

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

And Its Auxiliary Organizations
The Woman's Missionary Society
Wesleyan Youth

Held at Belvidere, Illinois
July 28 through July 30, 1966

Reverend Arthur L. Bray, President
Reverend Meredith J. Baillie, Secretary

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officers, duly elected by the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, do hereby certify that in our opinion the printed copy of the Minutes of said Annual Conference held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 28 - 30, 1966, to which this statement is bound, is a true and correct copy of the minutes of said session.

In testimony of this certification witness our hands and the corporate seal this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Arthur L. Bray, President
Illinois Conference of the
Wesleyan Methodist Church
of America

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Meredith J. Baillie, Secretary
Illinois Conference of the
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1967. Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30. All budgets should be paid monthly or in advance. Final remittances to the Conference Treasurers must be post-marked not later than July 5, 1967.

Where to send funds:

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W.M.S. Funds to

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Y.M.W.B. Funds to

Mrs. Jean Mould, 412 Crestlane Drive, Washington, Illinois 61371

Wesleyan Youth Funds to

Mrs. Judy Nygard, 7605 Harrison Ave., Rockford, Illinois 61108

Conference and Camp Meeting Dates for 1967

Annual Conference and W.M.S. Conference convene at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 1967. W.Y. Conference convenes 9:30 p.m., Friday, August 11, 1967. Camp Meeting begins Sunday, August 6 and continues through Sunday, August 13, 1967.

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1966-1967 Organization of the Illinois Conference
of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

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Sunday School Secretary: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, 8844 S. Austin, Oak Lawn, Ill.
Director of C.Y.C.: Mr. John Wells, 219 N. Long, Chicago, Ill.
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Statistical Secretary: Rev. D. D. Crail, 546 Landmeier Road,
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Editor, The Illinois Tidings: Rev. A. L. Bray

STANDING COMMITTEES

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Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Rev. Stanley Hill, Rev. Robert Klatt, Mr. William Tice, Mr. Richard Mould, Trustees; Rev. Forrest Gearhart, Rev. Roy Crawford, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Mr. Clinton Butcher.

Conference Trustees

Rev. A. L. Bray (1969), Rev. S. A. Hill (1967), Mr. R. Mould (1967),
Rev. R. W. Klatt (1968), Mr. W. F. Tice (1969).

Committee on Social Action

Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman; Rev. L. F. Nygard, Mr. James Ocheltree, Mrs. Marilyn Hamlett.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

Rev. R. M. Gibbs (1967), Rev. S. A. Hill (1968), Rev. A. L. Bray (1969), Rev. O. L. Johnson (1970).

Judiciary Committee

Rev. R. W. Klatt, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. A. P. Jones.

Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid

Rev. V. Swanson (1968), Mr. Sam Paine (1967), Rev. C. E. Olander (1969).

Conference Education Committee

Rev. D. L. Castro, Educational Secretary; Rev. M. J. Baillie, Conference Wesleyan Youth President; Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President and Marion College Trustee; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W.M.S. President; Mrs. Jean Mould, Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

Sunday School Board

Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Sunday School Secretary; Mr. John Wells, Conference C.Y.C. Director; Rev. R. W. Klatt (1967), Mr. Kenneth Zellner (1967), Rev. O. L. Johnson (1968), Mr. Irvin Halverson (1968).

Nominations (of Conference Session Committees)

Committee on the Orders of the Day

Committee on Vacancies

Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Chairman; Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Rev. R. L. Crawford,
Mr. W. F. Tice, Mrs. Tiena Winterberg.

Committee on Credentials

Annual Conference Secretary

Camp Meeting Committee

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President, Chairman; Mrs. Rachel Bray,
Conference W.M.S. President; Rev. M. J. Baillie, Conference Wesleyan
Youth President; Rev. S. A. Hill; Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Rev. O. L. Johnson,
Mr. Roger Peacock, Mr. Richard Mould, Rev. F. J. Gearhart.

Committee on Orders of the Day

The President, Vice President and Secretary of the Illinois Conference

Statistical Committee

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary, Chairman; Rev. D. L. Castro,
Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. J. E. Larakers.

President's Advisory Board

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STANDING RULES OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH OF AMERICA

I. Conference President. Resolved, 1) that the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each church during the year under such date as he may announce in advance;

2) That he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, assisted by the pastors, and he shall receive contributions for church extension, education and Superannuated Ministers, where there are no pastors;

3) That he shall have general supervision of the church property, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is turned into the treasury, and he shall investigate the possibility and feasibility of the sale of property not in use, and report his findings to the Board of Trustees and to the next annual conference;

4) That he shall be authorized to grant letters to disbanded classes;

5) That he shall be required to write non-resident members of Conference asking them, in case they cannot attend, to write the Conference a letter of greeting and state the condition of their religious experience;

6) That he shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in evangelistic and other meetings in the Conference;

7) That he may engage such help from time to time as may be available, and as he may consider properly qualified to assist in holding evangelistic and quarterly meetings, such help to be remunerated from the Conference Church Extension Fund;

8) That he shall represent the Conference at the annual conventions of the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals, or appoint an alternate;

9) That his name shall be placed in nomination for the office of first ministerial delegate to General Conference and for first ministerial nominee to the Board of Trustees of Marion College.

II. Trustees. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that the duly-elected and qualified Trustees of the Illinois Conference are hereby authorized and directed to sign for the purchase, sale, mortgaging and conveyance of real estate recommended by the Annual Conference, or, during the interim between the sessions of Annual Conference, by the Conference Board of Church Extension, which is the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference. All such action or actions of the Trustees in compliance with the recommendations of the Conference Board of Church Extension shall be deemed to be legal and binding upon the Illinois Conference, and of as full force and effect as they would have been if such actions on the part of the Trustees had been specially authorized by the Annual Conference.

2) Organization. The Conference President, by virtue of his office and supervisory duties, shall be a member of this Board and its president.

3) Annual Report. Resolved, that the Trustees present to Conference an annual report of official acts and of assets and liabilities of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation.

III. Board of Managers (Conference Board of Church Extension). 1) Membership. Resolved, (a) that the Illinois Conference Board of Church Extension be composed of nine members, five of which shall be ministers and four laymen; that in said number the Conference Trustees shall be included as members ex-officio; (b) that the Conference President shall be the chairman of the Board.

2) Duties. Resolved, (a) That the Conference Board of Church Extension shall be the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference; (b) That the Conference Board of Church Extension is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Church Extension Fund, and during the interim between Conference sessions to act as the Committee on Finance; (c) That the Conference Board of Church Extension act as the Conference Board on Church and Parsonage Building and Location.

IV. Annual Conference. 1) Date. Resolved, that the annual conference session begin on the first Thursday after July 27, at 1:30 p.m., and close the following Saturday night; that Camp Meeting begin on the following Sunday and continue for eight days, including two Sundays.

2) Fiscal Year. Resolved, that the Conference Fiscal Year close July 15th; that each local church fiscal year close June 30th.

3) Budget Items. Resolved, that all Treasurers shall mark receipts "Budget" or "Not Budget."

4) Committee on Statistics. Resolved, that a Standing Committee on Statistics be elected, consisting of the Conference Statistical Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer, two other ministerial and one lay member.

5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than July 5th shall apply on the church statistical report; that by July 15th each pastor shall submit to the chairman of the Statistical Committee his budget check sheet with receipts covering same, and his statistical blank complete except for the budget section; that the Committee fill in on the statistical blanks the budget items, both assigned and raised; that other items which are obviously incorrect be checked with the pastor.

6) Audit. Resolved, that a competent auditor shall be appointed each year by the Committee on Finance to audit the books of the Conference.

7) Sunday Schools. Resolved, that each additional Sunday School under the pastoral oversight of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor shall be reported on a separate annual statistical report blank, provided each Sunday School has been recognized by the Conference Board of Church Extension.

8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Resolved, that the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid be composed of three members, each elected by the Conference for a three year term of office, the terms to expire in successive years.

9) Orders of the Day Committee. Resolved, that the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Conference shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.

10) Leave. Resolved, that no member shall leave Conference session without permission of the President; that no ministerial member shall without special permission leave Camp after the annual meetings until all responsibilities of the Conference are discharged, including camp clean-up.

11) Place of Meeting. Resolved, that the Camp Meeting Committee shall determine the place of meeting of each Conference session.

12) Conference Officers. Resolved, that the officers be installed during annual conference at a public service announced in advance; office to take effect at the rise of conference.

13) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the Annual Conference minutes in accordance with General Conference regulations, any deviation from same to be with the consent of the Conference Board of Managers; (b) That the cost of printing the Annual Conference minutes be paid out of the Conference Fund; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency, who shall each be mailed a copy.

14) N.H.A. and N.A.E. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference maintain a membership in the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals.

15) Committee on Credentials. Resolved, that the Secretary of Annual Conference be the Committee on delegate credentials. Delegate's credentials shall be certified to the Committee by the presiding officer of the quarterly conference making the election.

16) Method of Voting. Resolved, that in the election of Conference officers and committees not required to be elected by ballot it be our method, when more than one nomination is made from the floor, to vote affirmatively on each successive name by show of hands, each vote to be tallied by the Secretary, election to be effected by a majority of total votes cast.

17) Conference Sunday School Committee. Resolved, that the Conference C.Y.C. Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Conference Sunday School Committee.

18) Conference Sermon. Resolved, that the Committee on Itinerary and Orders appoint the preacher and alternate preacher to deliver the Conference Sermon each year.

19) Unfinished Business. Resolved, that any unfinished business of an annual Conference Session be left in the hands of the Board of Managers with power to act.

V. Camp Meeting. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that there be held an annual Camp Meeting and that it be under the direction of a Camp Meeting Committee. The Committee shall include the Conference President, as chairman, the Conference W.Y. President, the Conference W.M.S. President, and five other members elected by the Illinois Conference in session. The Camp Manager, as appointed by the Camp Meeting Committee, shall be a member of the Committee ex-officio.

2) Committee Duties. Resolved, (a) That camp grounds and buildings be under the care of the Camp Meeting Committee; (b) That the Camp Meeting Committee have charge of the Camp Meeting Fund and appoint a Treasurer to receive all monies and make all authorized disbursements from the same; (c) The Camp Meeting Committee shall have power to engage workers beyond the present year.

3) Camp Meeting Fund. Resolved, (a) That all pledges and cash received during the sessions of Conference and Camp Meeting be placed in the Camp Meeting Fund unless otherwise designated; (b) That the incidental expenses of the Annual Conference while in session be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to Annual Conference and be included in the annual statistics.

2) Pastors' Support During Conference. Resolved, that it be our plan that all pastors remain on their charges for one Sunday after Annual Conference and Camp Meeting and that the church's financial obligation to the pastor, whether he be leaving the field or not, be extended through that Sunday.

3) Moving Pastors. Resolved, that each charge make provisions for the moving expenses of the incoming pastor immediately after the Annual Conference adjourns.

4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference President be notified by the local church clerk in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home, and that the President shall send cards at once to the other ministers.

5) Minister's Vacation. Resolved, that the Conference President and all pastors be given a two-weeks vacation with pay, including two Sundays.

6) Ministerial Convention. Resolved, that there be held a Ministerial Convention from the third Tuesday evening to the following Thursday afternoon of February each year. Resolved further that the place of meeting and the program presented be left in the hands of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

7) Minister's Retirement Provision. Resolved, that it shall be the duty of each pastor to maintain membership in Federal Old Age Benefit (Social Security) or some other equivalent retirement income plan.

VII. Miscellaneous. 1) Conference Paper. Resolved, that the Conference publish a monthly paper called "The Illinois Tidings"; that the Conference President shall be designated Editor-in-Chief, and that the heads of the Conference auxiliary organizations be designated contributing editors.

2) Conference Prayer Interests. Resolved, that the information concerning coming revival meetings and other special prayer needs be published in the conference paper.

3) Expenses of Conference Officers. Resolved, that all incidental expenses of all Conference Officers, Committees, Official Boards and helpers shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer when approved by the President.

Seventeenth Annual Session

of the Illinois Conference

R E C O R D O F A T T E N D A N C E

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Mr. John Wells (1-8)
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Rev. John C. Friske (1-8)
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Rev. Roy M. Gibbs (1-8)
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Mr. Donald Bradley (3-8)
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Mr. Woodrow McBride (1-8)
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Rev. Joseph Larakers (1-8)
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Rev. Irwin Reist (6)
Rev. Francis Davis (1-8)
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Rev. C. C. McCarty (0)
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broke down enroute.)
Mr. Cully Parsons (2-8)
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Peoria, Ill.

Princeton:

Rev. Daren C. Durey (2-4)
Mr. Charles Krager (1-8)
Wyanet,
Ill.

Rockford First:

Rev. Orland L. Johnson (1-8)
Mr. Jim Ireland (1-8)
1256 N. Main
Rockford, Ill.

Wheaton:

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Rev. David L. Castro (1-8)
Rev. Edward Wheeler (7&8)
Mr. Herbert Taylor (1-3,5-8)
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Mr. James Ocheltree (3-8)
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118 S. Arch St.
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*Meetings attended are indicated between parentheses.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGSFirst Meeting, 1:30 P.M., Thursday, July 28, 1966

1. Opening: The seventeenth annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened in the main tabernacle at Epworth Park camp ground (Free Methodist), near Belvidere, Illinois at 1:30 p.m., CDT, July 28, 1966, by Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President of the Conference. Members of the Annual Conference and the W.M.S. Conference, who joined in the opening devotional period, sang the old traditional Methodist conference hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive, And See Each Others Face?" Prayer was offered by Rev. Roy E. Crawford, pastor of Chicago-Austin church.

2. Communion Service: Rev. Bray was assisted in the communion ritual by Elders F. J. Gearhart, R. L. Zuhl and M. J. Bailie. The Holy Spirit put the seal of His presence on the service as both Elders and laymen gathered about the altar to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

3. Conference Sermon: The Conference sermon was brought by Rev. Roy M. Gibbs, pastor of the Heritage Wesleyan Methodist Church of Moline. From the drama of events found in I Kings 22:1-28, Rev. Gibbs drew a vivid lesson of the Church's great need of an examination and re-affirmation of our basis of authority.

4. Opening of the Conference Business Session: After a brief recess the conference president, Rev. A. L. Bray, called the meeting to order for business.

5. Roll Call of Elders: Nineteen Elders were present for the first session. (See Record of Attendance)

6. Bar of Conference: The first eight rows of the center section of the tabernacle were declared the bar of conference, and the elders were seated within the bar.

7. Partial Report of the Official Acts of the Conference President: Conference President Bray reported that he had appointed local preacher Joseph Larakers as interim pastor of the Chicago-Hoyne Avenue Church. This action was approved by vote. (See Report No. 4)

8. Conference Preachers Eligible to Vote: A partial report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders was approved, which declared that Conference Preachers, Rev. C. C. McCarty, and Rev. Joseph Larakers, were eligible to be seated as voting members of the Conference. Other Conference Preachers were to be seated as honorary members with the right to speak, but not to vote. Rev. R. E. Crawford recommended that William L. Killian, local preacher of the Chicago-Austin church be received as a Conference Preacher to travel at the appointment of the conference, and be seated as a honorary member of the Conference. This recommendation was approved by vote.

9. Report Concerning Lay Delegates: The Secretary, as the Committee on Credentials, read the list of certified lay delegates duly elected by their respective churches, who were then seated within the bar of conference by prevailing motion. (See Record of Attendance). A motion prevailed that Dr. Frank Crane, member of the Conference Board of Managers, be seated as an honorary delegate.

10. Report of the Courtesy Committee: Rev. S. A. Hill, member of the Courtesy Committee, presented the following members to the Conference; Mr. Herbert Taylor, Mr. James Medows, Rev. William L. Killian, Mr. James Irelan and Mr. Al Kinsman.

11. Report of the Orders of the Day: Copies of the report of the Orders of the Day were distributed and the Secretary read the report which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 2)

12. Recess: The meeting was recessed for forty-five minutes.

13. Report of the Courtesy Committee: Rev. S. A. Hill, member of the Courtesy Committee presented to the Conference Rev. Francis A. Davis, missionary to Japan under the Oriental Missionary Society, and member of the Oak Park Church.
14. Report of the Nominating Committee: President Bray, Chairman, read the report of the nominating committee on Conference session committees which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 3)
15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Orders of the Day. Closing prayer was offered by Mr. John Wells.

Second Meeting, 7:00 P.M., July 28, 1966

16. Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Bray.
17. Devotions: The conference joined in singing "The Whole Wide World For Jesus." Rev. Francis Davis shared with us the economic, political and religious developments in Japan in their relationship to the work of the church.
18. Report of the Conference President: With the Vice President, Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart in the chair the Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray, presented his mimeographed annual report to the Conference. President Bray pointed out that while there have been some areas of adjustment there are definite signs of mature vitality in the life of the conference. The report was approved with comments of appreciation to our President for labours unsurpassed in the life of the church. (See Report No. 4)
19. Official Acts of the President: President Bray presented his official acts as Conference President, which were approved by vote. (See Report No. 4)
20. Analysis of Conference Work Fund: President Bray presented an analysis of the Conference Work Fund which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 4)
21. Report of the Board of Managers (Board of Church Extension): President Bray presented the report of the Board of Managers, which was adopted by vote. President Bray also presented an analysis of the Church Extension Fund, which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 5)
22. Report of the Camp Meeting Committee: President Bray assumed the chair and Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Secretary of the Camp Meeting Committee, presented its report, which was adopted by vote. An analysis of the Camp Meeting Fund was to be presented later (Item 36). (See Report No. 6)
23. Report of the Sunday School Board: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, chairman, presented the report of the Sunday School Board with an analysis of the Sunday School Fund, which were approved by vote. (See Report No. 7)
24. Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid: The report of the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid was given by Rev. C. E. Olander, chairman. The report was adopted by prevailing motion after clarifying discussion concerning General Conference action on the Pension Plan. (See Report No. 8)
25. Report of the Educational Committee and Secretary: Rev. D. L. Castro, Educational Secretary, presented the report of the Educational Committee which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 9)
26. Report of the Statistical Committee: Rev. D. D. Crail and Rev. R. E. Crawford presented the report of the Statistical Committee, which

was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10 on center pages)

27. Report of the Conference Treasurer: Rev. J. C. Friske presented the report of the Conference Treasurer with accompanying Auditor's report. A motion prevailed to accept the Auditor's opinion confirming the accuracy of the Treasurer's report. The Treasurers report was approved by a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 11)

28. Partial Report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders: A further partial report of the committee on Itinerary and Orders was made. William L. Killian was recommended and elected to Elder's Orders, to be ordained August 7th, 1966. (See Report No. 1)

29. Postmaster: Rev. R. W. Klatt was appointed as postmaster.

30. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Orders of the Day. Rev. L. F. Nygard offered the closing prayer.

Third Meeting, Friday, July 29, 9:30 A.M.

31. Opening: President Bray called the meeting to order.

32. Devotions: The Conference joined in singing "The Gloria Patri." Rev. C. E. Olander presented a devotional challenge from John 17:14.

33. Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll with 20 ministers and 16 lay delegates answering to their names. (See Record of Attendance)

34. Reading of the Minutes: The secretary read the minutes of the first and second meetings, which were approved by vote.

35. Report of the Courtesy Committee: The Courtesy Committee presented Rev. William E. Hall, District Superintendent of the Illinois District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church to the Conference. Rev. Hall in turn introduced Rev. Dale Campbell, Rev. Eugene Gray, Rev. Warren Posie, and Rev. Elmer Waltrip, members of his District Council. Each brought words of greetings. A motion prevailed to seat our Pilgrim Holiness brethren as honorary members of the conference.

36. Analysis of the Camp Meeting Fund: Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Secretary of the Camp Meeting Committee, presented an analysis of the Camp Meeting Fund, which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 6)

37. Report of the C.Y.C. Director: Mr. John Wells presented his report giving a summary of the week day activity groups now functioning within the Conference. (See Report No. 12)

38. Report of the Sunday School Secretary: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Sunday School Secretary, presented his report which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 13)

39. Pastor's Report: Rev. R. L. Zuhl was requested to give his report as pastor. His engagement as evangelist at Houghton Camp Meeting necessitated his leaving prior to the time the Orders of the Day called for Pastor's Reports. A report was also given by his delegate. Rev. George Hood, assistant pastor, also gave his report.

40. Adjournment: Adjourned by the Orders of the Day. Prayer was offered by Rev. Elmer Waltrip.

Fourth Meeting, Friday, July 29, 1:30 P.M.

41. Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Bray.

42. Devotions: Rev. William E. Hall, District Superintendent of the Illinois District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church shared with us the

concerns of his heart in the matter of the essentials in developing our Christian experience. His thoughts were based upon II Peter, chapter 1.

43. Report of the Courtesy Committee: The Courtesy Committee presented Dr. George E. Failing, Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist and Denominational Representative, to our Conference.

44. Report of the Passage of Character Committee: Rev. R. M. Gibbs presented the report of the Committee which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 14)

45. Report of the Tithing Secretary: Rev. L. F. Nygard presented his report as Tithing Secretary which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 15) A motion prevailed that the last Sunday of February be designated as tithing Sunday in accordance with the recommendation of General Conference. Under the direction of the Conference President and the Tithing Secretary, pastors will exchange pulpits to present the challenge of tithing. Each church is to pay the traveling expenses of their guest speaker.

46. Report of the Board of Trustees: Due to the absence of a report from Mr. William F. Tice, Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees, a motion prevailed that the report of the Board of Managers and the oral report of the Conference President be accepted as a report of the activities of the Board of Trustees, with the official report to be submitted by Mr. W. Tice. (Item 61). (See Report No. 16)

47. Election of Officers: At the request of the Conference, Dr. George E. Failing, our Denominational Representative, took the chair for the business of electing the main conference officers, trustees and additional members of Board of Managers. Those elected were as follows: President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice President, Rev. F. J. Gearhart; Secretary, Rev. M. J. Baillie; Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Friske. Elected as Ministerial member on the Conference Board of Trustees, Rev. Arthur L. Bray (1969); Lay member, Mr. William F. Tice (1969). Elected to Conference Board of Managers, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Mr. Lloyd Wallace and Mr. Clinton Butcher.

48. Amendment to the Orders of the Day: A motion prevailed that the Orders of the Day be amended to allow the vote on merger with the Pilgrim Holiness Church to be taken at this point in the business proceedings.

49. Pilgrim Holiness Merger: The vote by ballot on question of merger with the Pilgrim Holiness Church resulted in 35 affirmative votes and 2 negative.

50. Recess: The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes.

51. Election of Other Officers: Conference President Bray assumed the chair as other officers were elected. Those elected were as follows: Assistant Treasurer, Rev. R. E. Crawford; Educational Secretary, Rev. D. L. Castro; Sunday School Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl; C.Y.C. Director, Mr. John Wells; Tithing Secretary, Rev. L. F. Nygard; Statistical Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Committee on Itinerary and Orders, Rev. O. L. Johnson, (term expires 1970); Judiciary Committee, Rev. A. P. Jones, Rev. R. W. Klatt, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. F. J. Gearhart; Board of Supernummate Minister's Aid, Rev. C. E. Olander, (term expires 1969); Sunday School Board, Rev. O. L. Johnson (term expires 1968), Mr. Irvin Halverson (term expires 1968); Committee on Vacancies, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Chairman; Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Mr. W. F. Tice, Mrs. Tlena Winterberg.

52. Camp Constable: A motion prevailed to establish the office of Camp Constable and to appoint Rev. A. P. Mimnaugh as Constable and Mr. James Medows as assistant.

53. Further Election of Officers: Election of other officers continued as follows: Camp Committee, in addition to members ex officio; Rev. O. L. Johnson, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Mr. Roger Peacock and

Mr. R. T. Mould; Statistical Committee, Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. D. L. Castro, Rev. S. A. Hill and Rev. J. E. Larakers; President's Advisory Board, Rev. F. J. Gearhart and Mr. W. F. Tice.

54. Standing Rules: A motion prevailed to amend Standing Rule IV, item 4, to strike out the phrase, "that two lay members be elected at the opening of Annual Conference."

55. Committee on Social Action: A motion prevailed to create a standing Committee on Social Action consisting of two ministerial and two lay members. Those elected to this committee were Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman, Rev. L. F. Nygard, Mr. James Ocheltree, and Mrs. Marilyn Hamlett.

56. Adjournment: A motion prevailed to adjourn. A closing prayer was offered.

Fifth Meeting, Friday, July 29, 7:00 P.M.

57. Opening: Rev. M. J. Baillie, Conference Secretary, called the meeting to order on behalf of President Bray who was engaged in committee work.

58. Devotions: Rev. Leigh Nygard, pastor of the Rockford-Harrison Ave. church led the group in devotional thoughts based on Matthew 24.

59. Chaplain's Report: President Bray assumed the chair and called on Rev. C. E. Olander, Chaplain at Tinley Park Mental Hospital, to give a report of his activities as an elder in the conference.

60. Honorary Delegate: Mr. W. F. Tice, Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees, was seated as an honorary delegate by prevailing motion.

