Benefit Association.

¶5—The Department Committee on Publications shall deal with the matters pertaining to the publishing interests of the General Church.

¶6—The Department Committee on Education shall deal with all matters pertaining to educational work of the General Church including the educational institutions recognized by the General Board; and shall have power to standardize recognized church schools, as to entrance requirements, scholarship, doctrinal statements, and credentials required of the faculty, (especially requiring of proposed faculty members recommendations from schools where they were formerly employed) as to character, moral and spiritual standing.

Executive Secretaries

Section 133, ¶1—Each Department Committee shall elect from among its number an Executive Secretary whose duty it shall be to preside over the meetings of the Committee as Chairman, to report the findings of the Committee to the General Board and to assist

in any way desired by the Board to put into execution the plans adopted.

¶2—The Executive Secretary shall be empowered to call any meeting of his respective Department during the interim of the General Board meetings to take care of any emergencies which may arise. No action may be taken which is not in harmony with the General Board.

The Finance Committee

Section 134, ¶1—The Executive Secretaries of the Department Committees of the General Board shall constitute a committee known as the Finance Committee which shall have the special responsibility of financing the general interests of the Church. In this connection the duties of this Committee shall be as follows:

¶2—To estimate the total amount that it is thought best to raise for the various departments and submit this budget to the General Board for approval or revision.

¶3—To submit plans to the Board for the collection of the General Church Budget and the Foreign Missionary funds.

¶4—To assist in every way possible for the raising of the finance as directed by the Board.

Section 135—The General Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

PART FOUR—THE MINISTRY

CHAPTER 1

The Ministerial Order

Section 136, ¶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 them to be trained in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

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

Local Preachers

Section 137, ¶1—A Local Preacher's License shall be issued to such as have a call for local church work. A similar license shall also be granted to those called to the regular ministry, for two successive years previous to the granting of License

as a Minister by the District Assembly, except as provided for in Section 141, ¶3. A Local Preacher's License is good for only one year and is renewed providing the applicant has shown a satisfactory improvement in spirit and in practice.

¶2—This license shall be furnished by the General Secretary, but issued by the District Superintendent, upon the recommendation of the Local Church Board in counsel with the District Superintendent (Section 59, ¶12).

Section 138—Said Local Preacher shall be under the personal supervision of the resident pastor, who shall secure openings for him where possible.

Section 139, ¶1—The Local Preacher 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 Assembly or in any Local Church Board unless elected thereto, but shall not be debarred from doing evangelistic work.

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

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

Section 140—There shall be a Course of Study for local preachers, the extent and content of which shall be determined by the Department Committee on Education as approved by the General Board (Section 209).

Licensed Ministers

Section 141, ¶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 District Assembly for Minister's License (Section 83, ¶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 Assembly. The District Assembly shall reject any recommendation for the licensing of any minister who does not tithe and teach tithing into the Pilgrim Holiness Church. In case of a favorable report, license shall be granted on a simple majority (Section 94, ¶2).

¶3—No person shall be recommended to the Annual District Assembly for license as a minister until such party shall have served two years as a Local Preacher and completed the Course of Study for Local Preachers, or its equivalent (Section 209). 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 137, ¶1).

¶4—Candidates for license who do not reside within the bounds of any District Organization shall confer with the General Superintendent, or with one of the Assistant Superintendents, and shall be referred by them to the most convenient District Assembly (Section 112, ¶7).

¶5—Before granting this License a report shall be heard from the Examining Board, as provided under Section 94, ¶2.

¶6—License shall be granted by the District Assembly and shall be signed by the General Superintendent, the General Secretary, the District Superintendent and District Secretary. It may be renewed each year upon the passage of the licentiate's character and the report from the Examining Board as to his or her gifts and growth in grace (Section 94, ¶3, 4) and from the Educational Board as to his or her progress in the Course of Study (Section 96, ¶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 142—All licensed ministers failing to complete and report on at least two subjects a year in their required Course of Study, for two consecutive years, will automatically forfeit their licenses, unless in the judgment of the District Council an exception should be made.

Deaconesses and Deaconess Work

Section 143—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 144—Any sister may be licensed for deaconess work in the same general manner as candidates are licensed as ministers of the Gospel (Section 83, ¶11), except that they are not required to take the Local Preacher's Course of Study.

Section 145—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 87, ¶6).