61. Report of Board of Trustees: The official report of the Board of Trustees was given by Mr. W. F. Tice, Board Secretary. (See Report No. 16) The report was approved by prevailing motion.

62. Pastor's Reports: Pastors and Delegates from the Churches of Wyanet and Rockford-Harrison Ave., reported a summary of statistics and a general picture of the work of their churches.

63. Church Name: Pastor Leigh Nygard presented a motion seeking approval to change the name of the Rockford-Harrison Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church to Faith Wesleyan Methodist Church of Rockford. The motion prevailed.

64. Pastor's Reports: Pastors from Rockford First, Creve Coeur, Moline, Hoopston, Galesburg, Wheaton (Chicagoland) and Oak Park (First Church, Chicagoland), reported a summary of statistics and general picture of the condition of their charges. These were followed by a statement and testimony from the respective delegates.

65. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Orders of the Day. Dr. George E. Failing offered the closing prayer.

Sixth Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 1966, 9:30 A.M.

66. Opening: Dr. George F. Failing called the meeting to order on behalf of President Bray, who was engaged in committee work.

67. Devotions: William L. Killian, elder elect, presented a challenging devotional concerning effective verbal and nonverbal communication of the gospel.

68. Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll with nineteen ministers and nineteen lay delegates answering to their names. (See Record of Attendance)

69. Reading of the Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth meetings, which were approved by vote.

70. Report of Elder: Rev. Irwin Reist, Associate Professor of Bible at Houghton College and elder in the Conference gave his report.

71. Report of Committee on Thanks: Rev. V. W. Swanson, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Thanks which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 17)

72. Report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders: Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Chairman, gave the final report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders, which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 1)

73. Report of Sunday School Committee: Rev. R. W. Klatt presented the report of the Sunday School Committee which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 18)

74. Report of Committee on Finance: President Bray assumed the chair as Rev. R. E. Crawford presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted by vote (see item 81). (See Report No. 19)

75. Report of Pastors: The chair was assigned to Dr. George F. Failing in order to release President Bray for committee work. Pastors from the churches of Elk Grove Village, Broadview, and Hoyne Avenue reported a summary of statistics and a general picture of the condition of their charges. Statements and testimonies from the several church delegates were also made.

76. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by prevailing motion.

Seventh Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 1966, 1:30 P.M.

77. Opening: The meeting was called to order by Dr. George E. Failing in the absence of Rev. Bray who was involved in committee work.

78. Devotions: The conference joined in singing, "Amazing Grace." Rev. R. M. Gibbs, pastor of the pioneer Moline-Heritage church, spoke to the conference on the subject, "Recognizing our Adversary."

79. Report of Elder: At the request of the conference, Rev. Francis A. Davis, elder in the conference and missionary to Japan under the Oriental Missionary Society gave a report of his work.

80. Report of the Committee on Growth of the Church: Rev. J. C. Friske gave the report of the Committee on Growth of the Church, which was approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 20) A motion prevailed that the Conference President together with the Conference Board of Managers be requested to investigate the Growth of the Church Conference to be held at Winona Lake September 6-9 and examine the advisability of having our Conference represented. They were authorized to send, at Conference expense, a delegate who shall report to the Growth of the Church Committee, or to such group as is deemed best.

81. Amendment to Report of the Committee on Finance: At the recommendation of the Conference Board of Managers a motion prevailed to rescind the action of conference in adopting the Item II A of the report of the Committee on Finance (see item 74). A motion prevailed to amend the report of the Committee on Finance to read, "The Illinois Conference budget assessment shall be on a per full member basis: Conference Work fund (including Tidings) \$5.00 per full member; Conference Church Extension \$6.00 per full member. (See Report No. 19)

82. Recess: The conference was recessed until the call of the chair.

83. Report of Pastors: After recess, President Bray called the Conference to order and the pastor of the Chicago-Austin church reported a summary of statistics and a general picture of the condition of his charge. President Bray presented reports for the Peoria First and Princeton churches in the absence of their pastors. A statement and testimony from the several church delegates were also made. President Bray presented a report on the now disbanded Chicago-Roseland Church.

84. Report of the Committee on Social Action and Moral Reform: The report of the Committee on Social Action and Moral Reform was presented by Rev. D. D. Crail, chairman, and adopted by motion. The appended recommendation of the committee was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 21)

85. Report of the Courtesy Committee: Mr. Thomas Murray, member of the Rockford-First church and supervisor of construction for Wycliffe Translators in Mexico was presented to the conference and gave words of greeting.

86. Report of Elder: Rev. E. W. Wheeler, Dean of Students at Moody School of Missionary Aviation, gave his report as an elder in the conference.

87. Report of Trustees of Marion College: Dr. G. E. Failing assumed the chair as President Bray presented the report of the Trustees of Marion College which was approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 22)

88. Report of General Conference Delegates: The report of the delegates to General Conference was read by Rev. A. L. Bray. Their report and actions were approved by vote. (See Report No. 23)

89. Communications: President Bray assumed the chair and read communications from Conference Elder, Rev. S. T. Long.

90. Conference Preacher: At the recommendation of the Oak Park Church, Steven James Hill was received by the conference as a theological student and referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

91. Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee: Rev. A. P. Jones, secretary, presented the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee. (See Report No. 24) The report was amended by motion to include Henry Cook, Pilot for Wycliff Translators and Rev. W. L. Killian, Chaplain Intern, Swedish-Covenant Hospital, Chicago. The report was approved as amended. (See also item 93)

92. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by limitation of time. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. E. Crawford.

Eighth Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 1966, 7:00 P.M.

93. Pastoral Appointment: Dr. George E. Failing presided as President Bray presented a recommendation that Wyand (which had been left in the President's hands) become part of a pastoral charge to be ministered to by Rev. Carl E. Olander. The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

94. Citation: Denominational Representative, Dr. George E. Failing, on behalf of the General Superintendents, presented to Rev. A. L. Bray a citation marking fifteen years of faithful and outstanding service as Conference President.

95. Installation of Officers: Denominational Representative, Dr. George E. Failing, installed the officers of the conference in a special ceremony.

96. Installation of Pastors: President Arthur L. Bray installed the pastors of the conference for the new year and presented them to the congregation.

97. Denominational Address: Dr. George E. Failing, Editor of The

Wesleyan Methodist and Denominational Representative to the conference, gave a picture of the Illinois Conference as he saw it. He then gave an address on the subject, "My Church", based on Matthew 16:18.

Special Services:

1. Conference Educational Service Saturday, August 6, 1966, 1:30 P.M.
The Saturday afternoon service was designated by Conference action as Conference Educational Service, with Rev. D. L. Castro, Conference Educational Secretary, presiding. Marion College, our area school, was represented by Dr. Maurice Burns, Dean of the College, and the College Male Quartet. Dr. Burns and the Quartet formed a panel which answered questions presented by a representative group from the Conference.

2. Conference Sunday School Service Sunday, August 7, 1966, 9:00 A.M.
The Sunday School hour of the Conference was designated the Sunday School service during Camp Meeting. Awards for Achievement for the past year were presented to Chicago-Hoyne Avenue Church and Rockford-First Church Sunday Schools. An offering was received for our pioneer church in Moline.

3. Conference Ordination Service Sunday, August 7, 1966, 10:30 A.M.
The Conference elected Conference Preacher William L. Killian to Elders Orders in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. At the last Sunday morning service of Camp Meeting he was ordained by the laying on of hands of the elders. Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, brought the Ordination message entitled, "The Heavenly Vision." Drawing a comparison with the vision of the apostle Paul, he stated that the modern minister must also have a vision of His Madness, His Master and His Ministry. It was both a comfort and a challenge to realize that each year God has raised up men to be ordained into the Christian ministry of our Conference.

4. Camp Meeting, July 31 thru August 7, 1966.
Rev. Carl Beaver, pastor of the Schuyler Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lafayette, Indiana and Secretary of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, was our evangelist. Rev. Raymond Powers, General Evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was song leader and Youth Evangelist. Our Missionary speaker was Rev. Paul Dekker of Sierra Leona, West Africa. Inner commitment to Christian service and a record missionary offering followed his deeply moving message.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Editing and Publishing the Minutes
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President
Rev. Meredith J. Baillie, Secretary
Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan
Methodist Church of America

R E P O R T SReport No. 1Committee on Itinerary and Orders

We, your Committee on Itinerary and Orders report as follows:

- A. Conference Preachers eligible to vote in this session: Rev. Clarence C. McCarty and Rev. Joseph E. Larakers.
- B. We recommend that Conference Preachers not eligible to vote be seated as Honorary members with the right to speak but not to vote.
- C. We report the status of our Conference Preachers in respect to their theological studies.
 - I. Graduate Students:
 - 1. Herbert Apel=pursuing graduate study at Wheaton College.
 - 2. Roger Reed=completing thesis for M.A. degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.
 - 3. Robert Browne=attending Trinity Seminary.
 - II. College Students:
 - 1. David Trosper=attending Marion College Theological Dept.
 - 2. Lester Nelson=attending Marion College Theological Dept.
 - 3. Vernon Perdue=attending North Central Bible College in St. Paul, Minn.
 - 4. Steven Hill=attending Marion College Theological Dept.
 - III. Course of Study (correspondence)
 - 1. Philip Crail=first year.
 - 2. Richard Johnson=third year.
 - 3. Joseph Larakers=first year.
- D. We report that pursuant to the direction of Conference we held a Ministerial Convention at our Wheaton Church last February 15-17 with Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga as speaker. Several pastors presented papers of great interest.
- E. We recommend that William L. Killian be elected to elder's orders having fulfilled Disciplinary requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

R. M. Gibbs, Chairman

A. L. Bray

R. E. Crawford

S. A. Hill

Report No. 2Orders of the Day Committee

Standing Nominating Committee meets 12:30 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 1966.

First Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 1:30 p.m., Conference convenes. Communion Service and Conference Sermon by Rev. Roy M. Gibbs, pastor, Moline. Organization of Conference; Roll Call of Elders present; Establishing Bar of Conference (First eight rows of center section) and seating Elders; Partial Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders concerning Conference Preachers eligible to vote, and seating such preachers; Report of Credentials Committee (Conference Secretary) concerning accredited delegates and seating of such delegates; Election of Courtesy Committee and report of same concerning new members and official guests; Election of Honorary Members and seating

of same; Report of the Orders of the Day Committee; Report of Standing Nominating Committee; Adjournment. ALL STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BE READY TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

Second Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. Devotions. 7:15 p.m. Business resumes. Report of Conference President; Reports of Standing Boards and Committees: Board of Managers (Church Extension), A. L. Bray, Chairman; Camp Meeting Committee, F. J. Gearhart, Secretary; Conference Trustees, W. F. Tice, Secretary; Sunday School Board, R. L. Zuhl, Chairman; Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid, C. E. Olander, Chairman; Educational Committee and Secretary, D. L. Castro, Chairman; Statistical Committee, D. D. Crail, Chairman; Conference Treasurer, J. C. Friske; Report of Committee of Itineracy and Orders recommending preachers for Ordination; election of same; Adjournment for committee work.

(Friday, July 29, 9:00 - 9:25 a.m. - COMMITTEE WORK)

Third Meeting, Friday, July 29, 9:30 a.m. Devotions. Roll Call and reading of yesterday's Minutes; Reports of other Conference Leaders; Trustees of Marion College, A. L. Bray and R. T. Mould; Sunday School Secretary, R. L. Zuhl; C.Y.C. Director, J. Wells; Titling Secretary, L. F. Nygard; Misc. business; Adjourn 11:45.

Fourth Meeting, Friday, July 29, 1:30 p.m. Devotions. Report of the Auditing Committee; Report of Committee on Passage of Character Election of Illinois Conference Officers, Trustees and additional members of the Board of Managers (by ballot); Recess for ten minutes. Election of Conference Boards and Standing Committees; Vote on Pilgrim Holiness Merger; Reports of Committees; Adjourn.

Fifth Meeting, Friday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. Devotions. Business resumes, 7:15 p.m.. Reports of pastors and delegates; Adjournment for committee work, 9:30 p.m.

Sixth Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 1966, 9:30 a.m. Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Roll Call and reading of yesterday's Minutes; Reports of Conference committees; Reports of pastor, continued; Miscellaneous business; Adjourn: committee work.

Seventh Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 1966, 1:30 p.m. Devotions. 1:45 p.m. Business resumes. Reading of correspondence; Miscellaneous business; Pastoral Relations Committee report; Adjourn.

Eight Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. Installation of Conference Officers by Denominational Representative; Installation of pastors by Conference President; Denominational Address by Denominational Representative; Minutes of Seventh and Eighth meetings considered read and given to President and Secretary for editing. ADJOURN SINE DIE.

Special Conference Services: Sunday School, Sunday, August 7, 9:00 a.m.; Educational, Saturday, August 6, 1:30 p.m.; Ordination (if ordered), Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Orders of the Day Committee
A. L. Bray, Chairman
F. J. Gearhart
M. J. Bailie

Report No. 3

Nominating Committee

We recommend the following Conference session appointments:

Pastoral Relations: Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. A. P. Jones, Rev. A. P. Mimnaugh, James Ocheltree, John Wells, Cully Parsons, James Meadows.

Passage of Character: Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. R. M. Gibbs, Mr. O. Senger.

Statistical Committee: Standing Committee, Rev. D. D. Crail, Rev. D. L. Castro, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. J. E. Larakers.

Growth of the Church: Rev. J. C. Friske, Chairman, Rev. F. Davis, Rev. E. W. Wheeler, Rev. L. F. Nygard, R. Peacock, Rev. C. E. Olander, Marilyn Hamlett, Marlene Eytcheson, Woodrow McBride, James Ireland.

Social Action and Moral Reform: Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman, Rev. O. L. Johnson, Rev. G. W. Hood, Don Bradley, Rev. J. E. Larakers, Pat Larakers, Al Kinsman, Charles Krager.

Committee on Thanks: Rev. V. W. Swanson, Mildred Wallace, Rev. C. C. McCarty.

Sunday School: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Chairman, Rev. D. C. Durey, Rev. R. W. Klatt, Irv Halverson, Herbert Taylor, Geneva Benedict, John Wells.

Standing Rules: Trustees.

Mail: Rev. R. W. Klatt

Courtesy: Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev. S. A. Hill.

Devotional: Rev. D. L. Castro.

Finance: Board of Managers and Conference Treasurer, Arthur Hardy, Clinton Butcher.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray
F. J. Gearhart
M. J. Baillie

Report No. 4

Conference President

It is a joy to report to our Seventeenth Annual Session of the Illinois Conference that the God of miracles still lives, transforms lives and gives evidence of His blessing on our work for Him.

State of the Conference. In our churches there is a spirit of faith and dedication to the work of promoting scriptural holiness in the midst of a pagan culture. Some of our churches have had an excellent year in membership growth and finances. Others have felt the drain of members moving away faster than they could be replaced. Chicago-Roseland has been closed for that reason and the parsonage rented. Peoria First and Hoopesville have declined to a handful of loyal ones. Chicago-Austin dropped 36 names of people no longer around. Thus for the first time in years our membership has declined. In the face of this, Sunday School average attendance and total finances are up, 286 seekers are reported. Wheaton and Rockford-Harrison Ave. have built new sanctuaries. Oak Lawn is completing a new parsonage.

Statistics. Full membership has declined from 565 to 537; total, from 820 to 779. Sunday School roll from 2138 to 2051; main school from 2014 to 1951. However, average attendance has risen from 1364 to 1436. On checking we find an effort has been made to adjust rolls to reality. Our Denominational representative will be glad to know that Wesleyan Methodist subscriptions increased from 482 to 542, exceeding our full membership!

Property Values. We report \$1,465,950 worth of churches and parsonages, a gain of \$234,881 over last year, reflecting the construction of two new church buildings, Oak Lawn's new parsonage, Moline's transfer of the parsonage to Conference ownership, the Conference parsonage, the remodelling of Wheaton's parsonage-chapel into a fine home, Oak Park's church repair and other items. Total debt is \$580,013, an increase of \$165,916 over last year. This is a staggering load but we made \$61,022 in property payments last year--\$37,104 on principal and \$23,918 on interest. Debt level stands at 40% of holdings.

Finances. Total raised for all purposes is \$270,117--\$26,468 above last year. Per capita giving is \$503--\$72 per capita above last year. Denominational aid for the establishment of churches in this teeming Mid-America was \$4000. Denominational budgets were paid in full!

\$26,813 in budgets and \$21,922 in benevolences, total \$48,735 were paid out of our 16 churches for missionary and denominational interests. The only way we can account for more money with less people is "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power!"

Pilgrim Vote. The local church vote has been taken approving merger with the Pilgrim Holiness church by 209 to 33--an 86% majority.

Personal Service. Travel on behalf of the Conference totalled 15,367 miles. Other travel to serve our Zion totalled 2850. Grand total, 18,217 miles. 32 Quarterly meetings were held, 4\ Board of Managers meetings, 2 Camp Committee meetings, 2 Conference Youth Council meetings attended, 6 Marion College Board meetings attended and one Hephzibah Board meeting, in Macon, Georgia. 645 letters were written, 8 issues of the Tidings were published totalling 4,216 pieces of mail. The 1965 Conference Minutes were edited, printed and 265 copies mailed out. I held revivals at Galesburg, St. Paul, Minn., Creve Coeur, and Broadview with many precious souls getting divine help. I continued to serve on the Boards of the Chicago Bible Society and the Greater Sunday School Association. I attended the N. H. A. convention in Dallas, Texas, as a denominational delegate and went to Denver, Colorado, to the N. A. E. convention as a member of the N. A. E. Church Extension commission. It was also my privilege to serve as one of your delegates to General Conference at Houghton, New York, in June. I also met with the Pilgrim brethren at Charleston, Ill., on June 29 to discuss merger.

Daily counselling by letter, phone and in person, handling legal matters, tax exemptions, office work, pastoring the Chicago-Hoyne Ave. church (as much as possible) until May 8, filled the year to the full. God has continued to give sufficient physical strength for every task. Many times in extreme weariness I have claimed "as thy day so shall thy strength be" and God has met my need. I am the glad "prisoner of the Lord" in the task He and you appoint me to.

Official Acts.

1. As chairman of the Conference Board of Managers (Board of Church Extension) and as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, I helped promote our pioneer and established church building projects by counsel and by taking title in the name of the Conference. I have sought and obtained necessary loans, executing the legal documents necessary to such loans, along with Mr. William F. Tice, Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees. (See Conference Trustees Report No. 16 for the full record.)

2. As President of the Illinois Conference I certified our theological students and draft-age assistant pastors to their several draft boards as legally qualifying for proper exemption from service in the Armed Forces. (See Report No. 1, Committee on Itineracy and Orders, for list of men.)

3. Throughout the year I have ordered payment of all bills owed by the Conference, using a requisition form to the Conference Treasurer in each instance. (See financial analysis attached to several reports.)

4. August 7, 1965. Approved Plan of Work and the slate of officers elected by the 1965 Wesleyan Youth Conference which meets annually the week after our Annual Conference Session adjourns.

5. August 10, 1965. As directed by our Standing Rules, I edited the Conference Minutes in conjunction with Meredith J. Baillie, the Conference Secretary. We approved the minutes of the 7th and 8th meetings and also approved the entire volume including W.M.S. and W.Y. Minutes for publishing. I later had them published at Hall and Sons Printers in Chicago from copy typed by Meredith J. and May Baillie.

6. September, 1965. Computed and ordered paid out of our Conference Work Fund all deficits in General Budgets.

7. September, 1965. Allotted Creve Coeur's \$400 undivided budget paid after the close of the fiscal year, to necessary General and Conference budget items.

8. December 1, 1965. After extensive consultation with my Advisory Board and with the parties involved, I discontinued relationship between the Chicago-Hoyne Avenue church and the Inner City Evangelism team due to differences in teaching and practice. I then appointed Roger Reed to complete his Master's thesis at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana; relieved Carl Unger from preaching duties for six weeks and accepted the services of their secretary, Fanchon Pattee, as secretary in the Conference Office.

9. December 13, 1965. Received Robert Vischer as a Conference Preacher and appointed him Youth Pastor at Chicago-Hoyne Avenue.

10. January 24, 1966. Filed the required form listing continuing tax exemption status for every church and parsonage in Cook County as required by law.

11. February 16, 1966. Presented William L. Killian, theological student of the Indiana Conference, chaplain at Kentucky State Hospital and instructor in counselling at Asbury Theological Seminary to the Conference Committee on Itineracy and Orders for consideration of his request for ordination by our Conference. (See Report No. 1)

12. February 21, 1966. Appointed Chaplain Carl E. Olander to hold mid-week prayer services with the Eytcheson and Holloway families in DeKalb looking toward pioneering a new church there. Relieved him of this responsibility effective June 29, due to the pressure of other duties and appointed Herbert Apel, assistant at Broadview, to complete the assignment until Conference time.

13. March 11, 1966. Filed Illinois Conference and Pentecost Bands of the World corporation annual reports with the Secretary of the State of Illinois.

14. May 11, 1966. Appointed Carl J. Unger and Joseph E. Larakers associate interim pastors until Conference time of the Chicago-Hoyne Avenue church.

15. June 6, 1966. At his request, I relieved George W. Hood, from his duties as assistant pastor at Oak Lawn, in order that he might move to Wilmore, Ky., preparatory to beginning seminary training there.

16. July 3 and 7, 1966. Received in writing and accepted the resignations of Carl Unger and Robert Vischer, pastor and youth pastor respectively, of Chicago-Hoyne Avenue, as ministers of the Illinois Conference and as pastors. They desired to carry on the work of Inner City Evangelism independently.

All of the above official acts which required prior approval were taken in consultation with and with the unanimous approval of the President's Advisory Board.

Analysis of the Conference Work Fund, prepared by Conference Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Friske, covering period from July 16, 1965 through July 15, 1966.

I. Receipts:

A. Conference Budgets		\$ 2493.05
B. Other Income		
1. Creve Coeur-arrears '64-'65 budget		233.00
2. Rev. A. L. Bray		
a. Phone tolls	\$212.26	
b. Wesleyan Commentary	115.00	
c. Future Exp. deposit	<u>129.54</u>	
		456.80
3. Rev. Olander-donations		20.00
4. Conf. Ext. to cover beginning deficit		577.31
5. Hoyne Ave.-bills reimbursed		<u>82.21</u>
	Receipts	\$ 3862.37
	Deficit 7/16/65	-577.31
	Total Credits	\$ 3285.06

II. Disbursements:

A. Deficit '64-'65 General Budgets		*536.64
B. Conference building		
Utilities and fuel		431.26
C. Conf. Pres. expense		
1. Official travel & expense	864.69	

2. Office supplies	\$ 76.71	
3. Official phones and tolls	662.04	
4. Bray-reimbursed phones & tolls	<u>212.26</u>	
		1815.70
D. Tidings supplies		164.60
E. Conference Minutes		
1. Rent typewriter	13.00	
2. Typing	78.00	
3. Printing	<u>325.00</u>	
		416.00
F. Office of the Treasurer		
1. Audit books	30.00	
2. Postage	32.50	
3. Check books	8.22	
4. Office supplies	<u>15.90</u>	
		86.62
G. Miscellaneous		
1. Attorney fees	25.00	
2. Other items	19.72	
3. Rev. Gearhart-Mission Cong. Exp.	15.00	
4. Funeral flowers-Parents of Rev. Hill.	31.78	
5. Roseland property insurance	29.70	
6. Safe deposit box rent	22.00	
7. Wesleyan Commentaries (in & out)	115.00	
8. To Conf. Church Extension, Fd. Entry in wrong col. of ledger	<u>86.00</u>	
		<u>344.20</u>
Total Disbursements	\$	3795.02
*Deficit, 7/15/66, due to paying budget arrears in General Budget		(-509.96)

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray
Conference President

Report No. 5

Conference Board of Managers (Board of Church Extension)

We, the members of the Board of Managers which is also the Board of Church Extension, composed of the five members of the Conference Board of Trustees plus four other elected members, report as follows:

As the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, we met officially on August 8, and November 6, 1965, and on February 5 and May 7, 1966, to consider the state of all the churches, grant assistance and plan for the extension of the Conference. Out of the full record of decisions made, the Minutes of which are open for your perusal, we report the following summary of actions as they effect our extension efforts:

WHEATON. The lovely 36'8" x 100'8" brick colonial sanctuary with 20' x 24' office addition which was under construction last Conference time was completed sufficiently for use last Christmas and was dedicated on May 15, the seventh anniversary of the first service in the parsonage-chapel. The latter has been finished as a lovely parsonage. Our heartiest congratulations to Pastor Forrest J. Gearhart and his people. In view of the \$803 per month payments due on the church and land, the Board requested and received \$100 per month aid from the Denomination this past year. We also granted loans totalling \$2310 to cover additional building costs.

ROCKFORD-HARRISON AVENUE. Last year we said, "We face the problem of providing more space soon." Before camp meeting was over Pastor Leigh Nygard and his congregation requested and were granted per-

mission to build a 36'8" x 88'8" brick-veneer colonial sanctuary, costing \$60,000. \$100.00 per month Denominational aid was sought and received to help in the \$500 per month mortgage payments. The sanctuary was first used last Sunday, July 24. Dedication is set for Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. The work has made splendid gains this year, both in people and finances. Our heartiest congratulations to pastor and people who worked so long and hard for these days.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE. To reduce payments and make possible pastoral support, the church mortgage and side loans were refinanced this year. Payments on the new \$47,000 loan are \$337 per month. \$50 a month Denominational aid was sought and granted. The church no longer requests help. It has paid its pastor this past year and now graduates from the ranks of church extension churches! Pastor Crail taught school for seven years and his wife, Barbara, four, in order to bring the church to a place of being self supporting. Our God keeps record of such dedication and sacrifice!

CREVE COEUR (suburban Peoria) is moving forward! Pastor Arlyn Jones has continued to teach school to support his family making possible the heavy payments on the church mortgage. \$100 a month Denominational aid was sought and granted. However, because of new families the Lord has sent in, the request has been reduced to \$50 per month for the next year and full pastoral support is planned for 1967-68.

MOLINE-HERITAGE under the consecrated leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Roy Gibbs, who have taught school to support themselves, is purchasing a tract of land about 175' x 390' on which it is hoped a new 36'8" x 64'8" brick-veneered colonial (first unit) church can be erected shortly after Conference. The bid is in hand but a \$40,000 loan is needed, as well as funds to make payments on the loan. Pastor and Mrs. Arthur P. Minnaugh of Hoopeston are joining hands with the Gibbs family in this new outreach. Pastor Gibbs has given up his school for full time pastoral work, trusting God to supply their family needs. If the building loan is secured and the church is erected, we will need to back them substantially with financial assistance.

DEKALB. Chaplain Carl Olander and recently Herbert Apel of Broadview have been holding prayer meetings with the Howard Eytcheson and Joseph Holloway families this past spring and summer. A two-acre tract of land is available for a church site near the university. Neither man will be available this next year, so prayer is requested for divine, providential guidance in this projected pioneer effort.

ORGAN. Hearty appreciation is extended to Illinois Wesleyan Youth for raising the funds to purchase a Hammond Organ for our Galesburg church.

MISCELLANEOUS. We rejoice with OAK LAWN over the construction of their new parsonage.....We appreciate the monthly payments that have been made on the Conference Parsonage. Note financial report for other assistance.

Analysis of Conference Church Extension Fund
July 16, 1965 - July 15, 1966.

I. Receipts:

A. Conference	
1. Austin	\$540.00
2. Hoyne Ave.	132.00
3. Roseland (Apart. Rent)	203.50
4. Broadview	165.00
5. Elk Grove Village	218.00
6. Oak Lawn	456.00
7. Oak Park	130.00
8. Wheaton	258.00
9. Galesburg	204.00
10. Hoopeston	50.00
11. Moline (not organized)	-----
12. Creve Coeur	162.00
13. Peoria First	37.80
14. Princeton	252.00
15. Rockford First	258.00
16. Harrison Avenue	96.00
17. Wyandot	<u>143.05</u>

\$3305.35

B. Other Income

1. Conference building		
a. Apartment rent	\$1095.00	
b. Rev. Bray-aid on pmts	<u>350.00</u>	1,445.00
		4,000.00
2. Dept. of Ch. Ext. monthly aid		
3. For Conference Missions		
a. Ill. Conf. WMS	329.25	
b. S. H. Paine	<u>5.00</u>	334.25
4. For Hoyne Avenue		
a. From Oak Lawn	800.00	
b. From Oak Park	<u>90.00</u>	890.00
5. Elk Grove pars.(D. Crail)		208.00
6. Moline		
a. From Oak Lawn	25.00	
b. From Ill. Conf. WMS	<u>55.00</u>	80.00
7. Rev. Olander-parsonage		1389.16
8. For DeKalb-Bigganes		75.00
9. Interest-Broadview Ewing loan		25.00
10. Miscellaneous		
a. Austin '64-'65 budget	53.00	
b. MW dividend	3.71	
c. Lost Ck #2673	100.00	
d. Column error-from Conf. Wk	<u>86.00</u>	
		<u>242.71</u>

\$8779.12

Receipts

\$11994.47

Deficit 7/16/65

-242.14

Total Credits

\$11752.33

II. Disbursements:

A. Conference building		
1. Mortgage payments	1288.56	
2. Austin Contract	900.00	
3. Paint (\$82.21 for Hoyne-reimbursed)	<u>131.71</u>	2320.27
		890.00
B. Hoyne Ave.-aid from churches		
C. Elk Grove Village		
1. Parsonage pmts	208.00	
2. Denom. aid	<u>600.00</u>	808.00
D. Wheaton-Denom.aid		1200.00
E. Creve Coeur-Denom.aid		1200.00
F. Moline-aid from Oak Lawn		
Ill. WMS		80.00
G. Harrison Ave.		
a. Denom. aid	1100.00	
b. Empty lot tax	<u>8.24</u>	1108.24
H. Chaplain Olander's parsonage		
1. Mortgage pmts	1332.00	
2. Insurance	<u>55.16</u>	1387.16
I. Interest on loans		
1. Emily Dohrman	50.00	
2. Susan Cowlis	263.53	
3. J. W. Shatford	450.00	
4. Mary Blood	100.00	
5. Basil Boyd	<u>350.00</u>	1213.53
J. To Conf. Work Fd. for beginning deficit		577.31
K. Rev. A. L. Bray-travel exp.		86.41

L. Hoopeston house tax	26.91
M. Marion College-Ill. Conf. "Marionette" ad	50.00
N. Roseland	
a. Fuel bills	100.00
b. Property pmt.	<u>100.00</u>
	200.00
O. DeKalb-from Bigganes	<u>75.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 11,222.83
Balance 7/15/66	\$ 529.50

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Managers
A. L. Bray, Chairman

Report No. 6

Camp Meeting Committee

Camp Meeting, 1965. We your Camp Meeting Committee, managed the 1965 Camp Meeting following the close of last Annual Conference session. Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, Superintendent of the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada was our evangelist and Rev. Ronald Smeenge of Spring Lake, Michigan, was Youth and Song Evangelist. Rev. George Hood directed the Youth Camp and ladies of the Conference conducted childrens classes. Rev. Carl E. Olander directed the Junior High program. It was a time of blessing with many souls finding Christ.

Camp Arrangements. Two meetings were held during Camp last year to give consideration to financial arrangements and to plan for the present Camp Meeting. Final arrangements were made at a meeting held in Wheaton, Illinois, on February 16, 1966. We report that Rev. Garl Beaver, pastor of the Schuyler Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church, La-Fayette, Indiana, is the engaged evangelist, with Rev. Raymond Powers of Lynchburg, Virginia, serving as Youth and Song Evangelist. Rev. George Hood is again directing the Youth program, Mr. Richard Mould, the Junior High and ladies of the Conference the children's classes.

Camp Manager is F. J. Gearhart. Camp Buyer Orland L. Johnson has abundant food supplies available. Dining Hall Manager Stanley A. Hill, Refreshment Stand Manager Roy M. Gibbs, along with our cooks, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hickcox of Madison, Wisconsin and assistant Kay Dyer have culinary requirements provided for. We thank them all including all volunteer workers so ably recruited by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford and Mrs. Barbara Peacock.

We are in the second year of our third 5 year contract with the Free Methodists for the use of Epwork Park. They have tiled the kitchen floor and have added some extra equipment which makes the work of the cooks easier.

The Wisconsin and Illinois Conferences of the Free Methodist Church merged in mid-July. It is anticipated that additional facilities will need to be erected by the Free Methodists to take care of their large crowds.

The Free Methodists have declined to allow Wesleyan individuals to build cottages on their grounds, but have given some consideration to the suggestion that our Conference build the cottages, lease them to individuals and to churches, but maintain the legal relationship with the Free Methodists as a Conference responsibility. We anticipate pursuing this matter further.

The Free Methodists have given approval to our suggestion to build youth dorms on the grounds. This too needs further study in the light of what the Free Methodists may do in the matter of erecting further housing for their own people.

Your prayers, financial support and counsel will be appreciated by your committee. Food costs have gone considerably higher than last year and it is envisioned that we may have to adjust our very minimal charges to meet increased expense.

Analysis of Camp Meeting Fund
From July 16, 1965 through July 15, 1966.

I. Receipts:

A. Pledges *		
1. Individual	\$ 779.00	
2. Church	<u>665.00</u>	1444.00
B. Conf. & Camp Registrations		2758.00
C. Camp Offerings		840.00
D. Camp Meals		199.45
E. WMS		
1. Camp food	18.00	
2. Dining hall utensils	<u>53.73</u>	71.73
F. Conf. & Camp phone tolls		22.64
G. Snack Shop		49.00
H. YMWB Camp Offering for Moline		122.34
I. Beginning cash returned		25.00
J. Miscellaneous		<u>73.85</u>
Total Receipts		\$5606.41
Balance 7/16/65		<u>1251.09</u>
Total Credits		\$6857.50

*TOTAL PLEDGES FOR YEAR

1. Individual	\$1117.00
2. Church	<u>545.00</u>
Total	\$1662.00
Paid	1444.00

II. Disbursements:

A. Camp rent		
1. Grounds rent	750.00	
2. Cottage rentals	900.00	
3. Storage cottage tax	17.75	
4. Sound System	155.00	
5. Piano & Organ	35.00	
6. Trailer	<u>8.00</u>	1865.75
B. Camp Workers		(Incl. \$150 for
1. H. Ralph Ingersoll	350.00	3600 miles travel)
2. Ron Smeenge	225.00	
3. Joe Pierce	<u>50.00</u>	625.00
C. Dining Hall		
1. Food	1805.34	
2. Cooks-Dyer & Bruner	250.00	
3. Cooking gas	42.45	
4. Laundry	27.60	
5. Dishes, new	87.45	
6. Utensils	<u>53.73</u>	2266.57
D. Utilities		
1. Electricity	100.00	
2. Phones & tolls	<u>51.21</u>	151.21
E. Official expense		
1. A. L. Bray, Pres.	47.45	
2. Mrs. Bray-travel	4.20	
3. F. J. Gearhart-Mgr's exp.	39.80	
4. O. Johnson-Buyer's travel	24.50	
5. R. Klatt-travel	<u>4.55</u>	120.50
F. Insurance - Brotherhood Mutual		208.57
G. Wesleyan Youth		
1. Rec. equipment, swimming, hayride	130.74	
2. Study material & Film	<u>98.71</u>	228.55

H. Beginning cash	25.00	
I. Office supplies	29.65	
J. Repairs	26.94	
K. Publicity-camp flyers	25.00	
L. Moline camp offering	122.34	
M. Snack shop	12.00	
N. Dinner for closing group workers	<u>15.51</u>	
Total Disbursed		\$5722.59
Balance 7/15/66		\$1134.91

Respectfully submitted,

Camp Meeting Committee
Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Forrest J. Gearhart, Secretary

Report No. 7

Sunday School Board

There was one meeting held most of the day one Saturday and much was accomplished in planning for the future. Action was taken regarding the following items:

CAMP SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY. The final Sunday of camp is designated as Conference Sunday School Sunday. It is recommended that there be no classes during the hour and a guest speaker be engaged to challenge us in the great potential of Christian Education. Awards will be given for the Sunday School of the Year based on the Efficiency Standard Rating, and the Conference Easter to Pentecost Campaign winner. It was also recommended that there be a Teacher of the Year award with the Conference Secretary to arrange for a rating check list.

CONFERENCE VERITYPER: The Board agreed to keep the Conference owned verityper. Discussion centered on how to more effectively use it in the Conference. Since the verityper is kept at the Rockford church, Rev. Orland Johnson agreed to print and mail a Quarterly Sunday School Bulletin from the material provided by the Conference Sunday School Secretary. It was hoped that a title sheet could be printed to be used for the Illinois Tidings.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Department Superintendents in each local church are to be put on the mailing list to receive promotional material from the Sunday School Secretary. Each church should send Rev. Johnson a picture of their building and their Sunday School Superintendent to give a variety of interest to those receiving the Quarterly bulletin.

EASTER TO PENTECOST CAMPAIGN. The program theme for the campaign is, "The Lost Sheep." The weekly report was to be based on a per-centage relationship with an average attendance of last year plus a numerical gain. There was to be no substraction for those under last years attendance.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY. It was agreed to hold a Conference rally for Sunday School Teachers at the Chicagoland Sunday School Convention on Saturday, April 2. A charter bus took teachers from the convention at Moody to the Lawson Y.M.C.A. for the meeting. The rally was to be promotional in content and under the direction of the Conference Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS. It was agreed that we purchase the Royal Commission Series of Teacher Training Filmstrips and records from Scripture Press. It was agreed to sponsor a project for assistance in equipment or materials up to \$150.00 for our Pioneer work in Moline. The Pastor of Moline and the Secretary will determine the best and most needed project. It was also agreed to assist Oak Park with \$100.00 in a much needed project of equipment and improvement. This was done in appreciation for the efforts of the "Mother" church in past sharing of personnel and in lieu of a desperate need in the church. The Conference Secretary was directed to order a Biblical Information Survey Test to be used throughout the Conference for rating our teachers with others in the denomination.

Analysis of Conference Sunday School Fund
July 16, 1965 - July 15, 1966

I. Receipts:

A. Conference Budgets

1. Austin	\$21.90
2. Hoynes Avenue	11.10
3. Roseland	-----
4. Broadview	23.40
5. Elk Grove	9.75
6. Oak Lawn	68.00
7. Oak Park	9.00
8. Wheaton	22.50
9. Galesburg	22.65
10. Hoopeston	10.20
11. Moline	7.50
12. Creve Coeur	19.50
13. Peoria First	6.15
14. Princeton	18.75
15. Rockford First	21.80
16. Harrison Ave.	11.85
17. Wyanet	<u>13.50</u>

\$297.55

B. Other Income

1. Camp Sunday School
Offering

95.53

Receipts

\$393.08

Balance 7/16/65

180.81

Total Credits

573.89

II. Disbursements

- A. Camp Sunday School Off.
for Harrison Ave.

95.53

- B. Conf. S.S. Sec. expense

- a. S.S. Filmstrips 34.00

- b. Leader publications 10.20

44.20

- C. Conf. S.S. Board exp.

7.00

- D. Oak Park-improvement grant

100.00

- E. Conf. S.S. Contest

1. Material-SW College 12.30

2. Rev. Zuhl-expense 20.00

32.30

- F. Convention Room Rental

10.00

Disbursements

\$289.03

Balance 7/15/66

\$284.86

Respectfully submitted,

Sunday School Board
Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman

Report No. 8

Board of Superannuated Ministers' Aid

The Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid of the Illinois Conference has functioned in a caretaker capacity.

At the 1966 General Conference a new pension program was adopted. There will be clarification forth coming from the Board of Administration.

Tentative content of the new program is as follows:

1. Budget per full member \$7.00.
2. Plan to guarantee all past service credit now certified to those in the present plan with the same basis of retirement benefits.

3. Every eligible minister in the church to be included in the plan.
4. Consideration is being given of granting service credit for 3 year interval since 1963 General Conference upon payment of one and one-half percent of total income during period.
5. To be a non-contributory plan meaning that the minister doesn't participate directly in the cost. The cost of retirement is to be carried by the church membership.
6. Payment to all beneficiaries will continue as presently in effect. Those beyond 65 years of age, and those becoming 65, may apply for benefits on the same basis with the same benefit payments as formerly.
7. The churches of the conference are urged to back the new retirement program as it is clarified.
8. That the conference utilize means of implementing the promotion of the Minister's retirement program. The purpose is to upgrade the ministerial position. (In line with suggestions by Rev. Orval Butcher at General Conference).

Respectfully submitted,

Carl E. Olander, Chairman

Report No. 9

Educational Committee and Educational Secretary

The Conference Educational Committee had one meeting this past year, during which time various suggestions were made concerning better methods for promoting Marion College in the churches. Also recommendations were considered concerning ways of securing a closer working relationship between the Conference and the local educational secretaries.

One of the highlights of the year was another Marion College Invasion Day. Our institution was represented in the majority of our conference churches by means of glee clubs, the choir, college professors and administrative officials, and by a board member.

I have made two trips to the college during which time I met with a few of the college officials and discussed how the churches could have a closer working and communication relationship with the college. I have attempted to carry out the college's suggestions as far as possible. A scheduled Conference meeting of all the church educational secretaries is one result of these meetings.

Plans have been laid for the coming Conference Educational service at which time Dr. Maurice Burns and the college quartet will be representing the college. During the first part of the service a panel will ask the representatives questions concerning Marion College. Following this period Dr. Burns will speak concerning what he feels pertinent for the occasion.

I feel the college is striving to serve the churches to a greater degree than ever before. I feel we as a conference should back our school as much as possible in the days ahead. The more we aid her, the better she can serve us.

The Conference raised \$2348.78 for educational budget which surpassed the amount assessed.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Castro, Secretary

Report No. 10

Statistical Committee

Local church statistics and Conference totals are tabulated on the center pages.

Respectfully submitted,

David D. Crall, Chairman

Report No. 11

Conference Treasurer

<u>GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Balance 7/16/65</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 7/15/66</u>
World Missions	\$ 401.80	\$ -0-	\$401.80	\$ 401.80	\$ -0-
Australia	113.45	-0-	113.45	113.45	-0-
Brainerd	103.95	-0-	103.95	103.95	-0-
Church Ext. & Evang.	662.19	-0-	662.19	662.19	-0-
Administrative	1130.00	-0-	1130.00	1130.00	-0-
General Conference	282.50	-0-	282.50	282.50	-0-
Bd Meeting Exp.	84.90	-0-	84.90	84.90	-0-
Orphanage	199.14	-0-	199.14	199.14	-0-
Education	1877.10	-0-	1877.10	1877.10	-0-
Sunday School	540.85	-0-	540.85	540.85	-0-
Wes. Seminary Fd.	169.50	-0-	169.50	169.50	-0-
Superannuate Pen.	1946.09	-0-	1946.09	1946.09	-0-
Total Gen. Budget	\$7511.47	-0-	\$7511.47	\$ 7511.47	-0-

<u>ILLINOIS CONFERENCE</u>	<u>Total Rec'd</u>	<u>Balance 7/16/65</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 7/15/66</u>
Con. Work	\$ 3862.37	\$ -577.31	\$3285.06	\$ 3795.02	\$ -509.96
Church Ext.	11994.47	-242.14	11752.33	11222.83	529.50
Sunday School	393.08	180.81	573.89	289.03	284.86
Pastors Insur.	3887.06	-138.71	3748.35	3410.71	337.64
Administrative	6612.35	1236.05	7848.40	6889.60	958.80
Camp Mtg. *	5606.41	1251.09	6857.50	5722.59	1134.91
Loan Fund *	23403.05	6186.94	29589.99	15197.59	14392.40
Escrow *	688.42	96.16	784.58	784.58	-0-
Misc. *	3615.42	83.36	3698.78	3729.13	-30.35
ALL FUNDS TOTALS	\$60062.63	\$ 8076.25	\$68138.88	\$51141.08	\$17097.80
Total Ill. Budget	\$26749.33	\$ 458.70	\$27208.03	\$25607.19	\$ 1600.84
*Total Ill. Non-Bud.	\$33313.30	\$ 7617.55	\$40930.85	\$25433.89	\$15496.96

The books of the Conference Treasurer have been audited by Accountant Ronald C. Hanzelin. The findings of said auditor are attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Friske, Treasurer

Report No. 12

Director of Christian Youth Crusade

My Dear Fellow Workers: As the temperature and humidity soar and the noises of restless youth even now reach my ears, a desperate feeling comes to heart and mind. Our city churches are facing a very unique ministry. How can we reach the young folks in these city environments for Jesus Christ?

The 30 restless young people on selected street corners of any evening are seeking attention. "Look at me," they say by their posture. "Look at me," crys their distinctive dress. "Look at me," their adult imitations call. Do they wish only to be looked at? No, they crave love. Unfortunately, the only love they've known is the indifferent home life. The ugly home life that comes with uncontrolled sin or care-less parents.

This is not the only "Instruction in love", they find. The love portrayed in the films today - in the magazines on every stand por-trays a thrill they seek, and find, but it doesn't satisfy - ask them!

How do we reach them? LOVE THEM! Don't condemn them; the Lord didn't. Befriend them; the Lord did. Have compassion toward them; the Lord did.

Our suburban and rural youth are not exempt from the call of the World. They are not ignoring it either! Often times the situation is much more alarming and unchecked in these areas because there are only two in that parked car on the lonely road. Or, just four on the corner wanting something to do. They, because of their numbers are ignored until the robbery is discovered, or the murder uncovered.

From the reports reaching me, our churches are doing well, but not completing the work that so desperately needing our attention. I trust that each of us will pray that the challenging Spirit of the Christ of Love will grip our lives and hearts until we love these teens to LIFE...not death.

Following is, as accurate as possible, a true picture of the out-reach of our churches by way of the week day club programs, both or-ganized and un-organized.

Austin:	Pioneer	Pilgrims	20	85
	Girls	Colonists	20	
		Explorers,	10	
	Christian	Stockade	12	
	Service	Battalion	15	
	Brigade	"Crusaders"		
		(Unorgan)	<u>8</u>	
Broadview:	Pioneer	Pilgrims	17	55
	Girls	Colonists	8	
	Christian	Stockade	20	
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion	<u>10</u>	
Elk Grove Vill:	Christian	Stockade		20
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion		
Galesburg:	Christian	Cadets & Heralds	30	38
	Youth Cr.	Jr Hi Crusaders	<u>8</u>	
Rockford Faith:	Pioneer Girls Guides in			
	Preparation			
Chicago-Hoyne Ave:	Bible study groups twice weekly		18	18
Oak Lawn	Pioneer	Pilgrims	35	117
	Girls	Colonists	20	
	Christian	Stockade	45	
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion	<u>17</u>	
Rockford First:	Junior Youth Unorganized			15
	Boys		6	
	Girls		<u>9</u>	
Wheaton		Boys	16	22
		Girls	<u>6</u>	
DeKalb	Christian	Cadet	1	2
	Youth	Herald	<u>1</u>	
	Crusaders			

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Wells

Report No. 13

Conference Sunday School Secretary

As Conference Sunday School Secretary, I organized and presided over the Sunday School services of the last annual Camp Meeting. The offerings from the two services which amounted to \$95.53 were given to the Harrison Ave. Rockford church for acoustical tile in their basement.

I was in contact by mail with each Sunday School each quarter. Quarterly reports were received and a summary of the Conference results was sent to the churches. The Thanksgiving offering for overseas Sunday School work was promoted in co-operation with the denomination. I represented the Conference at the Denominational Workshop at Madison, Wisconsin. I also attended the National Sunday School Convention at Madison and the Greater Chicagoland Sunday School Convention. A Conference Sunday School Teacher rally was held at a noon luncheon during the Chicago convention.

The Easter to Pentecost Campaign was promoted with reports sent each week to the churches listing their ratings. Hoyne Ave. Chicago won decidedly with a fine record of growth over the previous year. This School also won an award from the Chicagoland Sunday School Association. Rockford, Harrison Ave. was second in the campaign and Rockford First came in third.

The winner of this year's Efficiency Rating is Rockford First. The average rating for the Conference is 63. The plaques for the contest and Efficiency Rating will be presented at the Conference Sunday School service.

I would like to encourage our Schools to participate in the W E T T program. There were only two units taught this year and they were both by the Oak Lawn church. A total of 29 certificates were issued. Our total enrollment was down from last year with figures of 2138 to 2051 this year. Our average attendance, however, was up. Last year it was 1364 and this year it was 1436 or a gain of 72.

A list has been compiled of all our Teaching Aids that are available. This was sent to all our churches and they were encouraged to use these along with those provided by the Chicagoland Sunday School Association which also supplied a catalogue. I have record of six of our churches using these aids.

I conducted an examination for teachers of a survey of Biblical knowledge at Oak Lawn and at Oak Park. The results were tabulated and a comparison with a national rating was returned to each teacher. This test is available for our churches to reveal present knowledge and stimulate more interest in Biblical study.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Zuhl, Secretary

Report No. 14

Passage of Character Committee

The ministerial reports of all pastors were examined, and the budget sections of all local church reports were received. Except for shortages in some Denominational and Conference budgets in the Wyandot church, the record of general support of the work of the Church is good.

After due consideration the committee recommends the passage of the character of each of the ministers of our conference with thanks for faithful service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray
R. M. Gibbs
O. R. Senger

Report No. 15Tithing Secretary

As your Tithing Secretary I wish to submit the following Report of General Conference Committee on Tithing as my report to this body:

The Wesleyan Methodist Church is known as a tithing Church. Tithing has been emphasized in our Discipline continuously for the last 66 years. This emphasis has proved a blessing to the church.

The Storehouse Tithing Plan emphasizes the bringing of the whole tithe into the local church. This Plan has demonstrated its value. Per capita giving in our church has risen from \$264 in 1963 to \$290 in 1965. The tremendous increase may be viewed more significantly by stating that with an increase of 16 percent in full membership in the past 15 years, there has been a rise of 245 percent in total giving for all purposes.