Section 146—The candidate for license as a deaconess shall be examined by the Examining Board, according to Section 94, ¶2. In the Course of Study she shall be under the direction of the District Educational Board (Section 96, ¶2), as in the case of licensed ministers, and after being licensed for three years, she shall be reported to the District Assembly, with recommendation for or against her ordination, which recommendation shall receive primary consideration in deciding as to whether it shall be granted or refused. Her ordination shall, in general, be conducted exactly as though she were to be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel, except that she shall be set apart for deaconess work as provided in Section 83, ¶12.

Ordained Ministers

Section 147—No person shall be eligible for ordi-

nation until first having served at least two years in active ministry.

Section 148—The licentiate who has held his license at least three years and has successfully completed the required Course of Study, shall be eligible for ordination as a Minister of the Gospel, unless the District Council will have deemed it wise to have ordained before the expiration of the three year period.

Section 149, ¶1—In considering the case of a candidate for ordination, the District Assembly shall hear: (1) the report of the Examining Board as to the candidate's religious experience and personal character (Section 94, ¶2); (2) the report of the Educational Board on his or her standing in the Course of Study (Section 96, ¶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 Assembly, the said Assembly shall earnestly seek divine guidance, waiting upon God in prayer; then, if the Assembly so orders, it shall recommend the candidate for ordination to the District Council, which shall appoint a body of at least five ministers, that by the laying on of hands and by prayer he may be set apart for the work whereunto God has called him (Section 101, ¶3).

Section 150—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 101, ¶3).

CHAPTER 2

Ministerial Regulations

Rules

Section 151, ¶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 Assembly 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 87, ¶6).

Section 152—If any licensed minister or deaconess shall fail for three successive quarters to forward his or her report to the District Superintendent, the latter shall make an investigation, and if no reasonable cause shall be found for his or her failure, as above mentioned, the District Superintendent shall be justified in referring the case to the Examining Board. This failure shall be considered before deciding to recommend for renewal of license.

Section 153—Any ordained or licensed minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church interfering with the work of, or influencing anyone against any pastor, shall be answerable to the District Council. Should the offender be a member of another District the offender shall make charges to his District Council,

they in turn to the Council of the District of which the offender is a member.

Section 154—All ministers shall place their church letter in some local church within sixty days after receiving the same, and if they fail to do so their letter becomes void. Each pastor shall become a member of the church or one of the churches which he serves, and such membership shall move automatically when he moves to another charge.

Section 155—No minister shall entertain a pastoral call from a church within the bounds of the District Assembly 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 156—No minister shall enter a town or city where there is an organized Pilgrim Holiness Church to hold a revival meeting over the protest of the local Pilgrim Holiness Church pastor and the District Superintendent.

Section 157—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 158—Any minister or deaconess who has been divorced from one companion and has married

another without the former having died should not be licensed nor ordained.

Section 159—As there are questions and conditions known to a District work that are not generally known, therefore when outside workers come within the bounds of such Districts they shall fully recognize the decision of the District Officials in said questions and conditions.

Section 160—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 161—In these days of multiplied divorces and great laxity relative to the marriage question, it is fully agreed that no minister shall unite in holy wedlock any who have been divorced.

Special Advice to Ministers

Section 162—John Wesley's "Twelve Rules of a Helper" have perhaps never been excelled as counsel to ministers, whether young or old. These "Rules" are, in part, as follows:

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

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

3. Converse sparingly and conduct yourself with

prudence in the presence of the opposite sex (1 Tim. 5:2).

4. Be honest. Keep out of debt; preach your own sermons.

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

6. Speak evil of no one; else your words especially will eat as doth a canker; keep your thoughts within your breast till you come to the person concerned.

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

8. Flee all affectation. A preacher of the Gospel should regard himself as the servant of all.

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

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

11. You have nothing to do but to save souls; therefore spend and be spent in this work; and go always not only to those who want you, but to those who need you most.

12. It is not your business to preach merely a certain number of times, nor take care of this or that church; but to get as many souls saved as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up

in "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

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Section 163—Adam Clarke, the Commentator, in "A Letter to a Preacher," makes many exceedingly pertinent observations, which we summarize here-with:

¶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 anything else; it is no sin to die in a ditch through hunger or cold; but it is a crime to go in debt when there is not the fullest prospect of being able to pay. Get a genuine friend whenever you can. Beware of forming hasty friendships.