We must not compliment ourselves overmuch, for many Wesleyan Methodists do not practice Storehouse Tithing. The following recommendations are made to promote scriptural tithing:

1. We recommend that a tithing training program be implemented by the Department of Sunday Schools (a) by instituting tithing instruction as a part of the point system of the CYC and (b) by including a lesson on tithing in the Sunday School curriculum, to appear periodically.
2. We recommend that the Department of Wesleyan Youth encourage instruction in tithing in our youth camps, and publish articles on tithing in The Wesleyan Youth.
3. We recommend that the month of February each year be set aside for special emphasis on personal stewardship, with the last Sunday of February being designated as Tithing Sunday. It is recommended that each conference arrange an exchange of pastors on Tithing Sunday for the purpose of bringing a message on tithing. These arrangements should be made under the direction of the Tithing Secretary of each conference.
4. We recommend that promotional literature on tithing be prepared under the direction of the General Tithing Secretary. These shall be distributed to the conference tithing secretary who shall supply them to local churches for use on Tithing Sunday.
5. We recommend that a central tithing fund be initiated by offerings to be taken in each annual conference to be received this summer at the conference tithing service, this offering to be forwarded directly to the General Treasurer of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
6. That further finances necessary for the production and distribution of promotional tithing literature be raised by an annual contribution from the local churches, the same to be received on Tithing Sunday and sent through the conference treasurer to the General Treasurer and disbursed as authorized by the Committee on Stewardship (see paragraph 99).

We urge that the above named departments, officers, and churches cooperate wholeheartedly with the General Tithing Secretary in implementing the recommendations made above.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh F. Nygard, Tithing Secretary

Report No. 16Conference Trustees

The Board of Trustees took the following actions during the year 1965-1966:

1. August 13, 1965. On behalf of Elk Grove Village, executed mortgage and note on Church property for \$47,000, with interest @ 6% and monthly payments including principal and interest of \$337 beginning October 1, 1965. (Reference Loan 10-6972, Prospect Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.)

2. September 1, 1965. In behalf of Moline-Heritage executed purchase agreement for 1.5 acre future church site, for \$9,000, plus \$6,000 for street, sewer and water.
3. October 11, 1965. On behalf of Oak Park, for repair of steeple and other improvements, signed a note for \$3,895 to Mrs. Minnie Schoff, with interest @ 3% payable annually in advance, and payments of \$35 or more per month.
4. November 6, 1965. In behalf of Galesburg, authorized Illinois Conference W. Y. to borrow \$800 to purchase new Hammond organ. (This to be repaid by W. Y. project offerings.)
5. November 6, 1965. In behalf of Moline-Heritage, authorized \$7,000 from conference loan funds to supplement \$2,000 raised locally for purchase of Church site. (Items 2 & 5 not yet consummated due to local technicalities.)
6. December 6, 1965. In the interest of Galesburg, increased W.I.F. Note No. 138 by \$3,500 to a new balance of \$6,035.48. (Interest at 6% and monthly payments of \$55.52 to remain the same.)
7. October 30, 1965. In behalf of conference loan fund, retired note No. 47 to Susan Cowsls in favor of new note (No. 89) payable upon demand to her daughter-in-law, Rose Cowsls (to whom it had been assigned), in the amount of \$1,000 with interest @ 5% per annum.
8. November 1, 1965. In behalf of Rockford-Harrison Ave., petitioned Winnebago County Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone Church site from Agricultural to Residential "B". (Granted by Zoning Board December 18 and concurred by Board of Supervisors December 23, 1965.)
9. December 30, 1965. In behalf of Rockford-Harrison Avenue executed Note No. 11037 with Home Savings & Loan for \$70,000 with interest @ 5-3/4% per annum. Monthly payments of principle and interest to be \$491.50. Interest alone is payable on the 10th of each month, until June 10 or until 30 days after occupancy, whichever occurs first, when both principle and interest are payable. Above note is secured by a first mortgage on the entire parcel, and retires in full a previous note and mortgage on the parsonage alone.
10. December 22, 1965. Received deed on Moline-Heritage parsonage.
11. January 3, 1966. In behalf of Wheaton executed utility easement to Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Bell.
12. February 5, 1966. In behalf of Rockford-Harrison Ave., authorized one year loan from loan fund, of \$4,200 @ 6% to cover pews and furniture. (This was not used, money was raised locally.)
13. March 11, 1966. Filed Annual Corporate Report with Secretary of State.
14. May 1, 1966. In behalf of conference loan funds, borrowed from Susan Cowsls, \$1,800 @ 5% interest for four years, payable to Rose Cowsls (Note No. 87.)
15. May 7, 1966. Authorized Oak Lawn to withdraw the \$10,000 escrow on deposit with W.I.F., to apply to their new parsonage.
16. May 7, 1966. In behalf of Moline-Heritage advanced \$430 from conference loan fund as down payment on a house in Heritage for Rev. & Mrs. Minnaugh. A note was accepted in exchange, payable Dec. 1966
17. May 21, 1966. In renewal of conference loan funds, retired Note No. 76 in favor of new Note No. 88 with Basil or Ruth Boyd for \$7,000 with interest @ 5%, and maturity date of May 21, 1968.
18. May 26, 1966. In behalf of Oak Lawn, executed trust deed and installment note payable to Oak Lawn Trust and Savings Bank for \$106,000 (\$14,000 new borrowing), with interest at 5% per annum with monthly installments of \$700 starting September 1, 1966. These funds retired a previous note of \$110,000 (balance, \$92,000), and encumber Church and new parsonage.
19. June 1, 1966. In behalf of Rockford Harrison Avenue refinanced \$2,000 with Note No. 90 drawn in favor Fred or Tiena Winterberg with interest @ 5% and payable June 1, 1968. (Replaces balance due on Note No. 77, a portion of which was retired by Harrison Ave. Church.)

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Tice, Secretary

Statement of Conference Assets and Liabilities, July 15, 1966.

Assets:

Value of local church buildings	\$1,007,000.00	
Value of local church parsonages	325,450.00	
Value of conference parsonage	21,300.00	
Loans receivable		
Old Superannuate		
Ministers Fund		
Galesburg Church Loan	\$500.00	
		500.00
Cash and other values		
Balances in churches		
and in conference funds		<u>31,700.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,385,950.00

Liabilities:

Loans payable on		
Local church buildings	452,507.00	
Local church parsonages	112,746.00	
Conference Parsonage	<u>14,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>579,253.00</u>
<u>Net Worth</u>		\$ 806,697.00

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Tice, Secretary

Report No. 17Committee on Thanks

1. With the words of the Doxology we re-iterate the heartfelt praise of Christians throughout the centuries, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow----Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." At the beginning of our report we give praise to the Triune God for His faithfulness to us, for the spiritual and material advances, and for His watchcare over us during the past year both as individuals, as families, as churches, and as laborers together with Him in His vineyard.
2. We give thanks for the leadership of our beloved Conference President and his wife and for their sacrificial labors in our midst, not only in the past year, but throughout the many years of our Conference's existence.
3. To our denominational representative, Dr. George E. Failing, we extend our heartfelt thanks for his leadership, inspiration, and counsel during this annual conference.
4. We thank God for our camp evangelists, The Reverend Garl Beaver and The Reverend Raymond Powers and for their anticipated dedicated ministry in the spoken Word and song this year.
5. We give thanks to those who represent us on foreign shores, and for their sacrificial labors in lands which have called them from kin, friends, and home; Tom and Eileen Murray, Mary Holcomb, Rosa Bishop, and the Francis Davises with whom we were privileged to fellowship this year at Conference during their furlough.
6. We are indebted to our Free Methodist brethren for use of their facilities, and thank them for their willingness to rent their campgrounds with us each year.
7. We also thank our Camp Manager, the Camp Meeting Committee, and all the host of others who have contributed to make this year's conference and camp a success. This year, as in the years of the past, our Camp and Conference has illustrated the importance of

team work; each one cheerfully doing his or her job as unto the Lord, thereby insuring a time together that is a profit and blessing to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon W. Swanson
Mildred Wallace

Report No. 18

Sunday School Committee

We the Sunday School Committee Recommend:

1. That the General Conference Assessment be twenty-five cents per member based on the total in the main school reported in the 1966 Conference Minutes, and the said monies be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
2. That the Conference Assessment be fifteen cents per member, and sent to the Conference Treasurer as above in item one.
3. That the Sunday Schools send Special Denominational Offerings to the Denominational Office, and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary.
4. That a continued effort be made to promote workshops on the District and Local levels.
5. That a Conference Sunday School contest be held beginning with the first Sunday following Easter and close with Pentecost Sunday. A plaque will be awarded the winning school during the Conference Sunday School service.
6. That an annual report, signed by the Pastor be sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary by the 15th of July.
7. That the expenses of the Conference Sunday School Secretary to the Greater Chicago Sunday School Convention be paid from the Conference Sunday School Fund. Each local church is urged to take advantage of local Sunday School Conventions in their area.
8. That the Conference C.Y.C. Director also serve in promoting such alternate programs as Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls where these programs seem better adapted to local conditions and that his promotional expenses be paid from the Conference Sunday School Fund.
9. That recognizing the rapid strides made by the Department of Sunday Schools in improving the quality and content of our literature, we urge each Sunday School to give renewed consideration to our Wesleyan Literature on every age level.
10. That a "Sunday School of the Year" plaque be awarded at the annual Camp Sunday School Service based on the Denominational Standard of Achievement as reported by the June meeting of the local Sunday School Board.
11. That the Conference Sunday School Secretary plan and implement a general Sunday School Workshop to be held at 11:00 o'clock on Saturday morning of camp week, for all Pastors and Sunday School workers.
12. That the Efficiency Standard be reviewed and supplied in each local church to the Staff of their first fall meeting.
13. That the third week on October (Oct. 17-24) be set aside as Library Week in our churches with proper promotion for organizing and expanding a local Church Library with an appointment of a librarian.
14. That each church participate in the Denominational Fall Advance and Spring Loyalty campaigns.
15. That the Sunday School offerings for the two Sundays of the 1966 Camp be designated for equipment in the Sunday School of our Moline Church.
16. That we recognize the church with the highest percentage of pupils present at the Conference Sunday School Camp Service as compared with the Average Attendance of last year.

17. That we encourage pre-kindergarten and kindergarten as weekly activity sponsored by the church as an outreach of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman
Robert W. Klatt
John Wells
Irv Halverson
Geneva Benedict
Herbert Taylor

Report No. 19

Finance Committee

We recommend the following budgets for the fiscal year 1966-1967:

- I. The General Assessments shall be apportioned as follows, in accordance with General Conference action:

World Missions	\$2.00 per full member
Australia	.25
Brainerd Indian School	.25
Church Extension & Evangelism	1.50
Superannuate Pension Plan	7.00
Church Administrative Budget	2.15
Gen. Conf. Travel and Ent.	.50
Hephzibah Orphanage	.50
Education	4.00
Wesleyan Seminary Foundation	.30

Total General, (except for Sunday School & Wesleyan Youth) \$18.45

- II. The Illinois Conference Budget Assessment shall be:

- A. On a per full member basis:

~~Conference Work Fund (Incl. Tithings) \$5.00 per full member~~
Conference Church Extension 6.00 " " "

- B. On a per Church basis:

Conference Administrative Fund: 3% of church Gross Receipts (less building and benevolence items). See Item IV below.
Pastor's Group Insurance Plan: \$167.00 per year.

- III. Miscellaneous Assessments shall be:

General Sunday School Dues: \$.25 per member in main school.
Conference Sunday School Dues: \$.15 per member in main school.
Wesleyan Youth Dues: \$2.00 per active member (to be raised by local W.Y.).

- IV. Illinois Conference Administration Expense:

- A. ^{5%} ~~Three~~ per cent of the gross income of each church, less expenditures for building and benevolence (as indicated in the statistical report of that church for the previous year) shall be paid into the Conference Administrative Fund. (In case a church does not remit the above monthly, the pastor of the church is authorized to send in the tithe of his cash church salary to the Conference Treasurer for Conference Administrative Support. In addition, he may prayerfully consider remitting one-half of the tithe from any secular income.)
- B. The Conference President's salary shall be \$120.00 per wk to be paid out of the Conference Administrative Fund. All expense of the Conference building shall be paid out of the Conference Church Extension Fund.

- Conference Special*
- C. The Conference President's incidental expenses and auto travel allowance at the rate of seven cents per mile shall be paid from the Conference Administrative Fund.
 - D. One half of the Social Security and the full hospitalization assessments for the Conference President shall be paid from the Conference Administrative Fund.
 - E. The Conference President shall be allowed \$100.00 per month for secretarial assistance to be paid out of the Conference Administrative Fund.

V. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

- A. In case of the failure of the local church to completely pay the pastor's hospitalization assessment, by the end of each quarter, the pastor will be responsible to make up the arrears so as to retain current status in this plan; however, such arrears shall be considered a continuing obligation of the church to be refunded when funds are available to do so.
- B. We recommend that all budgets be assessed on a ten-month basis, with payments due September 5 through June 5.
- C. We request that each church pay one-half of the Pastor's Social Security costs.
- D. We recommend the payment of General Budget arrears out of the Conference Church Extension Fund.
- E. We recommend that over payments in General Budgets, other than World Missions, be placed in an undivided General Budget Reserve Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray, Chairman
R. E. Crawford, Secretary

Report No. 20

Growth of the Church

A spiritual church is a growing church! A growing Christian avails himself generously to study of the Word, to prayer, and to various means of grace offered by the church. Along with these he seeks opportunity to bring the Gospel to others. As others are won to the Saviour, he too is blessed and his Christian experience is enriched. He is thus victoriously spurred on by the Spirit and full of joy.

This same formula is essential to any congregation or fellowship of believers. Growth is needed for the sake of the spiritual life of individuals and for the group.

Responsibility for growth rests heavily upon leaders. Since leaders are often hard pressed to find new and fresh ways of soul winning and building the Church, programs, methods, material and leadership techniques which have been successful are of great interest to all.

To make it possible to share the gifts of all, we propose a pooling of these into what may be called an "idea factory". We suggest this be accomplished as follows: As the conference year nears completion next year and the Statistical chairman sends out his blanks, another sheet should be sent in the same mailing with a few simple questions such as --

1. What single method, project or approach yielded the most fruit of progress in your church last year?
2. If there were special materials, where did you get them, etc?
3. What suggestions would you like to have received if you were doing this the first time?
4. What have you heard of that looks worthwhile (even if you haven't used it?)

These would be turned over to next years Growth of the Church Committee, mimeographed and distributed to all pastors and interested leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Friske, Chairman
F. A. Davis
C. E. Olander
M. Eytcheson
E. J. Ireland
M. Hamlett
W. McBride
R. Peacock

Report No. 21

Social Action Committee

Whereas Christian Americans share with the rest of American society problems of ever increasing complexity in the areas of human relationships and moral responsibilities, and:

Whereas it is our prophetic responsibility to declare our understanding of the Christian message in its application to specific issues immediate in the society in which we live and labor:

Therefore be it resolved that we, the pastors and lay delegates to the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, meeting in the 17th Annual Session at Camp Epworth, Illinois, July 30, 1966, hereby declare that the following statements do represent our position with respect to these vital areas of social concern:

I. Society

A. Government

We recognize that "government" is ordained by God and that the Scriptures command us to support and obey "every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." Therefore in all areas of government and community life Christians ought to be engaged in active participation: seeking understanding of issues, voting, running for public office, paying taxes, actively joining in community affairs and organizations, and taking part in other areas which demand the patriotic involvement upon which the freedom of our nation rests. We believe in separation of church and state but not in the separation of God from state. We most vigorously protest the encroachment of atheistic forces which seek to undermine our national religious heritage. We support the continued use of "under God" in the pledge to our Nation's flag, retention of the phrase "In God we trust" on our coins, and a re-emphasis on use of those verses in our patriotic songs which reflect our religious heritage. In accord with the Supreme Court decision concerning the use of the Bible in public schools, we strongly encourage the teaching of the content of the Bible as an important part of literature in the public high schools.

B. Extremism

We believe in the individual's inalienable right to freedom of thought, speech, and action in so far as it does not harm others. Extreme effort in the defense of liberty is to be commended. But we abhor the actions and attitudes of extremist groups who seek the overthrow of our government or who circumvent the orderly process of law to gain their ends. We call upon our people to be aware of the serious threat posed to them by any extremist group. Aggressive authoritarianism, as evidenced in the Communist Party and the John Birch Society; and destructive hatred, evidenced in the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Muslims, are not in keeping with the Christian message nor the democratic process. Let all of our political efforts be based on Christ's Gospel and be aimed at the

Item. I	Pastor's Labors									Item II Periodicals			
CHURCH (Pastors' Names listed on Page 5)	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Appointments	No. of Organized Church Societies	Time Employed	No. of Stationed Elders	No. of Elders on Reserve List	No. of Unstationed Elders	No. of Super- annuated Elders	No. of Conference Preachers	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Mission- aries taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Devotional Quarterly
CHICAGO													
Austin	1	1	1	12	3	-	-	-	-	68	30	9	x
Hoynes Ave.	3	1	1	12	-	-	-	-	2	14	20	1	-
Roseland	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-
CHICAGOLAND													
Broadview	4	1	1	12	2	-	-	-	-	30	26	12	-
Elk Grove	1	1	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	15	13	-	-
Oak Lawn	2	2	1	12	2	-	-	-	1	119	62	14	-
Oak Park	-	1	1	12	3	-	-	-	-	19	33	2	x
Wheaton	-	1	1	12	3	-	-	-	2	33	39	15	-
GALESBURG	-	1	1	12	2	-	-	2	-	37	16	2	x
HOOPESTON	1	1	1	12	2	-	-	-	-	5	20	1	x
MOLINE	-	1	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-
PEORIA	-	1	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	12	13	3	x
Creve Coeur	-	1	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	6	x
First	-	1	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCETON	1	1	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	38	24	2	x
ROCKFORD	-	1	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	51	25	13	x
First	-	1	1	12	1	-	-	-	-	51	18	6	x
Faith	1	1	1	12	-	-	1	-	-	12	20	3	x
WYANET	1	1	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	15	18	15	195	22	-	1	2	5	542	269	90	10

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Item II. Continued													
CHURCH	Adult & Teacher	Senior Youth & Teacher	Junior Youth & Teacher	Junior & Teacher	Primaries & Teacher	Aldersgate Kindergarten	Aldersgate Nursery	Aldersgate Adult	Sunday School Banner	High School Signal	Junior Journeys	Children's Friend	
CHICAGO													
Austin	x	x	x	-	-	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	-
Hoynes Ave.	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roseland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICAGOLAND													
Broadview	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
Elk Grove	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oak Lawn	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	-
Oak Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wheaton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GALESBURG	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
HOOPESTON	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-	x	-
PEORIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creve Coeur	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	-	-
First	x	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	x	x	-
PRINCETON	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	x	x	-
ROCKFORD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	-	x	x	x	x	-
Faith	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x	x	-
WYANET	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	-	x	x	-
TOTALS	13	11	9	8	7	6	4	2	13	6	9	9	

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Item III. Membership										
CHURCH	Full Membership Last Year	Full Members re- ceived this year	Sum of lines 1 and 2	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present full Membership	Associate Members
CHICAGO										
Austin	90	9	99	-	27	-	8	35	64	12
Hoeyne Ave.	22	9	31	-	7	-	2	9	22	-
Roseland	14	-	14	-	-	-	14	14	-	-
CHICAGOLAND										
Broadview	55	8	63	-	3	-	-	3	60	8
Elk Grove	19	1	20	-	1	-	-	1	19	8
Oak Lawn	76	9	85	4	2	3	-	9	76	54
Oak Park	31	2	33	-	-	-	2	2	31	3
Wheaton	43	3	51	-	5	-	4	9	42	8
GALESBURG	34	7	41	-	-	1	8	9	32	2
HOOPESTON	8	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEORIA										
Creve Coeur	27	7	34	-	2	-	2	4	30	-
First	7	-	7	-	-	-	2	2	5	2
PRINCETON	42	-	42	-	2	-	3	5	37	3
ROCKFORD										
First	43	13	56	-	-	-	2	2	54	-
Faith	16	3	19	-	-	-	-	-	19	11
WYANET	38	-	38	-	-	-	2	2	36	-
TOTALS	565	78	643	4	49	4	49	106	537	111

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Item III. Continued											
CHURCH	Juniors Members	Total Present Membership	Total Member- ship last year	Gain in Members for the year or Loss in Members for the year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Number of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Card Call Subscribers	Seekers	
CHICAGO											
Austin	13	89	123	-	34	-	1	40	40	24	20
Hoeyne Ave.	4	26	26	-	-	-	-	13	22	4	10
Roseland	-	-	18	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICAGOLAND											
Broadview	5	73	68	5	-	1	1	20	40	15	35
Elk Grove	7	34	38	-	4	1	-	12	20	4	-
Oak Lawn	26	156	156	-	-	25	13	70	80	3	50
Oak Park	7	41	41	-	-	-	3	16	22	-	-
Wheaton	7	57	55	2	-	-	2	20	35	5	60
GALESBURG	13	47	53	-	6	16	3	15	29	-	35
HOOPESTON	-	10	9	1	-	-	5	7	6	-	2
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	4
PEORIA											
Creve Coeur	14	44	35	9	-	5	1	9	12	5	10
First	1	8	12	-	4	-	-	3	8	-	3
PRINCETON	12	52	57	-	5	-	1	20	34	8	5
ROCKFORD											
First	5	59	48	11	-	3	3	19	37	8	21
Faith	16	46	42	4	-	-	-	15	18	8	30
WYANET	1	37	39	-	2	-	-	8	15	10	1
TOTALS	131	779	820	32	73	51	31	292	418	95	286

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Illinois Conference																		Item V W.Y.	
Item IV. Sunday Schools																		Item V W.Y.	
CHURCH	No. of Sunday Schs.	Average Attendance	Pupils Enrolled	No. of Teachers & Officers	Potential Regular Attendance	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Total Enrollment	No. of Pupils Joining Church	Standard of Achievement Score	Teacher Training Units Taught	WETT Cards Earned	CYC Chapters	CYC Members	Enrollment Vacation Bible School	Average Attendance Vacation Bible Sch.	No. of Wesleyan Youth Societies	Active Membership	Associate Members
CHICAGO	1	114	106	17	123	1	2	126	7	63	-	-	-	-	139	104	1	11	7
Austin	1	92	102	12	114	-	-	114	9	75	-	-	-	-	102	62	-	-	-
Hoyne Ave.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roseland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICAGOLAND	1	130	194	16	210	12	-	222	5	-	-	-	-	-	154	120	1	16	-
Broadview	1	52	57	14	71	-	-	71	1	-	-	-	-	-	98	73	-	-	-
Elk Grove	1	276	337	29	366	15	-	381	35	56	2	28	-	-	328	296	1	20	4
Oak Lawn	1	57	53	14	67	3	-	70	2	-	-	1	-	-	50	50	-	-	-
Oak Park	1	94	125	17	142	6	-	148	10	64	-	-	1	-	158	110	1	8	-
Wheaton	1	103	144	14	158	10	8	176	5	-	-	-	3	28	157	113	1	9	2
GALESBURG	1	44	72	7	79	-	-	79	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOOPESTON	1	41	45	8	53	5	-	58	-	68	-	-	-	-	77	73	-	-	-
MOLINE	1	74	82	11	93	2	2	97	14	-	-	-	-	-	132	123	1	11	-
PEORIA	1	21	21	5	26	1	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creve Coeur	1	76	83	19	102	15	4	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	56	1	5	3
First	1	122	157	16	173	4	2	179	9	76	-	-	-	-	136	117	1	17	1
PRINCETON	1	70	75	15	90	6	-	96	4	68	-	-	-	-	92	61	1	14	5
ROCKFORD	1	70	75	9	84	-	2	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	125	109	-	-	-
Faith	1	16	1436	1728	223	195	180	2026	101	520	2	29	4	35	1809	1467	9	111	22
WYANET	1	15	1424	1963	229	2057	28	4	40	168	144	10	111	29					
TOTALS	16	1436	1728	223	195	180	2026	101	520	2	29	4	35	1809	1467	9	111	22	

Item VI. Church Property									
CHURCH	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings & Land	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or other Values on Hand
CHICAGO	1	60,000	760	40,000	1	20,000	-	15,000	7,729
Austin	1	65,000	887	35,000	1	15,000	887	10,000	-
Hoyne Ave.	1	17,500	2,462	12,000	1	12,000	4,521	14,000	-
Roseland	1	17,500	2,462	12,000	1	12,000	4,521	14,000	-
CHICAGOLAND	1	125,000	73,562	90,000	1	15,000	7,935	17,500	1,500
Broadview	1	95,000	46,063	67,000	1	18,950	18,609	18,000	574
Elk Grove	1	175,000	94,000	126,000	2	51,000	20,000	42,000	4,000
Oak Lawn	1	90,000	3,895	42,000	1	30,000	-	20,000	740
Oak Park	1	120,000	109,697	80,000	1	40,000	-	30,000	677
Wheaton	1	35,000	16,579	30,000	1	20,000	-	15,000	-
GALESBURG	1	15,000	1,269	16,000	2	11,000	-	10,000	500
HOOPESTON	-	-	-	-	1	19,000	14,500	16,000	5,176
MOLINE	1	75,500	31,093	55,500	1	11,500	9,109	7,000	410
PEORIA	1	13,500	-	13,500	-	-	-	-	-
Creve Coeur	1	25,000	3,400	25,000	1	14,000	12,300	10,000	636
First	1	45,000	9,600	32,000	1	16,000	10,423	12,500	3,957
PRINCETON	1	100,000	60,000	50,000	1	40,000	12,637	24,000	4,200
ROCKFORD	1	10,500	-	9,500	1	12,000	1,825	8,500	-
Faith	1	10,500	-	9,500	1	12,000	1,825	8,500	-
WYANET	1	10,500	-	9,500	1	12,000	1,825	8,500	-
TOTALS	16	1,067,000	453,267	723,500	18	345,450	112,746	269,500	30,099

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Item VII. Disbursed for Pastor								
CHURCH	Salary	Parsonage Rent and Utilities	Special: Gifts & Rent	Donations	Allowances for travel and or Car Expense	Pastor's Unadjusted Gross Ministerial Receipts	Amount spent for church travel and or Car Expense	Pastor's Total Net Income
CHICAGO								
Austin	4,800	2,000	155.00	175.00	-	7,130	-	7,130
Hoyne Ave.	1,000	2,670	-	144.00	-	3,814	144.00	3,670
Roseland	310	244	-	-	-	-	-	554
CHICAGOLAND								
Broadview	4,870	1,500	185.00	789.00	-	7,344	996.00	6,348
Elk Grove	3,655	2,219	20.00	-	-	5,894	120.00	5,774
Oak Lawn	5,200	1,665	783.00	-	1,000	8,648	440.00	8,208
Oak Park	4,446	1,200	480.00	-	-	6,126	800.00	5,326
Wheaton	5,220	1,800	130.00	-	260	7,910	1217.00	6,693
GALESBURG	3,640	1,200	100.00	50.00	-	4,990	1057.00	3,933
HOOPESTON	702	880	-	20.00	-	1,602	-	1,602
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEORIA								
Creve Coeur	50	1,100	200.00	-	-	1,350	650.00	700
First	670	-	15.00	-	670	1,355	760.00	685
PRINCETON	3,640	1,669	300.00	-	-	5,609	560.00	5,049
ROCKFORD								
First	4,623	1,424	125.00	35.00	520	6,727	520.00	6,207
Faith	1,250	1,200	153.00	35.00	-	2,638	800.00	1,838
WYANET	3,120	575	5.00	85.00	-	3,785	250.00	3,535
TOTALS	47,696	21,346	2,651.00	1,333.00	2,450	74,922	8,224.00	67,252.00

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Church										
CHURCH	Other Evange- listic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on. Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Promotional ex- pense of other church Aux. Org.	Amount spent for Church Travel by Pastor	Total for Church
CHICAGO										
Austin	515	910	-	1071	939	39	6189	-	773	10,436
Hoyne Ave.	-	1124	-	838	727	98	1109	-	144	4,040
Roseland	-	34	-	-	-	-	237	-	-	271
CHICAGOLAND										
Broadview	429	1017	328	47	8008	3773	3648	120	996	18,366
Elk Grove	17	287	166	158	1700	3650	2539	141	120	8,778
Oak Lawn	877	1605	700	552	12,348	5640	10369	620	440	33,151
Oak Park	355	554	-	1412	430	-	2714	-	800	6,265
Wheaton	240	428	5975	638	2876	4549	5348	323	1217	21,594
GALESBURG	300	678	207	398	713	957	2232	158	1057	6,700
HOOPESTON	75	349	283	263	802	-	-	833	22	2,627
MOLINE	35	951	67	-	545	-	1247	79	1400	4,324
PEORIA										
Creve Coeur	330	387	-	104	1429	2459	3205	-	650	8,564
First	71	92	-	-	-	-	447	-	670	1,280
PRINCETON	15	364	536	30	1200	683	1111	-	560	4,499
ROCKFORD										
First	295	765	112	260	3836	853	3077	10	520	9,728
Faith	260	567	2230	650	1201	1116	3070	112	800	10,006
WYANET	-	505	-	-	350	101	950	-	250	2,156
TOTALS	3814	10,617	10,604	6421	37,104	23,918	47,492	2396	10,419	152,785

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Item IX. Disbursed for General Budget								
CHURCH	Seminary Foundation Assigned	Seminary Foundation Raised	World Missions Assigned	World Missions Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Brainerd Indian School Assigned	Brainerd Indian School Raised
CHICAGO								
Austin	27.00	27.00	180.00	418.21	22.50	22.50	22.50	27.50
Hoynes Ave.	6.60	6.60	44.00	171.27	5.50	5.50	5.50	15.50
Roseland	4.20	4.20	28.00	40.82	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
CHICAGOLAND								
Broadview	16.50	16.50	110.00	256.85	13.75	13.80	13.75	13.80
Elk Grove	5.70	5.70	38.00	49.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Oak Lawn	22.80	22.80	152.00	1752.49	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Oak Park	9.30	9.30	62.00	68.90	7.75	8.75	7.75	7.75
Wheaton	12.90	12.90	86.00	119.03	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75
GALESBURG	10.20	10.20	68.00	68.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
HOOPESTON	2.40	2.40	16.00	75.94	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.17
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEORIA								
Creve Coeur	8.10	8.10	54.00	54.00	6.75	6.80	6.75	6.80
First	2.45	2.10	14.00	24.63	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
PRINCETON	12.60	12.60	84.00	161.01	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
ROCKFORD								
First	12.90	12.90	86.00	233.38	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75
Faith	4.80	4.80	32.00	118.69	4.00	7.75	4.00	7.75
WYANET	11.40	11.40	76.00	83.30	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50
TOTALS	169.85	169.50	1130.00	3695.52	141.25	146.10	141.25	163.27
Conference Paym.		.32						
Remitted to Denom.		169.85						

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Item IX. Disbursed for General Budget-Continued								
CHURCH	General Church Exten. & Evangelism Assigned	General Church Exten. & Evangelism Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Pension Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised
CHICAGO								
Austin	135.00	135.00	360.00	366.18	315.00	315.00	180.00	180.00
Hoynes Ave.	33.00	55.17	88.00	88.00	77.00	77.00	44.00	44.00
Roseland	22.00	21.00	56.00	56.00	49.00	49.00	28.00	28.00
CHICAGOLAND								
Broadview	82.50	82.50	220.00	220.00	192.50	192.50	110.00	110.00
Elk Grove	28.50	33.50	76.00	79.00	66.50	66.50	38.00	38.00
Oak Lawn	114.00	118.00	304.00	320.79	266.00	266.50	152.00	152.00
Oak Park	46.50	46.50	124.00	137.00	108.50	108.50	62.00	62.00
Wheaton	64.50	70.00	172.00	219.21	150.50	150.50	86.00	86.00
GALESBURG	51.00	52.00	136.00	137.00	119.00	119.00	68.00	68.00
HOOPESTON	12.00	12.00	32.00	32.00	28.00	28.40	16.00	16.00
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEORIA								
Creve Coeur	40.50	40.50	108.00	108.00	94.50	94.50	54.00	54.00
First	10.50	21.00	28.00	32.20	24.50	24.50	14.00	14.00
PRINCETON	63.00	68.00	168.00	169.00	147.00	147.00	84.00	84.00
ROCKFORD								
First	64.50	75.53	172.00	214.45	150.50	150.50	86.00	86.00
Faith	24.00	24.00	64.00	64.00	56.00	56.00	32.00	32.00
WYANET	57.00	44.88	152.00	105.95	133.00	101.19	76.00	76.00
TOTALS	848.50	899.58	2260.00	2348.78	1977.50	1946.09	1130.00	1130.00
Conference Paym.						31.81		
Remitted to Denom.						1977.90		

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Item IX. Disbursed for General Budget - Continued

CHURCH	Board Meeting Expense Assigned	Board Meeting Expense Raised	General Conf. Expense & En- tertainment Assigned	General Conf. Expense & En- tertainment Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
CHICAGO										
Austin	13.50	13.50	45.00	45.00	31.50	36.50	36.50	36.50	1368.50	1622.89
Hoyne Ave.	3.30	3.30	11.00	11.00	7.70	12.70	18.50	18.50	344.10	508.54
Roseland	2.10	2.10	7.00	7.00	4.90	4.90	8.25	8.25	216.45	228.27
CHICAGOLAND										
Broadview	8.25	8.30	27.50	27.50	19.25	19.30	39.00	39.00	853.00	1000.05
Elk Grove	2.85	2.85	9.50	9.50	6.65	11.65	16.25	16.25	297.45	321.45
Oak Lawn	11.40	11.40	38.00	38.00	26.60	26.60	113.25	113.30	1238.05	2859.38
Oak Park	4.65	8.00	15.50	15.50	10.85	7.50	15.00	15.00	473.80	494.70
Wheaton	6.45	6.45	21.50	21.50	15.05	20.05	37.00	37.00	673.40	764.14
GALESBURG	5.10	5.10	17.00	17.00	11.90	11.90	37.75	37.75	540.95	542.95
HOOPESTON	1.20	1.20	4.00	4.00	2.80	7.80	17.00	17.00	135.40	203.91
MOLINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
PEORIA										
Creve Coeur	4.05	4.10	13.50	13.50	9.45	9.50	32.50	32.50	432.10	432.30
First	1.05	1.05	3.50	3.50	2.10	5.00	10.25	10.25	113.85	141.73
PRINCETON	6.30	6.30	21.00	21.00	14.70	19.70	31.25	31.25	652.85	740.86
ROCKFORD										
First	6.45	6.50	21.50	21.50	15.05	15.05	36.25	36.30	672.65	873.61
Faith	2.40	2.40	8.00	8.00	5.60	10.60	19.75	19.75	256.55	355.74
WYANET	5.70	5.70	19.00	19.00	13.30	13.30	22.50	22.50	584.90	502.22
TOTALS	84.75	88.25	282.50	282.50	197.40	232.05	503.50	503.60	8866.50	11,605.24

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Item IX. Disbursed for Conference Budget

CHURCH	Conference Administrative Assigned	Conference Administrative Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Church Exten- sion & Evange- lism Assigned	Conference Church Exten- sion & Evange- lism Raised
CHICAGO						
Austin	650.94	650.94	405.00	405.00	540.00	549.00
Hoyne Ave.	225.12	225.20	99.00	99.00	132.00	170.26
Roseland	177.33	-	63.00	-	84.00	203.50
CHICAGOLAND						
Broadview	769.41	769.50	247.50	247.50	330.00	330.00
Elk Grove	275.82	275.82	85.50	85.50	114.00	119.00
Oak Lawn	1254.42	1254.50	342.00	342.00	456.00	543.60
Oak Park	339.78	339.78	139.50	225.50	186.00	100.00
Wheaton	577.14	597.72	193.50	193.50	258.00	258.00
GALESBURG	327.21	327.21	153.00	153.00	204.00	204.00
HOOPESTON	162.54	164.00	36.00	36.00	48.00	55.00
MOLINE	26.79	26.80	-	-	-	-
PEORIA						
Creve Coeur	267.42	267.50	121.50	121.50	162.00	162.00
First	87.75	87.72	31.50	31.50	42.00	42.00
PRINCETON	283.59	283.59	189.00	189.00	252.00	252.00
ROCKFORD						
First	304.92	305.00	193.50	193.50	258.00	258.00
Faith	293.88	293.88	72.00	72.00	96.00	101.00
WYANET	224.19	224.19	171.00	90.25	228.00	215.30
TOTALS	6248.25	6093.35	2542.50	2484.75	3390.00	3562.66

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Item IX. Disbursed for Conference Budget-Cont.				
CHURCH	Conference Sunday School Work Assigned	Conference Sunday School Work Raised	Pastor's Insurance Assigned	Pastor's Insurance Raised
CHICAGO				
Austin	21.90	21.90	167.00	167.00
Hoyne Ave.	11.10	11.10	77.00	77.00
Roseland	4.95	-	167.00	168.00
CHICAGOLAND				
Broadview	23.40	23.40	167.00	167.00
Elk Grove	9.75	9.75	167.00	167.00
Oak Lawn	67.95	68.00	167.00	183.70
Oak Park	9.00	9.00	167.00	167.00
Wheaton	22.20	22.50	167.00	169.70
GALESBURG	22.65	22.65	167.00	167.00
HOOPESTON	10.20	10.20	167.00	167.00
MOLINE	7.50	7.50	167.00	167.00
PEORIA				
Creve Coeur	19.50	19.50	167.00	167.00
First	6.15	6.15	167.00	167.00
PRINCETON	18.75	18.75	167.00	167.00
ROCKFORD				
First	21.75	21.80	167.00	167.00
Faith	11.85	11.85	167.00	167.00
WYANET	13.50	13.50	167.00	167.00
TOTALS	302.10	297.55	2749.00	2769.40

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Item IX. Disbursed for Conference Budget - Cont.				
CHURCH	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
CHICAGO				
Austin	1784.84	1793.84	3153.34	3416.73
Hoyne Ave.	544.22	582.56	889.32	1091.10
Roseland	496.28	371.50	712.73	599.77
CHICAGOLAND				
Broadview	1537.31	1537.40	2390.31	2537.45
Elk Grove	652.07	657.07	949.52	978.52
Oak Lawn	2287.37	2391.80	3525.42	5251.18
Oak Park	841.28	841.28	1315.08	1335.98
Wheaton	1212.84	1241.42	1891.24	2005.56
GALESBURG	873.86	873.86	1414.81	1416.81
HOOPESTON	423.74	432.20	559.14	636.11
MOLINE	201.29	201.30	213.79	213.80
PEORIA				
Creve Coeur	737.42	737.50	1169.52	1169.80
First	334.40	334.37	448.25	476.10
PRINCETON	910.34	910.34	1563.19	1651.20
ROCKFORD				
First	945.17	945.30	1617.82	1818.91
Faith	640.73	645.73	897.28	1001.47
WYANET	803.69	710.24	1388.59	1212.46
TOTALS	15,231.85	15,207.71	24,098.35	26,812.95

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Item X. Disbursed for Benevolences									
CHURCH	World Missions	Brainerd Indian School	Church Extension & Evang.	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	M.Y.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
CHICAGO									
Austin	3160	-	31	340	90	37	666	745	5069
Hoyne Ave.	292	5	-	-	21	87	-	180	585
Roseland	240	-	-	-	-	203	-	-	443
CHICAGOLAND									
Broadview	-	-	20	-	-	-	106	733	859
Elk Grove	1141	-	-	-	21	-	-	183	1345
Oak Lawn	2976	-	417	430	47	830	-	1015	5715
Oak Park	1603	60	-	-	-	-	-	161	1824
Wheaton	-	-	-	-	-	-	242	1440	1682
GALESBURG	30	-	3	15	-	35	24	-	107
HOOPESTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
MOLINE	37	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	48
PEORIA									
Creve Coeur	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	476	563
First	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	141	154
PRINCETON	172	-	5	-	16	146	57	133	529
ROCKFORD									
First	323	150	67	-	-	59	114	2471	3184
Faith	200	20	3	-	6	-	30	400	659
WYANET	63	165	-	-	27	15	-	206	476
TOTALS	10,242	400	555	787	228	1412	1334	8309	23,267

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Item XI. Disbursed Totals					
CHURCH	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for all purposes.
CHICAGO					
Austin	7,130	10,436	3,417	5,069	26,052
Hoyne Ave.	3,670	4,040	1,091	585	9,386
Roseland	554	271	600	443	1,868
CHICAGOLAND					
Broadview	6,348	18,366	2,537	859	28,110
Elk Grove	5,774	8,778	979	1,345	16,876
Oak Lawn	8,208	33,151	5,251	5,715	52,325
Oak Park	5,326	6,265	1,336	1,824	14,751
Wheaton	6,693	21,594	2,006	1,682	31,975
GALESBURG	3,933	6,700	1,417	107	12,157
HOOPESTON	1,602	2,627	636	25	4,890
MOLINE	-	4,324	214	48	4,586
PEORIA					
Creve Coeur	700	8,564	1,170	563	10,997
First	685	1,280	476	154	2,595
PRINCETON	5,049	4,499	1,651	529	11,728
ROCKFORD					
First	6,207	9,728	1,819	3,184	20,938
Faith	1,838	10,006	1,001	659	13,504
WYANET	3,535	2,156	1,212	476	7,379
TOTALS	67,252	152,785	26,813	23,267	270,117

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Report No. 10

Statistical Committee

Local church statistics and Conference totals are tabulated on the center pages.

Respectfully submitted,

David D. Crail, Chairman

Report No. 11

Conference Treasurer

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND	Receipts	Balance 7/16/65	Total Credits	Total Disbursed	Balance 7/15/66
World Missions	\$ 401.80	\$ -0-	\$401.80	\$ 401.80	\$ -0-
Australia	113.45	-0-	113.45	113.45	-0-
Brainerd	103.95	-0-	103.95	103.95	-0-
Church Ext. & Evang.	662.19	-0-	662.19	662.19	-0-
Administrative	1130.00	-0-	1130.00	1130.00	-0-
General Conference	282.50	-0-	282.50	282.50	-0-
Bd Meeting Exp.	84.90	-0-	84.90	84.90	-0-
Orphanage	199.14	-0-	199.14	199.14	-0-
Education	1877.10	-0-	1877.10	1877.10	-0-
Sunday School	540.85	-0-	540.85	540.85	-0-
Wes. Seminary Fd.	169.50	-0-	169.50	169.50	-0-
Superannuate Pen.	1946.09	-0-	1946.09	1946.09	-0-
Total Gen. Budget	\$7511.47	-0-	\$7511.47	\$ 7511.47	-0-

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE	Total Rec'd	Balance 7/16/65	Total Credits	Total Disbursed	Balance 7/15/66
Con. Work	\$ 3862.37	\$ -577.31	\$3285.06	\$ 3795.02	\$ -509.96
Church Ext.	11994.47	-242.14	11752.33	11222.83	529.50
Sunday School	393.08	180.81	573.89	289.03	284.86
Pastors Insur.	3887.06	-138.71	3748.35	3410.71	337.64
Administrative	6612.35	1236.05	7848.40	6889.60	958.80
Camp Mtg. *	5606.41	1251.09	6857.50	5722.59	1134.91
Loan Fund *	23403.05	6186.94	29589.99	15197.59	14392.40
Escrow *	688.42	96.16	784.58	784.58	-0-
Misc. *	3615.42	83.36	3698.78	3729.13	-30.35
ALL FUNDS TOTALS	\$60062.63	\$ 8076.25	\$68138.88	\$51141.08	\$17097.80
Total Ill. Budget	\$26749.33	\$ 458.70	\$27208.03	\$25607.19	\$ 1600.84
*Total Ill. Non-Bud.	\$33313.30	\$ 7617.55	\$40930.85	\$25433.89	\$15496.96

The books of the Conference Treasurer have been audited by Accountant Ronald C. Hanzelin. The findings of said auditor are attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Friske, Treasurer

Report No. 12

Director of Christian Youth Crusade

My Dear Fellow Workers: As the temperature and humidity soar and the noises of restless youth even now reach my ears, a desperate feeling comes to heart and mind. Our city churches are facing a very unique ministry. How can we reach the young folks in these city environments for Jesus Christ?

The 30 restless young people on selected street corners of any evening are seeking attention. "Look at me," they say by their posture. "Look at me," crys their distinctive dress. "Look at me," their adult imitations call. Do they wish only to be looked at? No, they crave love. Unfortunately, the only love they've known is the indifferent home life. The ugly home life that comes with uncontrolled sin or care-less parents.

This is not the only "Instruction in love", they find. The love portrayed in the films today - in the magazines on every stand por-trays a thrill they seek, and find, but it doesn't satisfy - ask them!

How do we reach them? LOVE THEM! Don't condemn them; the Lord didn't. Befriend them; the Lord did. Have compassion toward them; the Lord did.

Our suburban and rural youth are not exempt from the call of the World. They are not ignoring it either! Often times the situation is much more alarming and unchecked in these areas because there are only two in that parked car on the lonely road. Or, just four on the corner wanting something to do. They, because of their numbers are ignored until the robbery is discovered, or the murder uncovered.

From the reports reaching me, our churches are doing well, but not completing the work that so desperately needing our attention. I trust that each of us will pray that the challenging Spirit of the Christ of Love will grip our lives and hearts until we love these teens to LIFE...not death.

Following is, as accurate as possible, a true picture of the out-reach of our churches by way of the week day club programs, both or-ganized and un-organized.

Austin:	Pioneer	Pilgrims	20	85
	Girls	Colonists	20	
		Explorers,	10	
	Christian	Stockade	12	
	Service	Battalion	15	
	Brigade	"Crusaders"		
		(Unorgan)	<u>8</u>	
Broadview:	Pioneer	Pilgrims	17	55
	Girls	Colonists	8	
	Christian	Stockade	20	
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion	<u>10</u>	
Elk Grove Vill:	Christian	Stockade		20
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion		
Galesburg:	Christian	Cadets & Herald	30	38
	Youth Cr.	Jr Hi Crusaders	<u>8</u>	
Rockford Faith:	Pioneer Girls Guides in			
	Preparation			
Chicago-Hoyne Ave:	Bible study groups twice weekly		18	18
Oak Lawn	Pioneer	Pilgrims	35	117
	Girls	Colonists	20	
	Christian	Stockade	45	
	Ser. Brg.	Battalion	<u>17</u>	
Rockford First:	Junior Youth	Unorganized		15
	Boys		6	
	Girls		<u>9</u>	
Wheaton		Boys	16	22
		Girls	<u>6</u>	
DeKalb	Christian	Cadet	1	2
	Youth	Herald	<u>1</u>	
	Crusaders			

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Wells

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C. Peace

The Bible tells us to strive to live peaceably with all men. However, we also believe that the Bible indicates that Christians bear a responsibility to assist in the defense of our nation. Though we oppose wars of aggression, we concede the need for military defense and assistance to weak nations when they are attacked by others. We do not accept the philosophy of "Peace at any cost." Furthermore we believe that it is the duty of all Christians to seek earnestly the defeat of all expressions of evil until the Second Coming of Christ.

D. Poverty

Even though Christ said, "Ye have the poor always with you," it is the duty of Christians to minister to the physical needs of men as well as to their spiritual needs. We believe it is the duty of man to labor honestly to provide for the needs of his family and himself, in so far as possible. We also believe that the labourer is worthy of his hire and should be paid fairly for the value of his labor.

E. Population

The population explosion is a matter of serious concern for the church. Our main burden must be to evangelize the growing multitudes for Christ. We do believe that information on family planning should be made available for all who need it, but that the decision to use it must be a matter for individual conscience.

F. Race Relations

Let it be recorded that we believe in the rights of all Americans to equal citizenship regardless of race or color. We also believe that the right of equality of opportunity implies equality of responsibility and demands equal part in fulfilling the duties of full citizenship. We defend the right of every citizen to choose where he shall live. We also defend the right of a citizen to lawfully dispose of his property as he chooses. We frankly admit that the very real differences in cultural background between the races present a deep challenge to our Christian love and understanding. Only a determined effort gendered by a spirit of true Christian love can overcome the divisive and hate-producing factors incumbent in these differences. We decry and vehemently oppose the use of violence and civil disobedience as methods of overcoming racial inequities. We applaud the efforts of those seeking to resolve these problems by due process of law or by other lawful and constructive means. It is our position that people of all races who meet the requirements of the Discipline shall be accepted into the fellowship of our churches.

II. Morality

A. Self Control

1. Moderation--In all legitimate areas of activity such as labor, leisure and diet, we affirm the scriptural standard of moderation. In dress we call for attractive modesty.
2. Abstinence--Since the use of beverage alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics is harmful to the body and leads to social decadence, and believing that the Scriptures demand physical and moral purity, we maintain our traditional position of total abstinence from these habits.

B. Marriage

We call upon our people to hold in reverence the marriage bond and for all to respect the home as a God-given institution basic to our society. We hold that the marriage vows are a pledge before God intended to be binding for life. However, we also recognize that divorce is a growing phenomenon in our society. We oppose divorce as a method of solving marital problems, and urge those whose marriages are troubled to seek guidance from qualified marriage counselors. We also believe that in cases where divorce and remarriage has occurred, that those whom God forgives, we also ought to forgive. We affirm the right of married

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C. Public Communications

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We recommend that the standing committee on Social Action implement the publication and propagation of this report. We suggest that it be offered to The Wesleyan Methodist for use, that it be posted on each of our church bulletin boards, that it be read in a public service on a Sunday designated by each Pastor as Social Responsibility Sunday, and where it is deemed helpful, that it be offered to local papers for publication. We further recommend that the standing committee make available the names and addresses of appropriate Senators and Representatives, both state and national; the addresses of television stations, radio stations, and of other such sources as might be appropriate to receive expressed support or opposition to issues of social or moral concern.