¶4—"Concerning Your Behavior in the House Where You Lodge.—On your arrival, get as speedily as possible to private prayer. Show yourself satisfied with everything you receive. Be punctual at meals and rise when called. Be not over-particular about your food. Give the family where you lodge as little trouble as possible. Keep your room in such an orderly manner that everything will have its place and that even your absence will testify to the regularity of your habits. Go out as little as possible to eat and drink. Go not from house to house. (Luke 10:7).

¶5—"Concerning the Cultivation of Your Mind.—Pray much, read much, write much. Have always some essay, dissertation, or similar work upon the anvil; and be sure you finish whatever you under-

take. 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 164, ¶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 Book Room, Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHAPTER 3

Ministers From Other Evangelical Churches

Section 165—Ordained ministers from other evangelical churches desiring to unite with us may be admitted, receiving due credit for their standing, provided that they publicly assent to our beliefs, practices and system of government, are able to give evidence of holy character and a sanctified experience, and have pursued a course of study at least equal to the one prescribed for our ministers.

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

PART FIVE—THE JUDICIARY

CHAPTER 1

Judicial Committee

Section 166—In order to maintain and preserve proper observance of the standards and regulations of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Judicial Committees are hereby created and established to try and determine all causes and charges arising under church regulations and which committees shall consist of the number of members to be selected and shall have the powers and duties as hereinafter provided.

Section 167, ¶1—Local Judicial Committee. There shall be a Local Judicial Committee to consist of not less than three members selected by the Local Church Board, as the occasion may arise, from its own membership or from the membership of the local church to which it belongs and one of such members may be a District Official. One of such members so selected shall, by such Local Church Board, be named as Chairman. However, such Local Church Board may request the District Council to name such Chairman. Such Chairman shall preside at all hearings before such Committee and shall decide all questions of procedure or admissibility of evidence during the process of any trial before such Committee.

¶2—Such Local Judicial Committee shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all charges

brought hereunder against members of such local church except members who are ordained or licensed ministers or deaconesses or who hold official positions on the District Council or General Board of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶3—Such Local Judicial Committee shall serve from the time of selection until it shall hear and determine one case and render judgment thereon. However, at the time of selection, the Local Church Board may fix the term of service for a longer period but not to exceed one year.

¶4—It shall be the duty of such Committee after the hearing to determine the guilt or innocence of the party or parties charged in accordance with the provisions hereof and fix the penalty, if any, to be imposed and render judgment accordingly.

Section 168, ¶1—District Judicial Committee. There shall be a District Judicial Committee to consist of not less than five members selected by the District Council, as the occasion may arise, from its own membership or the ministerial membership of the District and may include one General Official. One of such members so selected shall, by such District Council, be named as the Chairman. If desired, such District Council may request the General Board to name such Chairman. Such Chairman shall preside at all hearings and shall decide all questions of procedure or admissibility of evidence during the process of any trial before such Committee.

¶2—Such District Judicial Committee shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all charges

brought hereunder against any of the ministerial membership of such District including all licensed and ordained ministers or deaconesses or any unordained persons serving on the District Council or in any other official District position of the Pilgrim Holiness Church except General Officers or members of the General Board. Such District Judicial Committee shall serve from the time of selection until it shall hear and determine one case and render judgment thereon. However, at the time of the selection the District Council may fix the term of service for a longer period but not to exceed one year.

¶3—It shall be the duty of such District Judicial Committee after the hearing of any cause to determine the guilt or innocence of the party or parties charged in accordance with the provisions hereof and fix the penalty, if any, to be imposed and render judgment accordingly.

Section 169, ¶1—General Judicial Committee. There shall be a General Judicial Committee to consist of not less than five members selected by the General Board, as the occasion may arise, from its own members. One of such members so selected shall, by such Board, be named as Chairman. Such Chairman shall preside at all hearings and shall decide all questions of procedure or admissibility of evidence during the process of any trial before such Committee.

¶2—Such General Judicial Committee shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all charges brought hereunder against the General Officers or

members of the General Board.

¶3—Such General Judicial Committee shall serve from the time of selection until it shall hear and determine one case and render judgment thereon; however, at the time of selection the General Board may fix the term of service for a longer period but not to exceed one year.

¶4—It shall be the duty of such General Judicial Committee after any hearing to determine the guilt or innocence of the party or parties charged in accordance with the provision hereof and such finding, together with its recommendation, shall be submitted to the General Board for final determination. However, in case of General Officers or members of the General Board, such recommendation shall not be approved or adopted nor any decision made or penalty imposed except upon a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the General Board.

Section 170, ¶1—General Assembly Judicial Committee. There shall be a General Assembly Judicial Committee which shall consist of five members elected by the General Assembly, as the occasion may arise, and shall serve for such period of time as shall be fixed by the General Assembly at the time of such election.

¶2—Such General Assembly Judicial Committee shall have appellate jurisdiction only and shall hear and determine, as hereinafter provided, all appeals from decisions of the General Board.

¶3—Such General Assembly Committee shall consider such appealed cases, make findings thereon, and

report to the General Assembly such findings together with recommendations as to penalties, if any, to be imposed. The General Assembly may approve and adopt the decisions and recommendations of such General Assembly Committee or may reject such recommendations and dispose of such case as by a majority vote thereof may be deemed best.

Section 171—Vacancies. In the event of the resignation, death, or disability of any member of any of the Judicial Committees herein provided for, such vacancy shall be filled by the proper authorities in the manner as hereinbefore provided for selecting the original members of such committee (Sections 167, ¶1; 168, ¶1; 169, ¶1; 170, ¶1).

CHAPTER 2

Evidence

Section 172, ¶1—No Committee herein provided for shall be bound by any technical rules of evidence, but each Committee shall adopt such rules as shall in its opinion be best adapted to ascertain the truth and determine expeditiously and accurately the substantial rights of the parties; but the accused shall always have the right to face and examine his or her accuser, and all witnesses giving testimony before such Committee shall testify only to facts within his or her knowledge and not to what was told to such witness, unless the party so claimed by such witness to have made such statements is before the Committee and can be examined regarding such alleged statements.

¶2—The accused shall be presumed to be innocent until the contrary is proved. However, "the moral conviction of the truth of the charge is all that is necessary . . . to find the accused guilty of the charges."—Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, page 304. In all cases the accused may be questioned relative to the charges made.

CHAPTER 3

Offenses

Section 173—The following charges shall constitute the offenses for which any member, minister, deaconess, District or General officer of the Pilgrim Holiness Church may be 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 wilful refusal to recognize Church authority.
- (d) Conduct unbecoming to a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
- (e) Immoral conduct.

CHAPTER 4

Procedure

Section 174, ¶1—Investigation Committee. When reports of misconduct are brought to the attention of the Local Church Board, District Council, or Gen-

eral Board, as the case may be, such body having jurisdiction of such case shall appoint an Investigation Committee of not less than two persons to investigate such report.

¶2—It shall be the duty of such Investigation Committee to carefully inquire into the matter and report. After thorough inquiry by such Investigation Committee a full report shall be made by such Committee to its appointing body, such report to include any recommendations such Investigation Committee deems advisable. If, after such investigation and visit, such Committee believes no reasonable grounds for such accusation exist, then such Committee shall so report to such body so appointing it and the matter shall, at the option of such appointing body, thereupon terminate. If, after such investigation, such Committee believes that there is reasonable ground for such accusation, such Committee shall so report to the body so appointing such Committee, and the charge shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions hereof; Provided, That the accused shall have been interviewed with reference to such matter or reports in a Scriptural manner. However, if the accusation involves immoral conduct and the same is confessed by the accused, the official body appointing such Committee may pass upon such offense and decide the penalty to be imposed without resort or reference to the trial committee. In the event that the appointing body of such Investigation Committee does not proceed with a case which in the judgment of the Investigation Committee needs attention, such Investigation Committee

shall have the right to report the matter to the next highest authority in the Church as a complaint, which complaint shall be handled as herein provided for.

Section 175, ¶1—Prosecutor. In the event the report of such Committee indicates the necessity for a trial, the body so appointing such Investigation Committee shall thereupon appoint a Prosecutor to present such charge to the Judicial Committee. Such Prosecutor shall be a member in good standing of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶2—It shall be the duty of the Prosecutor to prepare a written statement of the charges basing same upon definite evidence in hand.

Section 176—Complaint. In the complaint such charges shall not be required to have any technical form but shall clearly and concisely set forth the offense charge together with a brief statement of the facts in support thereof.

Section 177—Notice to Accused. At the time of appointing such Prosecutor, such official body so appointing shall fix the time and place for such trial. A copy of the complaint together with a written notice of the time and place of trial shall be delivered to the accused at least ten days prior to the date set for trial.

Section 178—Continuances. If additional time is reasonably necessary for the proper preparation for trial, by either the accused or the Prosecutor, a reasonable continuance may be had upon proper application to the Chairman of the Judicial Committee

before which such trial is to be had; Provided, That notice of such petition for such continuance shall be given by such petitioner to the opposing party before any continuance shall be granted.