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Report No. 22

Trustees of Marion College

We the undersigned Trustees of Marion College report that the operation of our area college under the direction of the only college board in the Denomination that owns and operates its area college (the other colleges are operated under a local board of trustees under the direction of the Board of Administration) has been functionally sound and has proved the wisdom of the new provisions of the Discipline. One of the distinct advantages gained is that direct control and oversight has contributed to the confidence in the college by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This confidence, enhanced by the report of the Self-Study prepared by the faculty and presented to the accrediting association by the President and Dean of the college, led to full accreditation last March 30. This action led to great rejoicing across our constituency and to public meeting and celebration in Marion.

Financially, this has been a good year. Student income exceeded our budget demands due to high enrollment this past year. Total income was \$453,387 in 1964-65. In 1965-66 it was \$555,399, largely due to an increase in income from students rising from 272,234 to 378,807.

The new \$560,000 (fully equipped cost) Library building is completed and will be occupied this fall. It is an outstanding addition to the campus and contributed greatly to North Central's accreditation of our institution. A planning committee is working diligently at the present time on plans for a new \$500,000 Science building with 10 laboratories, 10 classrooms and a museum to be erected across the lawn north of the old library building which is being remodelled into a Student Center.

We are happy to report that our Educational Budget was paid in full by our churches. Our Educational Secretary, Rev. David L. Castro, has worked hard to promote the interest of our college within the bounds of the Conference. As reported by him, Marion College Invasion Day in March placed college administrative and faculty personnel in our churches for the promotion of student enrollment and financial support.

Personally, Trustee Bray served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Development Committee of the college, necessitating six trips to the campus and frequent correspondence and telephone communication. He was charged with the responsibility of assisting President Goodman in selecting a public relations development counselors firm to analyse the needs of the college and promote the development of the institution. The Chicago firm of Gonser, Gerber, Tinker, Stuhr and Hale was chosen and have been of much assistance. In concert with President Goodman he attended a development seminary in Chicago this past winter.

Trustee Mould has served as a member of the Educational Policy committee and has attended the meetings of his committee and the meetings of the full Board which met at the same time.

William F. Tice of Rockford, one of our esteemed laymen, is also a trustee of Marion College, but is on the Board by virtue of representing the Board of Administration, of which he a member, and not as a representative of our Conference. However, he does reflect our views since he has so long been part of our advancing program.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Bray
Richard T. Mould

Report No. 23

General Conference Delegates

We, your duly elected delegates to the 1966 Session of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held in Houghton, New York, from June 14 to 19, report as follows:

1. We represented our Conference as faithfully as we knew how and voted for merger with the Pilgrim Holiness Church in accord with your

previously expressed vote on approving merger in principle with other bodies of like precious faith. This was the sentiment of other delegates because merger with the Pilgrims was approved by a vote of 130 for and 33 against. Merger with the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada (Wesleyan-Arminian group) was approved 145 votes unanimously. The Pilgrims approved merger in their General Conference by a vote of 229/73. The Reformed Baptists voted to unite with the Wesleyans by an 85% vote. We note that the vote in our Illinois churches has been completed with 86% approval, making us the first annual conference in the denomination to render a final decision on merger.

2. Since the full report of the General Conference has appeared in The Wesleyan Methodist we will not repeat it here but will add that the spirit of unity among brethren was outstanding. Never have we seen Wesleyans stand almost as one man on vital issues again and again. In the face of defiance of church authority by the Allegheny and Tennessee Conferences and similar sentiment in some other Conferences, the brethren closed ranks and stood with the Denomination and its leaders. Delegate Bray served as secretary of the Special Committee of Fifteen that was elected to adjudicate the charges against the dissident conferences. Delegate Tice served long hours as a member of the Board of Administration which met daily as the Committee on Memorials, which screened and recommended for passage changes or additions to the Discipline. The adoption of an inclusive Pension Plan for all ministers under appointment was an outstanding achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Bray
William F. Tice

Report No. 24

Pastoral Relations Committee

Conference President.....Rev. Arthur L. Bray

CHICAGO

Austin.....Rev. Roy E. Crawford
Hoynes Ave.....Rev. Joseph E. Larakers
Assistant..Rev. Robert E. Browne

CHICAGOLAND

Broadview.....Rev. Robert W. Klatt
Elk Grove Village.....Rev. David D. Crail
Assistant..Rev. Philip S. Crail
Oak Lawn.....Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Oak Park.....Rev. Stanley Hill
Wheaton.....Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart
Assistant..Rev. David L. Castro
GALESBURG.....Rev. Meredith J. Baillie
HOOPESTON.....Rev. Vernon W. Swanson
MOLINE HERITAGE.....Rev. Roy M. Gibbs
Assistant..Rev. Arthur P. Minnaugh

PEORIA

Creve Coeur.....Rev. Arlyn P. Jones
First.....Hands of President
PRINCETON.....Rev. Carl E. Olander

ROCKFORD

First.....Rev. Orland L. Johnson
Faith.....Rev. Leigh F. Nygard

WYANET

(In last meeting, Conference approved
President's recommendation and appointed) Rev. Carl E. Olander

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain-Intern at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago.....	Rev. William L. Killian
Associate Professor of Bible, Houghton College.....	Rev. Irwin W. Reist
Conference Treasurer.....	Rev. John C. Friske
Furloughed Missionary to Japan serving under the Oriental Missionary Society.....	Rev. Francis A. Davis
Dean of Moody Missionary Aviation School.....	Rev. Edward W. Wheeler
Missionary elect to Spain under Greater Europe Mission.....	Rev. Richard P. Johnson
Completing his Masters program at Wheaton.....	Rev. Herbert Apel
Attending Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.....	Rev. George W. Hood
Returned to their Quarterly Conference.....	Rev. Roger Reed Rev. Clarence McCarty Rev. Mrs. C. C. McCarty
Withdrawn from the Denomination (at his own request).....	Rev. Carl Unger
Superannuated Elders.....	Rev. Thomas Baillie Rev. Mrs. Thomas Baillie
Unstationed Elder.....	Rev. Samuel T. Long
Withdrawn from the Ministry.....	Rev. Daren C. Durey

RECOGNITION OF LAY MISSIONARIES

Furloughed Missionaries to Mexico serving under Wycliffe Bible Trans.....	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Murray of Rockford First
Furloughed Missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa.....	Mary Jane Holcomb of Chicago-Austin
Under Appointment to J.A.A.R.S. (Missionary Aviation).....	Mr. Henry Cook Mrs. Elsie Cook

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Forrest J. Gearhart
Arlyn P. Jones, Secretary
Arthur P. Mimnaugh
James Meadows,
James Ocheltree
Cully Parsons

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OFTHE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 28 - 30, 1966.

President: Mrs. Rachel Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Ill.
 Vice President: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago, Ill.
 Secretary: Mrs. Linda Castro, 820-B Crescent, Apt. #5, Wheaton, Ill.
 Treasurer: Mrs. Barbara Crail, 546 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, Ill.
 Y.M.W.B. Superintendent: Mrs. Jean Mould, 412 Crestlane, Washington, Ill.
 Literature Secretary: Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Box 643, Sheffield, Ill.
 Mission Study Secretary: Mrs. Eunice Friske, 2310 S. 11th Ave. Broadview, Ill.
 Magazine Solicitor: Mrs. Mary Priest, 604 Belleforte, Oak Park, Ill.
 Statistical Chairman: Mrs. Judy Nygard, 7605 Harrison Ave. Rockford, Ill.
 Women's World Fellowship Secretary: Mrs. Vera Klatt, 1105 S. 6th Ave. Maywood, Ill.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES AND PRESIDENTS FOR 1966-1967

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>KEY CODE</u>	
CHICAGO		
Austin	1	Mrs. Ethel Page, 5109 W. Concord Pl., Chicago, Ill.
Hoyne Ave.	5	Miss Franchon Pattee, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago, Ill.
CHICAGOLAND		
Broadview	6	Mrs. Vera Klatt, 1105 S. 6th Ave. Maywood, Ill.
Elk Grove	17	Mrs. Sarah Blare, 3405 Peacock Lane, Rolling Meadows, Ill.
Oak Lawn	7	Mrs. Gertrude Coulter, 9547 S. 89th, Palos Hills, Ill.
Oak Park	8	Mrs. Bernice Senger, 528 N. Marion, Oak Park, Ill.
Wheaton	16	Mrs. Linda Castro, 820-B Crescent, Apt. #5, Wheaton, Ill.
GALESBURG	3	Mrs. May Bailie, 875 N. Farnham, Galesburg, Ill.
HOOPESTON	4	Mrs. Peggy Swanson, 526 E. Thompson Ave., Hoopeton, Ill.
PEORIA		
Creve Coeur	2	Mrs. Mona Devall, 244 Thorncrest, Creve Coeur, Ill.
First	9	Mrs. Ivanele McCarty, Box 643, Sheffield, Ill.
PRINCETON	10	Mrs. Maymie Langstrom, R.R.#5, Princeton, Ill.
ROCKFORD		
First	11	Mrs. Helen Conkling, 3895 Christopher Drive, Rockford, Ill.
Faith	15	Mrs. Opal Bradley, 3724 Tennessee, Rockford, Ill.
WYANET	14	

1966 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

CHICAGO		
Austin		Miss Mary McNeely
Hoyne Ave.		Mrs. Marie Mazeikis
CHICAGOLAND		
Broadview		Mrs. Monica Wood
Elk Grove		Mrs. Barbara Butcher
Oak Lawn		Mrs. Barbara Peacock
Oak Park		None
Wheaton		Mrs. Melba Nixon
GALESBURG		None
HOOPESTON		Mrs. Lillie McBride
PEORIA		
Creve Coeur		Mrs. Alice Sims
First		None
PRINCETON		Mrs. Ethlyn Elkins
ROCKFORD		
First		Mrs. Mary Blood
Faith		Mrs. Mary Lou Scamihorn
WYANET		Mrs. Lou Edlin

STANDING RULES:

1. Orders of the Day Committee. Resolved: That the Executive Committee shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.
2. Nominating Committee. Resolved: That the Executive Committee shall be a nominating committee to nominate conference session committees before each annual session.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting. 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 1966.

1. Opening: The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its Seventeenth Annual Session in Wesley Hall at Camp Epworth, near Belvidere, Illinois, with the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. Mrs. Judy Nygard led in opening prayer. Mrs. Vera Klatt led in singing "Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling."

2. Committees: The report of the Executive Committee nominating the members of the various committees was read and adopted: Nominating Committee: Vera Klatt, Chairman, Bernice Senger, Opal Bradley. Plan of Work: Ann Gearhart, Chairman, Marge Zuhl, Fanchon Pattee, Barbara Butcher, Geneva Benedict, Laverne Geniuk, Lillie McBride, Monica Wood. Post Office: Helen Conkling, Chairman, May Bailie, Mary Priest. Communications: Peg Swanson, Chairman, Mary Blood, Sharon McCarty. Music: Alice Sims, Mary Lou Scamihorn. Hospitality: Linda Castro, Barbara Crail. Poster: Marie Mazeikis, Chairman, Velma Moore, Mona Devall. Poster Judges: Stan Hill, Herbert Taylor, Clinton Butcher. Reporter: Linda Castro. Work Assignment: Barbara Peacock and Joaquin Crawford. Courtesy: Melba Nixon, Jean Mould. Counting Tellers: Ivanelle McCarty, Ethlyn Elkins. Distributing Tellers: Lou Edlin, Mary McNeely. Devotional Chairman: Joaquin Crawford.

3. Roll Call: The roll was taken and the local presidents and delegates answered and were seated within the bar.

4. Bar of Conference: The first four rows of seats were designated as the bar of conference.

5. Orders of the Day: The report of the Committee on the Orders of the Day was presented and adopted. (See Report No. 1)

6. President's Report: Mrs. Ann Gearhart, vice president, assumed the chair while Mrs. Rachel Bray read the report of the W.M.S. Conference President. The report was approved with a vote of appreciation for her work. (See Report No. 2)

7. Literature Secretary: The report of the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bailie, was read and approved. (See Report No. 3)

8. Woman's World Fellowship Secretary: The report of the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, was read and approved. (See Report No. 4)

9. Prayer Item: Each person was given the name of a missionary child for which to pray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led us in prayer.

10. Y.M.W.B. Superintendent: The report of the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Jean Mould, was read and received subject to the auditor's report. (See Report No. 5)

11. Introductions: Each person identified herself by giving her name, church, and W.M.S. responsibility.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Second Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 29, 1966

13. Opening: The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Peggy Swanson led in singing.
14. Courtesy Committee: The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Elsie Cook, Elk Grove Village. She led in devotions from Mark 6:45-51.
15. Roll Call: The roll was taken and the delegates were seated within the bar.
16. Minutes: The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved.
17. Executive Committee: The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 6)
18. Plan of Work: The Plan of Work was discussed and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 7)
19. Gratitude: Special words of appreciation were expressed to members of the Rockford churches for assisting in preparation of the conference grounds for these annual activities.
20. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by prevailing motion.

Third Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1966

21. Opening: The meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Bernice Senger led in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed." Devotions were given by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.
22. Courtesy Committee: The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Linda Killian, Wilmore, Kentucky, and Mrs. Martha Davis, Tokyo, Japan. They brought words of greeting.
23. Roll Call: The roll was taken and the delegates were seated within the bar.
24. Minutes: The minutes of the second meeting were read and approved.
25. Mission Study Secretary: Mrs. Eunice Friske gave the Mission Study Secretary's report. It was read and accepted. (See Report No. 8)
26. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee report was read and received. (See Report No. 9)
27. Election of Officers: The following were elected by individual ballot as Conference Officers for 1966-67: President: Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford; Secretary: Mrs. Linda Castro; Treasurer: Mrs. Barbara Crail; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent: Mrs. Jean Mould; Literature Secretary: Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty; Reading Course Secretary: Mrs. Eunice Friske; Magazine Solicitor: Mrs. Mary Priest; Statistical Chairman: Mrs. Judy Nygard.
28. Auditor's Report: The reports of the auditors were read and accepted. (See Report No. 10 & 11)
29. Statistical Chairman: The report of the Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Judy Nygard, was read and approved. (See Report No. 12)
30. Treasurer's Report: The Conference received the Treasurer's report of Mrs. Barbara Crail with a rising vote of thanks to God for His bountiful blessing. (See Report No. 13)
31. Post Office Report: The report of the Post Office Committee was read and accepted.
32. Adjournment: We adjourned by vote.

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Illinois Conference
W.M.S.

Fourth Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1966

We had a showing of the Missionary film strips purchased by the W.M.S. for the Y.M.W.B.

Fifth Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 1966

33. Opening: The meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. Vera Klatt led in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee." Prayer was offered by Mr. Herbert Taylor.

34. Courtesy Committee: The Courtesy Committee presented Dr. and Mrs. George E. Failing, Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist publication. They both brought words of greeting.

35. Poster Committee Judges: Mr. Herbert Taylor explained the procedure of how the posters were judged.

36. Devotions: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in devotions paralleling our lives as the lighthouses of the world.

37. Banner Societies: The following societies were presented banners in recognition of their honor achievements during this past year: Austin: 94; Rockford First: 93; Faith: 91; Wheaton: 90; Oak Lawn: 89; Hoyne Ave: 88; Princeton: 86; Galesburg: 85; Oak Park: 85..

38. Communications Committee: The Communications Committee report was read and received. (See Report No. 14)

39. Magazine Solicitor: The report of the Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mary Priest, was read and received. (See Report No. 15)

40. Poster Committee: The report of the Poster committee was read and accepted. (See Report No. 16)

41. Woman's World Fellowship Secretary: Mrs. Vera Klatt was appointed Woman's World Fellowship Secretary by the Executive Council.

42. Goals: Each local society presented their goal of financial achievement for the coming year.

43. Gift of Appreciation: The Conference body presented Mrs. Rachel Bray with a donation of money for her labors of love. Mrs. Bray expressed her appreciation.

44. Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work: The Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work was read and accepted. (See Report No. 17)

45. Adjournment: By prevailing motion we adjourned sine die.

W. M. S. REPORTS

Report No. 1

Orders of the Day

Thursday, July 28, 1:30 p.m., 1966 Communion Service and Conference Sermon in Joint Session with Annual Conference. First meeting in Missionary Chapel, 2:45 p.m., Report of Committee on Conference Committees; Roll Call; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; Report of Conference W.M.S. President; Report of the Mission Study Secretary; Report of the Magazine Solicitor; Report of the Literature Secretary; Report of the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary; Special in Song; Auditor's Report; Executive Committee Report; Report of the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

Thursday evening: Committees convene for work.

Second Meeting, Friday, July 29, 9:30 a.m. Devotions arranged by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford; Report of the Plan of Work Committee; Special in Song; Report of the Nominating Committee; Election of Conference Officers; Reports of Conference Committees; Report of Statistical Committee.

Third Meeting, Friday, July 29, 1:30 p.m. Devotions arranged by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford; Report of the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer; Reports of Local W. M. S. Financial Goals; Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment.

Friday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. Showing of missionary film strips. Everyone not in Annual Conference is invited to attend this showing in Missionary Chapel.

Fourth Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. Workshop Schedule. W.M.S. Presidents, 9:00-10:00 am; Y.M.W.B. Superintendents, 10:15 am until done; Mission Study & W. W. F., 10:15-11:15 am; Local Treasurers and Statistical Chairman, 1:30-2:30 pm; Magazine Solicitors, 2:30-3:30 pm.

Public Missionary Service, Sunday July 31, 2:30 p.m. Missionary message from the Rev. Paul Dekker, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Public Young Missionary Workers Band Service, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., during the opening part of the evening Camp Meeting service. The children at Camp will be featured in a presentation of their Y.M.W.B. activities.

Respectfully submitted,

The W.M.S. Executive Committee

Report No. 2

Conference W.M.S. President

As the curtain has fallen on another conference year, we say once more with the song writer, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Surely He has inspired us, given many victories and made it possible for us to give you the good report we present this year.

Promotion: Missionary tours were promoted featuring the Rev. John Putney, Columbia, South America, in November and Miss Esther Smeege, Sierra Leone, West Africa, in May. We appreciate the good response to the "Side Walks for Hephzibah" campaign, our conference project. Our goal was \$451.00 and a total of \$408.00 was received.

Activities: 1. Camp Board - As a member of the camp board I met twice in the making of plans for our conference and camp meeting. 2. The Conference W.M.S. Executive Board has met twice also. 3. Many letters and phone calls were made in the interest of the conference work.

Visitation: It has been my privilege to visit fourteen of the local societies. Peoria joined with the Creve Coeur church, thus we had contact with all of the societies. We had some part in each program. It was a thrill to meet with you and get better acquainted with our conference family.

General Conference: It was indeed a joy for your delegate, Ann Gearhart, and I to represent you at General Conference in Houghton, New York, in June. Our hearts were thrilled as we heard of the wonderful way in which the Lord has blessed this last triennium. We rejoiced together as we noted the report of annual average funds raised for the three-year period was \$430,994.00 as compared with \$353,643.00 for the previous quadrennium. To God be the Glory!

Many of our faithful missionaries were presented to us. We were inspired to continue to promote missionary interest here in the home land so that they might go back to their field of labor to preach Christ in our stead.

<u>Statistics:</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Membership	263	273
Honorary	91	115
Magazines Subsc.	369	353
Total Receipts	\$11,398.80	\$7,762.88

My personal testimony is that I have experienced that "He is able to do exceedingly above all we would ask or think." I love Him and His cause supremely.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bray, W.M.S. President

Report No. 3

Literature Secretary

Financial Report of Bookstand for 1965:

Inventory on hand \$ 1.61

RECEIPTS:

Wesley Press Consign.	69.36
Nelson Bkst. Consign.	122.17
A.L.Bray's Commentaries	188.00
Teen Tune Record	3.98
Total Receipts	\$ 385.16

DISBURSEMENTS:

Wesley Press	\$ 55.49
Nelson's Bkst.	92.00
A. L. Bray	188.00
R. Crawford (record)	3.98
Loss on Sales	5.16
Expenses	4.17
1964 Invent. Sales	1.02
Total Disbursed	\$ 350.41
Profits to Conf. Extension	34.17
Inventory on hand	.58
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 385.16

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bailie, Literature Secretary

Report No. 4

Woman's World Fellowship Secretary

May each of us praise the Lord for the opportunity to share in the Woman's World Fellowship; a fellowship which has caused us to pray for the needs at home as well as around the world, to study and memorize The Word, and to tell others of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to thank each local secretary for your labors in your church.

The report for this conference year is as follows:

Number of societies reporting.....	100%
Number of prayer circles.....	18
Number of prayer partners.....	283
Number of World Missionaries Chosen.....	317
Number signing WWF Covenant.....	92
Number participating in Bible Study.....	90
Number of Societies observing monthly prayer & fast.....	5
Number of YMWB Prayer Partners.....	190

Respectfully submitted,

Joaquin Crawford, Secretary

Report No. 5

Y.M.W.B. Statistical Report

(See following page for report.)

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Mould
Y.M.W.B. Superintendent

Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Membership	Meetings	Efficiency Rating	World Missions	Church Extension	Education
CHICAGO								
Austin	16	67	83	12	100%	170.66	-	6.18
Hoyne Ave.	20	10	30	13	100%	48.60	2.17	9.99
Roseland	-	-	-	-	-	2.63	-	-
CHICAGOLAND								
Broadview	26	85	111	12	80%	74.40	-	-
Elk Grove	9	5	14	12	60%	7.78	-	2.00
Oak Lawn	32	34	66	13	90%	73.00	-	7.00
Oak Park	5	4	9	7	30%	14.85	-	1.00
Wheaton	4	37	41	11	75%	27.07	-	47.21
GALESBURG	18	11	29	12	90%	22.16	-	1.00
HOOPESTON	4	6	10	12	75%	6.98	-	3.00
MOLINE	15	-	15	12	100%	23.38	-	2.25
PEORIA-First	3	5	8	9	40%	7.19	-	1.00
Creve Coeur	16	12	28	12	100%	51.87	-	2.42
PRINCETON	16	51	67	12	85%	55.91	-	1.00
ROCKFORD								
First	33	33	66	13	100%	110.38	-	12.45
Faith	17	20	37	12	70%	30.59	-	-
WYANET	17	44	61	12	80%	59.45	-	3.51
TOTALS	251	424	675	186	80%	786.90	2.17	100.01

Disbursements							
CHURCH	Hephzibah	Other	Special Projects World Missions	Special Projects Church Extension	TOTAL BAND CREDIT	Non-Credit	GRAND TOTAL
CHICAGO							
Austin	-	-	31.66	62.58	271.08	2.49	273.57
Hoyne Ave.	-	-	25.00	37.71	121.47	-	121.47
Roseland	-	-	-	-	2.63	-	2.63
CHICAGOLAND							
Broadview	-	-	9.25	8.10	91.75	3.33	95.08
Elk Grove	-	-	3.25	1.00	14.03	1.39	15.42
Oak Lawn	-	-	11.85	21.36	113.21	1.98	115.19
Oak Park	-	-	1.00	1.00	17.85	.15	18.00
Wheaton	-	-	3.22	3.59	81.09	1.23	82.32
GALESBURG	-	-	4.00	3.00	30.16	.87	31.03
HOOPESTON	-	-	.40	4.00	14.38	.30	14.68
MOLINE	-	-	9.02	9.00	43.65	.45	44.10
PEORIA-First	-	-	1.69	2.50	12.38	.24	12.62
Creve Coeur	-	-	16.60	14.43	85.32	.84	86.16
PRINCETON	-	-	6.57	10.47	73.95	2.07	76.02
ROCKFORD							
First	-	-	25.00	25.00	172.83	1.98	174.81
Faith	-	-	9.28	7.07	46.94	1.05	47.99
WYANET	-	-	18.50	14.49	95.95	1.89	97.84
TOTALS	-	-	176.29	225.30	1288.67	20.26	1308.93

Report No. 6

Executive Committee

We, the Executive Committee recommend:

1. That the cash and pledges made in the public Missionary Rally go for our educational needs in Sierra Leone, West Africa. This will apply on World Mission budget.
2. That the expenses, not to exceed \$25.00, of the Missionary, Rev. Paul Dekker, be paid from the Administrative Fund.
3. That each society present its total financial goal for the year at the Conference session.
4. That substantial offerings be given for outfitting the Henry Cook family, members of the Elk Grove Village Church, who will be working with the Wycliffe Translators.
5. That all conference officers be elected by individual ballot.
6. That honor roll societies be given a banner annually in recognition of their achievement and these banners returned to conference each year.
7. That the local church be encouraged to invite Mary Holcomb to their church at her convenience and contribute to her needs as she returns to the field.
8. That we have a conference Wesleyan Missionary Magazine contest and that it be included in the Plan of Work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bray, Chairman
Ann Gearhart
Linda Castro
Barbara Crail
Jean Mould

Report No. 7

Plan of Work Committee

It is recommended that the LOCAL W.M.S.--

I. INFORMATION

A. Wesleyan Missionary

Credit Pts.