Section 179—Status of Accused. From the time the complaint and notice are delivered to the accused until the rendition of the decision by the Judicial Committee trying same, the accused shall be temporarily suspended.

Section 180—Request for Dismissal. If pending any such investigation or the outcome of any such trial, the accused requests a Letter of Dismissal from the Church (Section 200), same shall be granted without protest and the case shall thereupon end.

Section 181—Objection to Committee Member—Change of Venue. If the accused objects to any member of the Committee, such objection shall be heard and if such accused has reasonable ground to believe he cannot have a fair and impartial trial before such member, such member shall, upon a majority vote of the Committee approving the objection, retire from such Committee and a new member or members shall be appointed as in the case of a vacancy (Section 171).

Section 182—Counsel for Accused. The accused shall be entitled to counsel; and such counsel must be a member in good standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Section 183—Trial. The trial shall be opened by the Prosecutor reading the complaint, after which reading the accused shall plead either guilty or not

guilty. If guilt is confessed, the Committee shall thereupon consider the penalty, if any, to be imposed, and judgment shall be rendered within not to exceed three days. If deemed advisable, the Committee may upon such plea of guilty, hear evidence concerning the circumstances under which such offense was committed to aid it in a proper determination of the cause.

Section 184—Upon plea of not guilty, the trial shall proceed as follows:

- (a) The Prosecutor shall state briefly the evidence he expects to produce in support of the complaint.
- (b) The accused or his counsel shall briefly state his defense and the facts he expects to produce in support thereof.
- (c) The Prosecutor shall then produce his evidence and examine his witnesses, and after Direct Examination by the Prosecutor the accused or his counsel may cross examine each of such witnesses. The Prosecutor may, as a part of his case, question the accused relative to the offense charged. When the Prosecutor has concluded his evidence, he shall announce that he rests his case.
- (d) At the conclusion of the Prosecutor's evidence, if the Committee shall be of the opinion that the evidence furnished against the accused does not carry a moral conviction of the truth of the charges, it may thereupon dismiss the

proceeding or may proceed to hear the evidence for the defense at its option.

- (e) If it is determined to hear the defense, the accused shall then produce his evidence and examine his witnesses and the Prosecutor shall be entitled to cross examine each witness so examined by the accused. When the accused has concluded his evidence he shall announce that he rests and thereupon the Prosecutor may offer evidence in rebuttal of any new matter introduced by the defense, and at the conclusion of such rebuttal evidence, the accused may offer evidence in sur-rebuttal of any new matter offered in such rebuttal and so continue until the Chairman of the Committee is of the opinion that the matter in controversy has been fairly and fully presented and may thereupon refuse to hear further evidence.
- (f) At the conclusion of the evidence, each the Prosecutor and the accused or his counsel or both, shall be granted a reasonable time for summation and argument of such cause. The Prosecutor shall first present his argument. He shall be followed by the defense and the Prosecutor shall then have the right to make the closing statement.
- (g) At the conclusion of the argument, the Committee shall retire to deliberate the cause and shall render a decision within three days after the conclusion of the closing argument. A majority vote of the Committee shall be re-

quired for any decision and a copy of the decision delivered to the accused. Such decision shall set forth the penalty, if any, imposed.

- (h) A failure or refusal of the accused to appear for trial after due notice, as herein provided (Section 177), shall be taken as confession of guilt and shall be cause for summary dismissal.
- (i) Clerk—Record of Proceedings. An accurate record of the proceedings shall be kept by the Committee and such record shall become a part of the Church records. For this purpose the Committee shall appoint a clerk to make and preserve such records. Such clerk may be either a member of such Committee or any member in good standing of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and upon a termination of the office of any such clerk he shall forthwith deliver over to the body appointing such Judicial Committee all of the records and papers pertaining to or kept in such office of said clerk.

Section 185—Motion to Reopen Case. If after a decision of guilty is rendered by the Trial Committee, the accused discovers new or additional evidence that tends to prove innocence, such accused may, within ten days from the delivery of the decision, file with such Committee a request that the case be reopened. Such request shall be in writing and contain a summary of such new or additional evidence together with a showing that the failure to submit such evidence at the original hearing was not the result of laches or neglect on the part of the accused.