1. Participate in Wesleyan Missionary subscription campaign month. 3
2. Have the equivalent of at least 75% of active society membership (and including all executive officers) as subscribers. 4
3. Solicitor achieve a net gain in subscriptions, striving to secure all renewals and using assigned conference church key and zip codes when remitting subscriptions to Wesley Press. (See also Reports under Organization.) 5

B. Other Literature

1. Provide a missionary library adding at least the reading course books each year. 2
2. Have the equivalent of at least 10% of the active membership read all the reading course books annually. 2
3. Subscribe to and use The Guide as program source material. 2
4. Reading course secretary promote the reading course and circulate books. (See also Reports under Organization.) 2

C. Conventions

1. Sponsor a local annual missionary convention which may be the round-robin type, rotating a team of speakers among several cooperating churches. Or participate in conference-sponsored deputational tour. 3

D. Posters

1. Participate in Conference-sponsored poster display in accordance with specifications in W. M. S. Manual. 2

II. DEVOTIONA. Fast and Prayer Day

1. Observe a monthly day of fasting and prayer in the interest of Wesleyan World Missions and Church Extension. (Minimum of 10).

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B. Women's World Fellowship

1. WWF secretary promote the general WWF program, namely, prayer circles and neighborhood or other Bible studies (preferably on Tuesdays), and witnessing.
2. WWF secretary encourage each member (active and honorary) to choose a world missionary partner and earnestly support him by prayer daily throughout the year.
3. WWF secretary urge each member to use, in daily prayer, the monthly prayer calendar page and the listing of national workers in the July-August Wesleyan Missionary.

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III. SERVICEA. Community Missions

1. Participate in Community Missions at least during March (Focus Month) conducting, under the supervision of the Vice President, an aggressive soul-winning campaign, with tract and Scripture distribution.
2. Engage in community relief work, under the supervision of the work director, (food or clothing), reporting same according to conference recommendations.

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B. Extended Outreach (Also under supervision of the Work Director)

1. Inquire into needs of Hephzibah Children's Home and send supplies and/or coupons, and/or trading stamps.
2. Assist Wesleyan Indian Missions or World Relief Commission of the NAE as suggested in WMS Manual, with reusable clothing and/or cash sent through regular channels, or give clothing to other worthy outlets.
3. Collect and send commemorative and foreign stamps to American Bible Society as suggested in WMS Manual.

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IV. FINANCE (See WMS Manual, for instruction on approved methods of fund raising.)A. Operations

1. Raise and remit to conference WMS Treasurer by conference fiscal date line:

Dues per member	\$1	
Conference Working Fund	As assessed	
General Church Extension (Budget Credit)	\$5 or more	2
Hephzibah (budget credit)	\$5 or more	2
Medical Missions	\$3 or more	2
Self-Denial Offering		2
White Gift Christmas Offering		2
Educational Offering		2
Mission Equipment (dime strips)		2
American Bible Society (through regular channels)		2
2. Encourage Card Call participation
3. Set reasonable amount to be raised during year for World Missions general fund and/or Church Extension and Evangelism general fund, attaining goal and remitting same to conference WMS Treasurer.
4. Adopt approved World Missions and/or Church Extension and/or Educational project(s), set and attain reasonable goal for year and remit same to conference WMS treasurer. (This may be participation in a conference project for the above departments.)
5. Make financial provision for president, (or vice president), delegate, and YMWB Superintendent to attend conference.

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B. Gains

1. Show an increase in cash receipts grand total.

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V. ORGANIZATION

A. Meetings

1. Have a minimum of 10 meetings during the year at which time the missionary challenge is presented and business transacted. 2
2. Arrange with pastor and hold one missionary prayer meeting for entire church each month. (minimum 10) 2
3. Officers hold an annual planning session, preferably before the first meeting after conference, at which they will decide methods and times for carrying out the "local" section of the Plan of Work and the Conference plan of work. 2

B. Membership

Show gain in membership. 3

C. Reports

1. Send annual statistical report to conference statistician before date-line set by conference. 2
2. Executive committee assess rating of local society by this Plan of Work and report same on annual statistical blank. (All items are to be reckoned according to conference fiscal dates.) 2
3. Wesleyan Missionary solicitor submit reports to conference (or district) solicitor at close of each quarter using report cards provided. 2
4. Reading course secretary report to conference reading course secretary by January 15. 2
5. WWF secretary report to conference WWF secretary at end of fiscal year. 2

D. Representation

1. Elect delegate who shall attend conference. 2
2. Have newly elected president (or vice president if necessary) attend conference. 2
3. Have YMWB superintendent attend Conference. 2

Total 100
Honor Roll 85

We further recommend that:

A. Organizational recommendation:

1. That young people be encouraged to attend missionary meetings and participate when possible, or baby sit for young mothers.
2. That each society formulate a poster committee to promote more interest and participation in conference sponsored poster display, and that the instructions in the handbook be followed carefully.
3. That a Missionary Magazine Contest be promoted with the winner to be determined by the following:
 - a. 50 points for at least 10% gain in magazine subscriptions over reported subscriptions in 1966 minutes.
 - b. 10 points quarterly for reporting quarterly on time (10 days following close of quarter), (possible 40 pts).
 - c. 10 points per month for $\frac{1}{2}$ active membership or equivalent thereof for reading at least 6 articles per month for a total of 10 months and reporting quarterly. (100 possible pts.)
 - d. 10 points for consistent promotion of use of prayer calendar in family devotions. (possible 10 pts.)
4. That honor roll societies be given a banner annually in recognition of their achievement, to be returned each year at conference.
5. That each society plan programs to encourage each member to become involved in active participation.
6. That bandages be made and sent to Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago, Ill.
7. That we continue to stress community missions or other missions in your area.

B. Finances:

1. That the remittances to the conference treasurer be post-marked by the 5th of October, January, April and July.
2. That the cash and pledges made in the public missionary

- rally go for our educational needs in Sierre Leone, West Africa, which will apply on world mission budget.
3. \$5.00 be paid by each society for the travel expenses of the missionary tour.
 4. Budget
 - a. an offering be taken for general church extension and evangelism.
 - b. price of a meal from monthly WWF "prayer and fast" day for conference extension.
 - c. Penny-a-meal offerings for world missions.
 5. Non-budget
 - a. \$.60 per member conference working fund
 - b. \$.65 per member camp equipment
 - c. \$.25 per member presidents travel, not to exceed \$5
 - C. Conference President Visitation
 1. Scheduled visit by the Conference President be made to each society.
 - D. Projects
 1. That substantial offerings be given for outfitting the Henry Cook family, members of the Elk Grove Village church, who will be working with the Wycliffe translators.
 - E. Preparation for Annual Conference
 1. That two annual statistical report blanks and an instruction sheet which will be sent to each local society by the conference statistical chairman in June shall be carefully filled out. One completed blank with conference treasurer's receipts attached should be sent to the statistical chairman, Mrs. Judy Nygard, 7605 Harrison Ave., Rockford, Ill. by July 15, 1967. Only monies and vouchers credited on the conference treasurers receipts will be accepted for statistical credit.
 2. That each society may contribute monetary donations for camp foodstuffs.
 3. That credentials of delegate and the name of president be sent to the Conference President immediately following annual local election.
 4. That each society present its total financial goal for the year at the conference session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gearhart
Margery Zuhl
Fanchon Pattee
Barbara Butcher
Lillie McBride
Monica Wood
Geneva Benedict
LaVernyne Geniuk

Report No. 8

Mission Study Secretary

Our report of the books read i. 1965 is as follows:

Number reading 6 books.....	43
Number reading 4 books.....	25
Number reading 1 to 3 books.....	95
Total number readers participating.....	163
Total number societies participating.....	15

Our quadrennium report for the years 1963, 1964, and 1965 is as follows:

Number receiving God Seal certificates.....	35
Number receiving Blue Seal certificates.....	15

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Friske, Secretary

Report No. 9

Nominating Committee

After prayerful consideration the nominating committee presents the following names for conference officers: President, Rachel Bray; Vice President: Joaquin Crawford; Secretary, Linda Castro; Treasurer, Barbara Crail; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Jean Mould; Literature Secretary, Ivanelle McCarty; Reading Course Secretary, Eunice Friske; Magazine Solicitor, Mary Priest; W. W. F. Secretary, (to be appointed); Statistical Chairman, Judy Nygard.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Klatt, Chairman
Opal Bradley
Bernice Senger

Report No. 10

Auditor's Report

I have audited the 1965-1966 financial statements for the Illinois Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society and find them to be in satisfactory order.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Priest, Auditor

Report No. 11

Auditor's Report

I have examined the books of the Y.M.W.B. Treasurer and have found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Devall, Auditor

Report No. 12

Statistical Secretary

(See tabulations on following page.)

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nygard, Statistician

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	Membership				Miscellaneous Totals					
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total Meetings Held	Subscriptions (Wesleyan Miss)	Efficiency Standard Rating	Missionaries Supported	No. of Boxes	No. of Pounds
CHICAGO	26	12	-	1	53	30	94%	-	22	-
Austin	17	2	5	-	20	20	88%	-	4	-
Hoyne Ave.										
CHICAGOLAND	24	7	4	-	22	26	83%	-	22	-
Broadview	16	6	6	-	15	13	64%	-	-	-
Elk Grove	21	14	5	-	16	62	89%	1	-	-
Oak Lawn	19	-	-	15	26	33	85%	-	-	10
Oak Park	19	3	3	-	40	39	90%	-	2	-
Wheaton	16	2	-	9	12	16	85%	-	-	-
GALESBURG	9	7	-	3	17	20	79%	-	-	-
HOOPESTON	13	3	3	-	63	13	75%	-	8	-
PEORIA	4	2	-	1	19	6	63%	-	5	-
Creve Coeur	26	6	-	15	24	24	86%	-	2	-
First	23	14	4	-	13	25	93%	-	-	-
PRINCETON	11	6	6	-	30	18	91%	-	11	-
ROCKFORD	19	7	-	10	110	20	77%	-	6	7
First										
Faith										
WYANET										
Unorganized groups										
TOTALS	263	91	36	54	480	369	-	1	82	17

Receipts							
CHURCH	Membership Dues	Offerings	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Total Receipts for the year	Old Balance from last year	GRAND TOTAL
CHICAGO	38.00	595.50	-	165.00	798.50	8.39	806.89
Austin	19.00	275.08	-	57.00	351.08	.61	351.69
Hoyne Ave.							
CHICAGOLAND	31.00	1446.91	-	-	1477.91	4.89	1482.80
Broadview	22.00	262.64	-	59.75	344.39	1.40	345.79
Elk Grove	35.00	2668.35	-	-	2703.35	72.41	2775.76
Oak Lawn	19.00	591.38	20.00	-	630.38	.57	630.95
Oak Park	22.00	684.53	-	-	706.53	.13	706.66
Wheaton	18.00	329.43	-	-	347.43	7.89	355.32
GALESBURG	16.00	272.34	-	96.03	384.37	7.00	391.37
HOOPESTON	16.00	131.73	-	224.73	372.46	37.81	410.27
PEORIA	6.00	110.14	-	10.00	126.14	12.42	138.56
Creve Coeur	32.00	335.63	-	-	367.63	68.23	435.86
First	37.00	712.47	-	608.72	1358.19	43.27	1401.46
PRINCETON	17.00	288.09	-	107.52	412.61	1.78	414.39
ROCKFORD	26.00	485.88	-	28.33	540.21	3.61	543.82
First							
Faith							
WYANET							
TOTALS	354.00	9190.10	20.00	1357.08	10,921.18	270.41	11,191.59

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Disbursements										
CHURCH	World Missions General	American Indians (Brainerd)	Australia	Medical Missions	Mission Equipment	White Christmas Offering	Church Exten. Evangelism Card Call	Self Denial Offering	Hephzibah	Education & Budgets & Gifts
CHICAGO										
Austin	252.90	5.00	-	5.00	6.65	25.00	21.00	25.00	235.00	15.00
Hoyne Ave.	73.55	15.00	-	3.00	14.90	5.00	20.00	27.72	26.16	-
CHICAGOLAND										
Broadview	375.30	40.00	-	3.00	11.90	12.00	82.50	10.00	25.00	110.00
Elk Grove	64.75	3.00	-	3.00	3.00	22.00	5.00	-	26.24	3.00
Oak Lawn	1649.87	4.00	-	3.00	19.35	21.47	5.00	48.00	56.42	21.97
Oak Park	208.09	31.55	8.75	3.00	-	12.85	46.50	40.55	17.63	15.00
Wheaton	291.80	-	-	3.00	15.80	30.00	5.00	15.27	25.91	-
GALESBURG	50.14	7.65	7.65	3.00	1.80	7.56	19.00	10.00	25.51	-
HOOPESTON	89.40	53.17	-	10.00	20.40	4.00	9.00	8.00	91.28	-
PEORIA										
Creve Coeur	66.37	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.00
First	25.50	1.75	1.75	-	-	4.00	10.50	3.00	7.00	7.00
PRINCETON	89.19	-	-	3.00	15.90	27.00	9.00	9.57	20.57	-
ROCKFORD										
First	215.60	160.75	10.75	3.00	75.70	32.18	16.03	52.80	400.71	30.00
Faith	132.43	3.75	3.75	3.00	32.80	10.00	5.00	14.81	10.52	22.35
WYANET	17.31	174.63	-	15.00	5.00	11.25	14.69	16.40	31.50	15.00
TOTALS	3602.20	505.25	37.65	63.00	225.20	234.31	278.22	296.12	1004.45	242.14

Disbursements										
CHURCH	Honorary Enrollment	General Dues	Conference Working Fund	Conference Extension	Community Missions	Local Church Work	Other Objects	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
CHICAGO	-	38.00	15.20	9.00	14.55	-	129.20	796.50	10.39	806.89
Austin	-	19.00	6.60	41.01	-	18.14	79.77	349.85	1.84	351.69
Hoyne Ave.	-									
CHICAGOLAND										
Broadview	-	31.00	18.80	165.00	30.00	-	567.02	1481.52	1.28	1482.80
Elk Grove	-	22.00	9.35	5.00	-	-	160.58	326.92	18.87	345.79
Oak Lawn	-	35.00	17.60	136.68	-	-	716.42	2734.60	41.16	2775.76
Oak Park	-	19.00	11.40	-	61.00	-	154.56	229.88	1.07	630.95
Wheaton	-	22.00	22.25	-	19.75	161.52	88.32	2700.62	6.04	706.66
GALESBURG	-	18.00	11.90	-	-	52.04	99.69	113.94	41.38	355.32
HOOPESTON	4.00	16.00	9.60	5.00	-	-	53.15	373.00	18.37	391.37
PEORIA										
Creve Coeur	-	16.00	8.50	6.30	77.50	83.00	84.73	390.40	19.87	410.27
First	-	6.00	3.40	4.20	-	-	48.78	122.88	15.68	138.56
PRINCETON	-	32.00	15.60	5.00	15.00	59.76	51.25	352.84	83.02	435.86
ROCKFORD										
First	-	37.00	16.40	-	44.87	-	294.44	1400.23	1.23	1401.46
Faith	-	17.00	9.20	5.00	11.50	-	106.29	387.40	26.99	414.39
WYANET	-	26.00	19.40	72.25	-	-	69.18	487.61	56.21	543.82
TOTALS	4.00	354.00	195.20	454.44	274.17	374.46	2703.38	10888.93	343.40	11191.59

Report No. 13Conference W.M.S. Treasurer

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/16/65</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/16/66</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>
World Missions, General	\$ -0-	\$ 312.90	\$ 312.90	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Africa	-0-	63.90	63.90	-0-	27.33
Rosa Bishop support	-0-	1439.81	1439.81	-0-	-0-
Dr. Charles Paine	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	40.82
Edling Travel Fund	-0-	1374.00	1374.00	-0-	-0-
Jamaica Boys' Dorm	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	17.50
Bogota, Columbia Pro.	-0-	261.38	261.38	-0-	-0-
Scholarship Fund	-0-	201.36	201.36	-0-	-0-
World Literature Fund	-0-	17.16	17.16	-0-	-0-
Puerto Rico Land for					
English Church	-0-	25.00	25.00	-0-	-0-
Port-au-Prince Church	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	15.00
Brainerd Indian School	-0-	53.57	53.57	-0-	50.80
Cook Stove	-0-	50.00	50.00	-0-	-0-
Wesleyan Indian Missions	-0-	15.75	15.75	-0-	335.13
Australia	-0-	37.65	37.65	-0-	-0-
Medical Missions	-0-	63.00	63.00	-0-	-0-
Mission Equipment	-0-	225.20	225.20	-0-	-0-
White Christmas Off.	-0-	234.31	234.31	-0-	-0-
Church Extension & Evang.	-0-	235.22	235.22	-0-	-0-
Card Call	-0-	33.00	33.00	-0-	10.00
Headquarters Offering	-0-	25.00	25.00	-0-	-0-
Self-Denial Offering	-0-	296.12	296.12	-0-	-0-
Hephzibah Orphanage	-0-	119.17	119.17	-0-	476.78
Hephzibah Sidewalks	-0-	408.50	408.50	-0-	-0-
Education	-0-	237.14	237.14	-0-	-0-
Honorary Enrollment	-0-	4.00	4.00	-0-	-0-
Hilda Clark, Student	-0-	5.00	5.00	-0-	-0-
General Dues	-0-	354.00	354.00	-0-	-0-
Conf. Working Fund	104.95	211.35	68.06	248.24	-0-
Conference Extension	-0-	354.55	354.55	-0-	-0-
Moline	-0-	65.00	65.00	-0-	-0-
De Kalb	-0-	61.31	61.31	-0-	-0-
Conf. Missionary Conv.	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	367.54
Community Missions	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	274.17
Local Church Work	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	351.41
Other Objects	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	2396.10
American Bible Soc.	-0-	67.72	67.72	-0-	15.00
Servicemen's Com.	-0-	2.00	2.00	-0-	-0-
Viet Nam NAE Project	-0-	5.00	5.00	-0-	-0-
Camp Equipment	272.25	131.10	67.39	335.96	11.05
Camp Foods	18.00	20.00	38.00	-0-	-0-
	\$ 395.20	7010.17	6821.17	584.20	4388.63

Total Cash Receipts \$7010.17

Total Voucher Rec. 4388.63

GRAND TOTAL. \$ 11398.80

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crail, Treasurer

Report No. 14Communications Committee

We have written notes of appreciation to our new denominational WMS leaders pledging our loyal support and prayers. These were Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Hoover, and Mrs. Argo. Also a note has been sent to our Magazine Editor, Miss Lind, who is ill.

Notes are being sent to Mrs. Lanstrom and Mrs. Coulter, society presidents who were unable to attend conference due to illness and death in their families. Rosa Bishop, missionary to Africa, received communications also.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Swanson, Chairman
Mary Blood

Report No. 15

Conference Magazine Solicitor

Greetings to you, the ladies of the Illinois Conference!

It is the Lord who giveth the increase! Once again this year we have been thrilled at the ways in which the Lord has helped us and we are glad to report to you a 6% increase in magazine subscriptions.

For the most part, the local solicitors have done their jobs well and we are thankful for the fine spirit of cooperation throughout the conference. We have a total of 369 subscriptions this year as against last year's reported total of 353. Once again, those societies who have forged ahead have compensated for those who have sustained losses.

We would express deep appreciation to each one who has worked and promoted the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY this year! It has been a privilege for me to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Priest, Magazine Solicitor

Report No. 16

Poster Committee

The following societies were given ribbons in honor of their achievement in the poster contest.

First Place

Princeton
Broadview
Galesburg

Second Place

Galesburg
Rockford
Princeton

Third Place

Hoyne Ave.
Princeton

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Mazeikis
Velma Moore
Mona Devall

Report No. 17

Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work

1. Each local W.M.S. shall elect a Y.M.W.B. Superintendent in June. Her duties shall begin at the rise of annual W.M.S. Conference.
2. Finances:
 - a. Send all money raised by the Y.M.W.B. to the Conference Supt. Mrs. Jean Mould, 412 Crestlawn, Washington, Illinois. 61571
 - b. Each band is assessed three cents per member for Conference Superintendent's desk expense. Membership is based on the 1966 Annual Report.
 - c. The November offering is for church extension; the May offering for education.

- d. The Conference World Mission Project is the support of Keith Davis, Honduras, which will be \$150.00
- e. The Conference Home Missions Project is assistance in purchasing land for the new Moline church.
3. Return quarterly reports and offerings received during the quarter to the Conference Superintendent on the following dates: First Quarter (July-September) October 15, 1966. Second Quarter (October-December) January 15, 1967. Third Quarter (January-March) April 15, 1967. Fourth Quarter (April-June), postmarked by July 5, 1967.
4. Each local superintendent should encourage the use of the reading course and promote a prayer partner circle.
5. All Bands making a 100% in the Efficiency Standard shall be on Honor Roll.
6. The offering taken in the Y.M.W.B. service will be designated for the purchase of a pulpit for the Moline church.

DENOMINATIONAL Y.M.W.B. STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY

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| 1. Twelve Band services in which prayer, God's Word, missions and personal service were stressed. | 10% |
| 2. One public service during the year. | 5% |
| 3. Bands funds remitted quarterly. | 10% |
| 4. Use of mite boxes, envelopes, membership cards or some other systematic method for gathering in dues and offerings. | 10% |
| 5. Band Superintendent read the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY and use YOUNG MISSIONARY. | 5% |
| 6. Increase in membership. | 10% |
| 7. Increase in funds raised. | 10% |
| 8. An offering for Church Extension. | 10% |
| 9. An offering for Education. | 10% |
| 10. Three cents per active and honorary member sent to Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent as Desk Fund. | 10% |
| 11. Annual report sent in on time. (Time Conference Superintendent designates). | 10% |

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH

Held at Epworth Park, Belvidere, Illinois
August 6, 1966

President: Rev. Meredith J. Baillie, 875 N. Farnham, Galesburg, Ill.
Vice President: Rev. David L. Castro, 820 B Crescent, Wheaton, Ill.
Secretary: Mrs. Geraldine Wells, 219 N. Long, Chicago 44, Ill.
Treasurer: Mrs. Judith Nygard, 7605 Harrison, Rockford, Ill.
Eastern Dist. Chmn: Mr. James Medows, 7926 S. Neenah, Oak Lawn, Ill.
Western Dist. Chmn: Mr. Richard Mould, 412 Crestlawn Drive,
Washington, Ill.
Eastern Dist. Rep: Mark Klatt, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Western Dist. Rep: Faith Gibbs, 4409 51st St. Moline, Ill.
Sales Manager: Linda Tuttle, 8942 S. Austin, Oak Lawn, Ill.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUTH OFFICERS

CHICAGO

Austin Pres. John Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago, Ill.
Sec'y. Janet Dominguez
Hoyne Ave. (No organization)

CHICAGOLAND

Broadview Pres. Mark Klatt, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Sec'y. Bernadine Wilhelm, 29 N. Ninth Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Elk Grove (No organization)

Oak Lawn Pres. Lina Tuttle, 8942 S. Austin, Oak Lawn, Ill.
Sec'y. Sharon VanKuiken, 8007 Lotus, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Oak Park: (No organization)
Wheaton Pres. Dixie Merriman, 612 Webster, Wheaton, Ill.
Sec'y. Connie Root, 450 N. Arrowhead Trail, Wheaton, Ill.

GALESBURG

Pres. Sue Jacobs, 952 Arnold, Galesburg, Ill.
Sec'y. Charles Trone, 1162 N. Farnham, Galesburg, Ill.

HOOPESTON

(No organization)

MOLINE

(No organization)

PEORIA

Creve Coeur Pres. Charles Thompson, 581 Carola, Creve Coeur, Ill.
Sec'y. Joy Sims, 105 Berry Rd., Marquette Heights, Ill.
First Pres. Sharon McCarty, 251 N. Adams St. Sheffield, Ill.
Sec'y. Anita Cheney, War Memorial Ave., Peoria, Ill.

PRINCETON

ROCKFORD

First Pres. Diane Conkling, 3895 Christopher Dr. Rockford, Ill.
Sec'y. Patsy Dunn, 920 Day Ave., Rockford, Ill.

Faith Pres. Pat Morgan, 2317 Cascade Drive, Rockford, Ill.
Sec'y. Carol Hamilton, Sierra Drive, Rockford, Ill.