Upon filing such request and summary the trial committee may reopen the case and hear such additional evidence or it may refuse such request. If it appears that the failure to submit such evidence at the original trial was not the result of neglect or laches on the part of the accused, upon the refusal of request to reopen the case such additional evidence shown by such summary shall be taken to be true and shall become a part of the record of the evidence on appeal. For the purpose of receiving and considering such motion such trial committee shall be considered to continue for a period of ten days from the delivery of such decision.

Section 186—Appeals. The accused, if found guilty, shall have the right to appeal. An appeal taken from the Local Judicial Committee shall be determined by the District Judicial Committee. An appeal taken from the District Judicial Committee shall be determined by the General Judicial Committee; and an appeal taken from the General Judicial Committee shall be determined by the General Assembly. No appeal shall be taken by the Prosecutor.

Section 187—Appellate Procedure.

(a) In all appeals the appellant shall submit a typewritten transcript of the proceeding before the Trial Committee including a transcript of the evidence submitted together with a statement of the reasons why the decision of the Trial Committee should be modified or reversed. The appellate Committee shall review the case on the transcript alone and shall have

the power to affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the Trial Committee.

In case of a modification or reversal of the decision of the Trial Committee, the appellate Committee shall in its order modifying or reversing such decision state the reasons therefor and such appellate decision shall be final and shall end the case.

(b) Notice of Appeal. Notice of intention to take an appeal shall be filed with the Clerk of the Trial Committee within ten days from the date the decision to be appealed from is delivered to such accused, and such Clerk shall thereupon prepare a transcript of the proceeding for use on appeal. The appellant shall pay the cost of the appeal including the cost of preparing such transcript, but upon modification or reversal such cost shall be paid one-half by such appellant and one-half by the church or district from which such appeal is taken by such appellant.

CHAPTER 5

Penalties

Section 188, ¶1—In fixing penalties the Judicial Committees and those in authority shall be governed by the following principles:

¶2—Those who after due trial are found guilty of holding or teaching any doctrine contrary to the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shall be punished by dismissal from the Church, unless the Committee is of the opinion that genuine repentance and reformation of the accused has been attained.

¶3—Breach of Covenant or breaking the Special Rules of the Church shall be punishable by rebuke, suspension or dismissal.

¶4—Insubordination or wilful refusal to recognize church authority shall be punishable by rebuke, suspension or dismissal.

¶5—Conduct unbecoming a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, which shall include dishonesty of any kind, or indiscreet conduct, shall be punishable by dismissal from the Church, unless the Committee is of the opinion that the offender is truly penitent, in which case he or she shall be rebuked or suspended from membership and all official positions with the Church until such time as the proper authorities shall be satisfied that he or she has reasonably demonstrated genuine Christian character in accordance with the standards of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

¶6—The sins of immoral conduct which as herein used shall be deemed to be adultery or fornication shall be punishable by immediate dismissal from the Church.

¶7—Upon dismissal of any minister from the Pilgrim Holiness Church after due trial and conviction or confession of guilt or by his own request, the salary of such minister shall thereupon cease. Such ministers shall thereupon immediately vacate the pulpit of such church and must vacate the parsonage he occupied within thirty days from such dismissal and shall surrender his credentials to the proper church authorities. After such dismissal such minister shall be forever disqualified to preach in any of the pulpits.

PART SIX—RITUAL AND FORMS

CHAPTER 1

Ritual

Section 189—Marriage Ceremony.

(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 the 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, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocence, signifying unto us the mystical union that exists between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence and first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee, and 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:)

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 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:)

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 190—Baptism.

Let the minister read 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:

N....., 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 191—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:

N....., 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 192—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.

After the reading let there be prayer as follows:

Almighty God, we here and now dedicate this child unto Thee, praying that he (or she) may be endued with heavenly virtues, taught by Thy Holy Spirit, nourished by Thy Word, kept by divine grace and everlastingly rewarded through Thy eternal mercies. In the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

Benediction (2 Cor. 13:14).

Section 193—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. 11:33, 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 ever-

lasting 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 194—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 on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11:25, 26.

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

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

"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 195—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.

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, and to administer the Sacraments in the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology and Benediction.

Section 196—Form for Ordination of Deaconesses.

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

Prayer.

Singing: "Rescue the Perishing."

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 and Benediction.

Section 197—Form for Dedication of a Church. The following order of service may be used:

1. Singing.
2. Prayer.
3. Singing.
4. Scripture Reading.
5. Sermon.
6. Offering.

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

8. 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.

9. 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 dedicated to the service of Almighty God. In this office you represent the Church, and will act on its behalf and for its welfare.

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

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

In the name of the Holy Trinity I now give this key to the 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.

10. Dedicatory Prayer.

11. Doxology.

12. Benediction.

CHAPTER 2**Forms****Church Letters****Section 198—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

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Pastor

Section 199—Letter of Transfer.

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

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 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 200—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 201—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 202—License Certificate

This certifies that is
 this day licensed to preach the Gospel for one year,
 and, being in good and regular standing in the Pil-
 grim Holiness Church, is recommended to the Chris-
 tian fellowship of the people of God everywhere.
 is authorized to perform all the duties per-
 taining to the office provided spirit, practice,
 and teaching continue to correspond with the teach-
 ings of the Word of God and the Manual of the Pil-
 grim Holiness Church.

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

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

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 Dist. Superintendent

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 Gen. Superintendent

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 Dist. Secretary

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 Gen. Secretary

Section 203—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 204—Ordained Minister's Credentials

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

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

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

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General Superintendent

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General Secretary

Section 205—Evangelistic Commission

This certifies that being a minister in good standing in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and having given evidence of evangelistic gifts and ability is hereby commissioned as a regular evangelist for one year. is commended to the fellowship of the people of God everywhere provided spirit, practice, and teaching correspond with the Word of God and the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Praying that ministry may be blessed to the salvation and edification of many souls, we commend to the keeping of God.

In Testimony Whereof, we now affix our names
this day of 19.....
Issued at under authority
of District Assembly.

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District Superintendent

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District Secretary

Section 206—Certificate of License as Deaconess

This certifies that is this day recognized as a Licensed Deaconess for one year. Being in good andⁿ 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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Dist. Superintendent

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Gen. Superintendent

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Dist. Secretary

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Gen. Secretary

Section 207—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 208—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.....

Signed:

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PART SEVEN—COURSES OF STUDY**CHAPTER 1****Local Preacher's Course**

Section 209—Course of study to be completed by local preachers making application for Minister's License:

First Year

To be studied.

1. To be supplied.
2. Entire Sanctification, A Second Blessing (C. W. Ruth).

To be read:

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

Second Year

To be studied:

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

To be read:

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

4. Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

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

CHAPTER 2**Licensed Deaconess' Course**

Section 210—Course of study to be completed by candidates applying for Ordination as Deaconess:

First Year

Books to be studied:

1. Bible (Pentateuch and Historical Books) with Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 72-159).
2. To be supplied.
3. Bible Doctrines (Wm. M. Smith).

Reading Course:

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

Second Year

Books to be studied:

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

Reading Course:

1. Perfect Love (Wood).

2. Missionary History (Mason, or other standard text).
3. Ministry of Healing (Gordon).
4. Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

CHAPTER 3

Licensed Minister's Course

Section 211—Outline of course of study for licensed ministers making application for ordination:

First Year

To be studied:

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

To be read:

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

Second Year

To be studied:

1. Bible (Poetical and Prophetical Books) with

Sell's "Bible Study by Books" (pages 72-159).

2. Effective English Expression (Webster).
3. Manual of Biblical History (Blaikie).
4. Elements of Divinity (Ralston, Part I, omitting Section 6 on page 504 and Chapter 41).
5. Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Part I (Hogue).

To be read:

1. Perfect Love (Wood).
2. Life of Christ (Stalker).
3. Heart Talks with Ministers (Shelhamer).
4. Bible History of World Government (Smith).
5. Beacon Lights of Faith (Wimberly).
6. Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

Third Year

To be studied:

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

To be read:

1. Church History (Zenos, or other standard text).
2. The Preacher, His Life and Work (Jowett).
3. Typology (Christ in All the Scriptures, Hodgkin).
4. Ministry of Healing (Gordon.)

5. Sunday School Work (Marion Lawrence or other good text).

6. Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

Section 212—Examinations or equivalent school credits required on books "to be studied." Also written statements are required, certifying to the careful reading of books "to be read."

CHAPTER 4

Study Course Regulations for Ministers

Section 213, ¶1—Men of this world demand a trained mind as well as a willing heart. In offering ourselves to the service of the Gospel ministry we should not be less diligent, that we may show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed.

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

Section 214, ¶1—Persons pursuing the courses of study as given hereinbefore shall be governed by the following regulations:

¶2—Those entering a ministerial office shall immediately enter upon the prescribed course of study and pursue same until completed. To this end they shall place themselves under the direction of the

District Educational Board which has charge of this work, unless the same course, or its equivalent, is taken in school.