WYANET

(No organization)

1966 CONFERENCE DELEGATES & CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

CHICAGO

Austin John Bray, Lynn Kryzak, Cathy Langly
Hoyne Ave. (Representative-Tillman Hatcher)

CHICAGOLAND

Broadview Mark Klatt, Roger Halverson, Pam Olander
Elk Grove (Representative-Steve Crail)
Oak Lawn Linda Tuttle, Sharon VanKuiken, Bob Thyer
Oak Park (Representative-Cathy Hill)

Wheaton Dixie Merriman, Lynda Hamlett, Joel Gearhart
GALESBURG Marg Trone, Charlie Trone, Sue Jacobs

HOOPESTON

None

MOLINE

(Representative-Faith Gibbs)

PEORIA

Creve Coeur Charles Thompson, Rick Mould, Debbie Kinsman
First Sharon McCarty, Chris Corbin

PRINCETON

None

ROCKFORD

First
Faith
WYANETDiane Conkling, Jim Wenstrom, Debbie Tice
Pat Morgan, Cindi Morgan, Don Woodworth
(Representative-Howard Hoffman)STANDING RULES

1. Resolved, that the Conference W.Y. Secretary send out by June 30, the annual W.Y. Statistical blanks, Delegate Credential blanks, and local Directory blanks, asking for the names and addresses of all local officers and members, to each local W.Y. president who shall be assisted by the pastor and W.Y. treasurer in completing and comparing it with the Church Statistical Report for accuracy.
2. Resolved, that the local treasurer's books close June 30 and that all remittances be postmarked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our W.Y. Conference Treasurer if the statistical blank and local directory blank do not reach the hands of our Conference Secretary by July 15th.
3. Resolved, that the Executive Youth Council act as the Orders of the Day Committee.
4. Resolved, that the Conference Wesleyan Youth President be the Editor of Youth Notes, our Conference Youth publicity medium, which shall be published as needed, either in conjunction with the Illinois Tidings or as a separate publication.
5. Resolved, that the President shall appoint custodians of W.Y. athletic equipment.
6. Resolved, that the Conference W.Y. Secretary be the statistical chairman.
7. Resolved, that the Secretary maintain a complete membership list.
8. Resolved, that the local officers be elected during the month of June to take office at the beginning of the Illinois Wesleyan Youth Conference annual session.
9. Resolved, that the Annual Wesleyan Youth Convention be held on the second Friday of Camp Meeting following the evening service, and continue on Saturday until the completion of official business.
10. Resolved, that the President, the Secretary, and the Annual Conference President be the Standing Committee to prepare the nominations for Conference committees before the first meeting of our Annual Conference.
11. Resolved, that the Secretary shall serve as the official Credentials Committee, and that all credentials are to be mailed to her not later than July 15.
12. Resolved, that for all conference contests and awards there be a maximum age limit of 19 years of age and a minimum age limit of 13, including any 7th graders who are 12 years of age.
13. Resolved, that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Conference Youth Council.

P R O C E E D I N G SFirst Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 1966

1. Opening: The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth was convened at Camp Epworth, Belvidere, Illinois, at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 1966, by the Conference Wesleyan Youth President, Rev. George W. Hood. Joel Gearhart prayed for the Lord's blessing on the conference.
2. Roll Call: The roll call of Conference Officers and local presidents was given by Geraldine Wells, W. Y. Secretary.
3. Bar of Conference: The first four rows in both sections of Wesley Hall were declared the bar of conference, and the officers and local presidents were seated within the bar.
4. Credentials Committee: The W.Y. Secretary, Geraldine Wells, read her report as Credentials Committee, and delegates responded to their

names. By prevailing motion they were made voting members of the Conference and were seated within the bar of conference. (See list of delegates)

5. Report of the Orders of the Day Committee: W. Y. President, George W. Hood read this report. It was adopted by vote and distributed to members of Conference. (See Report No. 1)

6. Report of the Conference W. Y. President: The chair having been turned over to the secretary, Rev. George W. Hood read his closing W.Y. President's report which was adopted with a standing vote of thanks for his labors as Wesleyan Youth President these past three years. The chair was turned back over to Rev. Hood. (See Report No. 2) No. 2)

7. Report of the Executive Council: Mrs. Geraldine Wells, W.Y. Secretary, read this report which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 3)

8. Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Judith Nygard, W.Y. Treasurer, read this report with an exhortation to the youth societies to consider the funds for Missions, Church Extension, Education, and the Youth Week Offering, and do a better job of promoting and collecting for these funds another year. Following discussion of various points, the report was approved by vote. (See Report No. 4)

9. Galesburg Organ Deficit: It was moved that we recommend to the Youth Council that the Galesburg deficit we have be paid along with our project for the new year. Motion approved.

10. Report of the Committee on Conference Committees: The report of this committee was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Geraldine Wells, with changes noted, and adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 5)

11. Nominating Ballots for W.Y. Officers: The members of Conference cast nominating ballots for the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Eastern District Chairman, Western District Chairman, Eastern District Representative, Western District Representative, Sales Manager. Thirty-four ballots were cast and turned over to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

12. Adjournment: By prevailing motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Second Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 1966

13. Opening: Rev. George Hood called the meeting to order and Rev. A. L. Bray offered opening prayer.

14. Roll Call: The secretary read the roll with 36 members of the Conference responding.

15. Adjournment. The session was adjourned to do committee work by the Orders of the Day.

Third Meeting, 11:50 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 1966

16. Opening: The meeting was called to order by President George Hood.

17. Youth Age for Contests: A motion was made to make a Standing rule that for all contests and awards there be a maximum age limit of 19 years of age. Motion was carried to amend the motion to state that a minimum age limit be 13 including any 7th graders who are 12 years old. The motion as amended was carried.

18. Date Elected Officers Assume Responsibilities: Motion was carried that the Standing Rules be changed to read that newly elected officers take office at the opening of the Illinois Wesleyan Youth Conference annual session.

19. Report of the Standing Rules Committee: The report was approved as amended by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 6)

20. Western District Chairman's Report: Rev. Orland Johnson presented his report as Western District Chairman. (See Report No. 7)

21. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned due to limitation of time.

Fourth Meeting, 12:50 p.m., August 6, 1966

22. Opening: Rev. George Hood, President, opened the meeting with prayer.

23. Report of the Plan of Work Committee: The report was presented by Dixie Merriman of Wheaton and was approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 8)

24. Report of the Resolutions Committee: The work of the committee on resolutions was read and approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 9)

25. Report of the Statistical Committee: The work of this committee will be completed and by prevailing motion it was referred to the committee on editing the conference minutes. (See Report No. 12)

26. Report of the Thanks Committee: This report was read by Lynda Hamlett of Wheaton and was approved as amended. (See Report No. 10)

27. Roll Call: The secretary read the roll with 37 members of conference responding.

28. Report of the Nominating Committee: The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. A. L. Bray in ballot form and was accepted by vote. Ballots were then cast. Out of 37 ballots cast, thirty-three were approved without change, four were approved as amended. (See Report No. 11) Acceptance speeches were given by several of the newly elected officers.

29. Vote of Thanks: Rev. A. L. Bray expressed gratitude for the labors of our retiring Youth President, Rev. George W. Hood, and a rising vote of thanks was given him. Motion prevailed that a gift of \$25.00 be given him in appreciation as he leaves for study at Asbury Seminary.

30. Conference Project: Motion was carried to attempt to raise \$1000. for our W.Y. project for this year to help purchase equipment for the Conference office. An A.B. Dick mimeograph machine, fire-proof filing cabinet and desk, chair and filing cabinets are included. Pledges will be taken for this at Leaders' Retreat in the fall.

31. Standing Rules Amended: It was moved to leave unfinished business in the hands of the Conference Youth Council. The motion was amended and passed that this be added to the Standing Rules. The motion as amended was passed by prevailing vote.

32. Adjournment: After closing remarks by Rev. George W. Hood, the 1966 session was by prevailing motion adjourned sine die, with prayer.

1966 Minutes of the
Illinois Wesleyan
Youth

R E P O R T S

Report No. 1

Orders of the Day Committee

Saturday, August 6, 1966. Opening, 8:30 a.m., in Wesley Hall at Epworth Park; Roll Call of Conference W. Y. Officers, Annual Conference President, and Local Presidents; Report of the Credentials Committee (Conference Secretary); Seating of the delegates; Report of the Orders of the Day Committee; Report of the W.Y. President; Report of the Executive Council; Reports of the Conference W.Y. District Chairmen; Report of the Conference W.Y. Treasurer; Report of the Committee on Committees; Nominating Ballot for Annual W.Y. Officers. Adjournment. Second Meeting, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.; Roll Call; Adjournment for Committee work. Third Meeting, Saturday, 11:45 a.m., Committee Reports; Recess at noon. Fourth Meeting, Saturday, 12:45 a.m., Election of Conference Officers; Adjournment sine die at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Youth Council
Orders of the Day Committee

Report No. 2

Illinois Wesleyan Youth President

Another busy year has passed by and we meet again to do the annual W.Y. convention work for 1966-1967. This past year as I served as your President, I also taught school & served as assistant pastor at our Oak Lawn church. Through all the busy things that must be done I have felt a clear direction of God on the work of Illinois WY and have been thrilled with the opportunity that has been mine in ministering to youth.

First, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the team of officers and pastors that so quickly pitch in to help make the youth program effective for Christ. They are the backbone of Illinois W.Y.

The year began with the Annual Youth Camp at Epworth Park. This helpful opening of the year is always a forward looking experience for WY as commitments to Christ are made.

The sixth annual Leaders Retreat was held at Palos Hills Community Center in Palos Park, Illinois. Here we heard Dick Mould, business executive, challenge our leaders to keep Christ first in every area of life. Here also pledges were made from each local to place an organ in our Galesburg church.

A conference-wide attendance and promotion contest was formulated using our traditional football theme. Weekly reports were sent to each pastor and youth president giving the contest standings. A victory rally was held at Peoria Christian Foundation to make the awards.

Spring-O-Rama was held at Camp Rude with the Marion College Quartet.

As your president I directed these events mentioned above and enlisted the aid of necessary personnel to make them worth while event for Illinois W.Y. I toured the Conference, speaking at all the W.Y. groups and the unorganized groups as well. I was unable to go to Elk Grove Village or Chicago-Hoyne Ave. I maintained promotional correspondence with all pastors and youth presidents for all Conference events. I wrote about 20 letters and traveled more miles than would like to count and made numerous phone calls on behalf of the Illinois W. Y.

Illinois now has nine organized W.Y.'s and 111 total members. Our total subscriptions to the WESLEYAN YOUTH add up to 90.

It is a thrill to work with the calibre of Teens we have in Illinois. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve you. Although I

won't be around to see how things are going in the next few years my heart will be always bound in love to the many friends I have found in the teenagers of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Hood, WY President

Report No. 3

Executive Council

We, your Executive Council, composed of the Conference Wesleyan Youth Officers and the Annual Conference President, report that we have served as the Orders of the Day Committee as provided by the Standing Rules.

We report that in the past year we planned for and held the fall Leader's Retreat at Palos Hills. Keynote speaker was Mr. Art Robbins of Christian Service Brigade.

Also in this year's planning was the Spring-O-Rama at Camp Rude. Revised rules and program for this overnight were planned and a fine retreat was held. Our Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, the Marion College Quartet and Miss Esther Smeenge were the main speakers at this activity.

In planning for youth camp, the schedule, as last year, was set up with six 45 minute classes dealing with topics of interest to today's teens. All the activities were planned not only for fun but also for spiritual help in mind. Revised quizzing and after glow activities were planned.

We have sought His guidance in the promotion of Wesleyan Youth in Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Council

Report No. 4

Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Conference Dues & Funds	\$962.41
WY Conference Dues (Late payms. for 1964-65)	\$ 7.50
Leader's Retreat Reg.	263.75
Fall Youth Rally Reg.	60.00
Adjustment for Check #42 (lost)	25.00
Spring Retreat Reg.	447.28
W.Y. Conference Dues	158.88
General Dues	237.00
World Missions	39.94
General Church Extension	6.70
Education	13.20
Youth Week Offering	89.04
W.Y. Conf. Project (Galesburg Organ)	640.00
Moline Project (Late Paym. for 1964-65)	224.00
	\$ 2212.29
Balance brought forward (July 15/65)	120.58
Total Receipts	\$2332.87

DISBURSEMENTS:

Conference Dues and Funds		\$922.50
George Hood (Desk Fund)	\$55.00	
Community Center Foundation (Leader's Retreat)	337.75	
Sprawka Printing Co.	18.45	
Wes. Meth. Pub. Co.	11.55	
Moody Monthly (Youth Camp Lit)	4.00	
Books of checks	5.00	
Judith Nygard (Stamps & Phone calls)	5.00	
Fall Youth Rally	19.00	
Galesburg Church (phone call)	5.55	
Tampa Jewellery (trophy engraving)	28.18	
Kentucky Hotel (Contest Winner Registration)	11.25	
Farm Bureau-Princeton (Adjust- ment for check #42 lost 11-24-64)	25.00	
Spring Youth Retreat	347.70	
A. L. Bray (phone calls)	4.62	
Mutual Security Life Ins.	44.45	
General Dues		237.00
World Missions		39.94
General Church Extension		6.70
Education		13.20
Youth Week Offering		89.04
WY Conference Project (Galesburg Organ)		640.00
WY Conference Project (Moline-late pay- ment, 1964-65)		162.97
Illinois Conference Church Extension		<u>61.03</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$2172.38</u>
Balance on Hand July 15, 1966		\$ 160.49
Savings Account	\$470.92	
Interest	<u>42.63</u>	
Total Savings	\$513.55	

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Nygard, Treasurer

Report No. 5

Committee on Conference Committees

Nominating and Standing Rules. Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman; Linda Tuttle, Diane Conkling, Mark Klatt, Marg Trone, Faith Gibbs, Sharon McCarty.

Plan of Work. Rev. George W. Hood, Chairman; John Bray, Charles Thompson, Sue Jacobs, Dixie Merriman, Pat Morgan, Chris Corbin, Steve Crail, Kathy Hill, Howard Hoffman, Bob Thyer, Roger Halverson, Debbie Tice, Tillman Hatcher, Judy Nygard.

Thanks Committee. Rev. Orland L. Johnson, Chairman; Lynn Kryzak, Lynda Hamlett, Jim Wenstrom, Debbie Kinsman, Cindi Morgan.

Resolutions Committee. Rev. Meredith J. Bailie, Chairman; Cathy Langly, Joel Gearhart, Charlie Trone, Rick Mould, Sharon VanKuiken, Donn Woodworth.

Statistical and Auditing Committee. Mrs. Jerry Wells, Chairman; Pam Olander.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Hood
Geraldine Wells
Arthur L. Bray

Report No. 6Standing Rules

1. Resolved that Standing Rule No. 8 be amended to read: "to take office at the beginning of".

2. Resolved that a new Standing Rule be added to read: Resolved, that for all Conference contests and awards there be a maximum age limit of 19 years of age and a minimum age limit of 13, including any 7th graders who are 12 year of age.

3. Resolved that a new Standing Rule be added to read: Resolved, that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Conference Youth Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray, Chairman
Linda Tuttle
Diane Conkling
Mark Klatt
Marg Trone
Faith Gibbs
Sharon McCarty

Report No. 7Western District Chairman

It was my privilege to attend two Conference Youth Council meetings during the year.

Rockford First hosted a "Fun Day" in September which was attended by approximately 100 teens from the district and conference. It was a great day of Christian fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Orland L. Johnson
Western District Chairman

Report No. 8Plan of Work

We, the Plan of Work Committee recommend the following:

1. That two new Wesleyan Youth locals be organized this year and that this goal be met with the cooperation and assistance of previously organized locals. Organized locals should plan and present meetings and social events for prospective Wesleyan Youth groups in their area, visit them and show them enthusiasm and Christian love. Let each local consider it their own responsibility to see the organization of neighboring locals.

2. That a goal for Wesleyan Youth subscriptions be set for each local to be equal to their membership.

3. That the conference dues be \$1.50 per member and that this be paid quarterly. Also, this is to be the responsibility of each member to pay his dues.

4. General dues are \$2.00 per member. This money should be sent by the local treasurer to the conference youth treasurer at the close of each quarter.

5. That the editor of the Youth Notes receive from each local each quarter a report of the average youth attendance along with a report of the best program during that quarter.

6. That a Leader's Conference be held the third weekend in September at the Peoria Community Center to train local officers and representatives of each church, and that we invite potential officers as

approved by the youth sponsor.

7. That the Conference W.Y. President visit all the locals during the year.

8. That we hold a conference-wide rally in the fall or winter with the time and place to be arranged by the Youth Council.

9. That we hold a conference-wide overnight retreat at Camp Rude in the spring.

10. That each local strive to obtain an A rating in the general efficiency standard and that all locals with an A rating be listed in the first issue of the Breakfast News and be given special recognition at Awards Night at annual camp.

11. That each local have a youth "kick off" program before October 31, and a report of this be sent to the conference President by November 5.

12. That the Conference W. Y. President ask for contest ideas from the locals, and that a conference wide contest be held with proper awards to be given at the fall or winter rally.

13. That every Wesleyan Youth member be issued a membership card.

14. That the conference hold a quiz over Acts and that the final quiz be held at the Spring-O-Rama at Camp Rude.

15. That we encourage every church to strive to participate in the denominational Youth Week Program.

16. That the District Chairmen hold two rallies per year and that they promote the following: a. Quizzing b. Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions c. Athletic Events d. Singspirations. And that he correlate activities between the locals.

17. That each local president send to the conference President a correct mailing list of all officers and youth by September 30.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Hood, Chairman
John Bray
Charles Thompson
Sue Jacobs
Dixie Merriman
Pat Morgan
Chris Corbin
Steve Crail
Kathy Hill
Howard Hoffman
Bob Thyer
Roger Halverson
Debbie Tice
Tillman Hatcher
Judith Nygard

Report No. 9

Resolutions Committee

We, the Resolutions Committee, because of our loyalty to Christ, do bring the following resolutions for the spiritual advancement of the Wesleyan Youth of Illinois.

1. That: In order to "Study to show ourselves approved unto God," (II Tim. 2:15), prayer and daily Bible reading are vital in our Christian lives. Time spent every day in God's Word and in talking to Him enables us to live better for Him.

2. That: Whereas Christ's love for us is portrayed in John 3:16,-- "For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,"--We shall demonstrate our love toward Him by being faithful to the House of the Lord.

3. That: We emphasize Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek," as a challenge for witnessing and that we present to all youth Christ as

the solution to all their problems by testifying to the transforming power of Christ in our own lives.

4. That: As Christian youth, in accordance with Romans 12:1 which says: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," we practice sacrificial stewardship of our resources to support the expenses of Wesleyan Youth, its projects, and fulfilling our general and conference dues. This means not only our money, but also our time and talents. Christ has commanded us to give unto Him what is due Him. If we belong to Him, we should want to give Him as much as we possible can.

5. That: Each Wesleyan Youth member keep a full commitment to Christ foremost in mind, taking as our pattern I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

6. That: We stand together upholding the doctrines of our church--being firm in the faith--emphasizing the following:

- a. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, as the only Salvation of the human race.
- b. We believe in the Spirit-filled life where Christ is the only Lord.
- c. We believe in the Bible as God's Holy Word.
- d. We believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- e. We believe in a personal relationship with the living God.

7. That: We pray "For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," (I Tim. 2:2). Wesleyan Youth should be actively involved in the current issues of our day. As youth we should back our country by taking a Christian stand on such issues as Government policy, Communism, integration, patriotism, lawlessness, home life, etc.

8. That: In view of God's great blessing in meeting our spiritual needs, Wesleyan Youth purpose to take on the whole armour of God in order to press the battle for Christ in their personal lives and the world in which they live.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith J. Baillie, Chairman
Cathy Langley
Joel Gearhart
Charlie Trone
Rick Mould
Sharon VanKuiken
Donn Woodworth

Report No. 10

Thanks Committee

The Thanks Committee for 1966 would first give praise to God our Father for the many blessings He has given to us this past year and the special sense of His presence this week at youth camp.

We extend our thanks:

1. To Rev. George Hood, who has so graciously served as our President and leader the past three years.

2. To Rev. Garl Beaver, our camp evangelist, for his inspiring messages.

3. To Rev. Raymond Powers for leading the singing and bringing us helpful messages in the afternoon services.

4. To Rev. Dave Castro for leading the Teen Chorale.

5. To Rev. Meredith Baillie for serving as Vice President of the Illinois Wesleyan Youth.

6. To Rev. Paul Dekker, our missionary from Sierre Leone, Africa, who challenged us with the needs of foreign missions and personal evangelism.

7. To Mrs. Judith Nygard for her faithful service as Wesleyan Youth Treasurer.

8. To Mrs. Geraldine Wells, our Secretary for Wesleyan Youth, a word of special thanks for services rendered.

9. To Rev. A. L. Bray, our Annual Conference President, for the enlightening classes during youth camp week and spiritual guidance during the past year.

10. To the Teachers of the Youth, Rev. Robert Klatt, Rev. A. L. Bray, Mrs. Lillian Bailie, Rev. Meredith Bailie, Rev. Dave Castro, Rev. George Hood and Rev. William Killian.

11. To the cooks we sincerely appreciate all the work done, as they prepared the wonderful food.

12. To Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Camp Manager, for all the services rendered. We thank him especially for the housing.

13. To the Youth Workers and counselors who have faithfully instructed and helped us in our spiritual lives.

14. To the Free Methodists who were kind enough to let us rent their grounds.

15. To Officers of each W. Y. local who have served faithfully this past year.

16. To James Medows, Editor of the Breakfast News, we give our greatest appreciation.

17. To Uncle Joe, for doing his best to come and see all.

18. To Rev. David Crail for his giving of time and effort to provide recreational activities.

19. And finally, to each individual who has helped to make this camp of 1966 a spiritual success.

Respectfully submitted,

Orland L. Johnson, Chairman
Lynn Kryzak
Lynda Hamlett
Jim Wenstrom
Debbie Kinsman
Cindy Morgan

Report No. 11

Nominating Committee

We, the nominating committee, present the following as nominations for 1966-67 officers of Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth. President: Rev. Meredith J. Bailie; Vice President, Rev. David L. Castro; Secretary, Mrs. Geraldine Wells; Treasurer, Mrs. Judy Nygard; Eastern District Chairman, James Medows; Western District Chairman, Richard T. Mould; Eastern District Representative, Mark Klatt; Western District Representative, Faith Gibbs; Sales Manager, Linda Tuttle.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Linda Tuttle
Mark Klatt
Sharon McCarty
Diane Conkling
Marg Trone
Faith Gibbs

Report No. 12
Wesleyan Youth Statistical Report

Misc. Totals								Disbursements		
CHURCH	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	No. Readers' Club Members	EFFICIENCY STANDARD			General Dues	Conference Dues	Conference Extension
					"A" Rating Gold Seal	"B" Rating Silver Seal	"C" Rating Red Seal			
CHICAGO Austin Hoyne Ave.	11 -	7 -	9 1	- -	- -	x -	- -	44.00 -	33.00 -	180.00 -
CHICAGOLAND Broadview	16 -	- -	12 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	32.00 -	24.00 -	50.00 -
Elk Grove	20 -	4 -	14 2	- -	- -	- -	x -	40.00 -	30.00 -	150.00 -
Oak Park	8 -	- -	15 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	36.00 -	31.00 -	70.00 -
Wheaton	9 -	2 -	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	14.00 -	10.50 -	35.00 -
GALESBURG	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
HOOPESTON	- -	- -	1 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
MOLINE	- -	- -	3 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
PEORIA-First Creve Coeur	11 -	- -	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	22.00 -	50.00 -
PRINCETON	5 -	3 -	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	25.00 -	15.00 -	90.00 -
ROCKFORD	17 14	1 5	13 6	- -	x -	- -	- x	22.00 26.00	16.50 19.50	75.00 15.00
First Faith	- -	- -	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
WYANET	- -	- -	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
TOTALS	111	22	90	-	1	1	2	239.00	201.50	715.00

Disbursements								
CHURCH	Education	World Missions	General Church Ext. & Evangelism	Local Work	Youth Week Offering	Total Receipts plus balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on hand
CHICAGO Austin Hoyne Ave.	5.00 -	16.40 -	- -	411.35 -	15.00 -	719.66 -	704.75 -	14.91 -
CHICAGOLAND Broadview	- -	4.00 -	- -	39.78 -	- -	151.76 5.00	149.78 -	1.98 5.00
Elk Grove	- -	7.60 -	- -	263.40 -	21.84 -	602.84 -	512.84 -	90.00 -
Oak Lawn	- -	- -	- -	104.59 -	- -	262.74 -	241.59 -	21.15 -
Wheaton	- -	- -	- -	22.63 -	- -	82.13 -	82.13 -	- -
GALESBURG	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
HOOPESTON	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
MOLINE	- -	- -	- -	2.88 -	5.00 -	17.16 -	7.88 -	9.28 -
PEORIA-First Creve Coeur	- -	- -	- -	44.00 -	- -	173.12 -	116.00 -	57.12 -
PRINCETON	- -	25.00 -	- -	21.91 -	- -	214.20 -	176.91 -	37.29 -
ROCKFORD	- -	6.74 -	6.70 -	39.31 58.73	- 47.20	248.82 168.70	166.25 166.43	82.57 1.77
First Faith	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
WYANET	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
TOTALS	5.00	59.74	6.70	1008.58	89.04	2645.63	2324.56	321.07