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 5

Section 215—Teacher Training Class Course. We recommend that each local church provide for a Teacher Training Class for the purpose of better fitting our Sunday School teachers and workers for service. Said class shall be taught by the pastor or some other person suitable for this work. Examinations will be furnished by the General Office, and upon completion of the course prescribed, certificates will be granted to those receiving a passing grade. Passing grade shall be 75 per cent.

We recommend as a text "Hurlbut's Teacher Training Lessons for the Sunday School," by Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, together with the two following books to be read: "My Message to Sunday School Workers" by Lawrence, and "Talks with the Training Class" by Slattery. These books may all be secured at the Pilgrim Book Room.

PART EIGHT—APPENDIX

CHAPTER 1

Special Rules of General Assembly Organization

Section 216, ¶1—When the General Assembly 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 Assembly 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 217, ¶1—After the opening session, the General Assembly 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 Assembly, at its discretion, may alter the time of meeting, and may adjourn, fixing the time to which it

shall adjourn. A recess of ten minutes shall be taken at 10:00 o'clock A. M., unless otherwise ordered.

The President

Section 218, ¶1—The Chairman shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the General Assembly stood adjourned, 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 Assembly proceeds regularly, according to the rules of procedure, and such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by the General Assembly.

¶2—The Chairman shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the General Assembly. In case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate, except that the President 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 Assembly.

Order of Business

Section 219—The regular order of business shall be:

1. Devotional services.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of the journal of the preceding session, and action thereon.
4. Call of standing committees for reports.
5. Call of special committees for reports.
6. Call of miscellaneous business.

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 220, ¶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 Assembly shall be passed to the Secretary, to be read by him to the General Assembly.

Voting

Section 221, ¶1—Every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put shall vote unless, for special reasons, excused by the General Assembly.

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

¶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 Council shall be elected by ballot, without nominations. If a majority of all the votes cast is not received by a single person, the seven persons receiving the largest vote shall be the nominees, and that at each ballot taken, after the first, the one receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped, until there is an election.

In all matters not specified herein, the proceedings of the General Assembly 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 222, ¶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 to 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 State of Michigan, 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 Device 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 State of Michigan, 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 Device 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 State of Michigan, 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.

¶6—Note: 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 Charitable and Benevolent Institutions

Section 223—The following institutions have been accepted by the General Assembly as General Church property with the understanding that they be held in trust by the General Board and operated for the benefit of the Pilgrim Holiness Church:

- (1) Beulah Rescue Home, Terre Haute, Ind.
- (2) Burial Association.
- (3) Ministerial Benefit Association.

Section 224—Beulah Rescue Home. The Board of Directors of this institution are elected by the General Board and hold office during the quadrennium, or until their successors are elected. The Superintendent of the Home makes regular reports to the General Board and the General Assembly. The directors and Superintendent of said Home shall manage the institution in the interests and according to the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Section 225—Burial Association. The directors of this Association are five in number and are elected by the General Board. They hold office for the quadrennium, or until their successors are elected. Written reports shall be made to the General Board, as requested, and to the General Assembly.

Section 226—Ministerial Benefit Association. The directors of this Association, four of whom are from the membership of the General Board, are elected by the Executive Council, and hold office for the quadrennium, or until their successors are elected. Written reports are made to the General Board, as requested, and to the General Assembly.

Note: Detailed information as to the service offered by the Burial Association and the Ministerial Benefit Association may be secured from Rev. E. W. Wright, Secretary, Box 131, Terre Haute, Indiana, or General Headquarters, 1609 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHAPTER 4

Educational Institutions

Section 227—There are three recognized educational institutions serving the Pilgrim Holiness Church. To each institution there is given a church territory known as School Zone, namely, the Eastern, Central, and Western Zones. Such recognized institutions are each separate corporations but are directed by their respective boards which are provided by the church districts they serve, and are under the supervision and control of the General Board. The names of the institutions herein referred to are as follows:

Allentown Bible Institute, North Nelson Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Bible Holiness Seminary, 1020 South Washington Street, Owosso, Michigan.

Colorado Springs Bible Training School, 540 West Monument Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Rev. C. G. Taylor Frankfort, Indiana
Rev. L. L. Waddell Fredonia, Kansas

Section 234—Special Appointees**General Church Statistician**

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