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MINUTES  
of the  
ORGANIZING SESSION  
of the  
ILLINOIS MISSION CONFERENCE  
of the  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH  
OF AMERICA

Held at:

Peoria, Illinois, May 30, 1949, and  
Charles City, Iowa, August 17, 1949.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, President.

Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

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### Where to send money:

- a) Pastor's Tithe and Conference President's Support --

Mr. Wm. F. Tice, 3112 Garfield Drive, Rockford, Illinois.

- b) General and Conference Budgets -- Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

- c) Missionary Funds -- Mrs. Beagie Winterberg, Davis Junction, Ill.

- d) W.Y.P.S. Dues -- Rev. Daren C. Durey, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.

- e) Y.M.W.B. Funds -- Mrs. Irene Olander, 5802 W. 89th Place, Oak Lawn, Ill.

- f) General and Conference Sunday School Dues --

Mr. J. J. Blaine, 6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Ill.

- g) Pension Plan Funds -- Mrs. Grace B. Stuber, Route 4, Princeton, Ill.

### Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Camp Meeting begins Monday, July 24, and closes Sunday, July 30, 1950.

Conference begins Friday, July 28, and closes Tuesday, August 1, 1950.

Place to be announced later.

## Illinois Mission Conference Roll

### Elders on the Stationed List

Rev. LaVerne O. Anderson . . . 1800 Prospect Road, Peoria, Ill.  
Rev. Willard L. Archer . . . William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.  
Rev. A. L. Bray . . . 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Ill., Tel. Euclid 6-1760  
Rev. D. C. Durey . . . 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill., Tel. 3-0616  
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer . . . 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill., Tel. 2389  
Rev. Carl E. Olander . . . 5802 W. 89th Place, Oak Lawn, Ill., Tel. 895

### Conference Preachers

Rev. Glenn R. Dyer . . . 425 Roosevelt St., Creve Coeur, Ill.  
Rev. Clarence C. McCarty . . . 426 McNeil St., Hoopsten, Ill.  
Rev. Mrs. Ivabelle McCarty . . . 426 McNeil St., Hoopsten, Ill.  
Rev. Orville E. Price . . . Box 62, Wyanet, Ill., Tel. 2831  
Rev. Roy Wheeler . . . Thompson Ave., Hoopsten, Ill.

### Deacons

Miss Vera Brainard . . . 3033 Grant Blvd., Rockford, Ill.

### Delegates

Chicagoland . . . . . Miss Barbara Reed, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.  
Creve Coeur . . . . .  
Hoopsten . . . . .  
Oak Lawn . . . . . Mr. Ernest C. Bell  
Peoria . . . . . Mrs. Jessie Urton  
Princeton . . . . . Mr. F. J. Stuber  
Rockford . . . . . Mr. Fred Winterberg  
Wyanet . . . . . Mr. Ray Dyer

THE ILLINOIS MISSION CONFERENCE

Officers for the Conference Year -- 1949-1950.

President Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill., Tel. 2389.  
Vice President Rev. A. L. Bray, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Ill., Euclid 1760  
Secretary Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., 546 Marion St., Oak Park, Ill., Euclid 3948W  
Treasurer Mr. Wm. F. Tice, 3112 Garfield Drive., Rockford, Ill., Tel. 5-7591

Secretary-Treasurer Superannuated Pension Fund

Mrs. Grace B. Stuber, Route 4, Princeton, Ill.

Sunday School Secretary

Mr. J. J. Blaine, 6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Ill.

Statistical Secretary

Rev. Carl E. Olander, 5802 W. 89th Place, Oak Lawn, Ill., Tel. 895

Tithing Secretary Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, 426 McNeil St., Heapeston, Ill.

Secretary of Education

Rev. Willard L. Archer, Wm. Jennings Bryan U., Dayton, Tenn.

Nominee to Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale College Rev. Wm. H. Dyer

Child Evangelism Secretary

Mrs. Robie R. Anderson, 1800 Prospect Ave., Peoria, Ill., Tel. 28-111

Wesleyan Men's Missionary League Promoter

Rev. O. E. Price, Box 62, Wyanet, Ill., Tel. 2831

Conference Missionary Board

1. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Conference President;
2. Mrs. Rachel Bray, Women's Missionary Society President;
3. Rev. A. L. Bray;
4. Rev. L. G. Anderson;
5. Mr. Ray Dyer;
6. Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

### Conference Trustees

Rev. Carl E. Olander	Term expires 1950.
Rev. A. L. Bray	Term Expires 1951.
Mr. S. C. Puyear	Term expires 1951.
Rev. Wm. N. Dyer	Term expires 1952.
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.	Term expires 1952.

### Judiciary Committee

1. Rev. A. L. Bray;
2. Rev. C. E. Olander;
3. Rev. D. C. Durey;
4. Rev. W. L. Archer.

### Committee on Vacancies

1. Rev. O. E. Price;
2. Rev. D. C. Durey;
3. Rev. C. C. McGarty;
4. Mr. Wm. F. Tice;
5. Mr. C. L. Enycart.

### Sunday School Board

1. Mr. J. J. Blaine, Sunday School Secretary;
2. Rev. D. C. Durey;
3. Rev. C. E. Olander.

### Committee on Itinerary and Orders

Rev. C. E. Olander	Term expires 1950.
Rev. D. C. Durey	Term expires 1951.
Rev. W. L. Archer	Term expires 1952.
Rev. A. L. Bray	Term expires 1953.

### Camp Meeting Committee

The Conference Missionary Board.

Superannuated Ministers' Committee

The Conference Missionary Board.

Committee on Orders of the Day

1. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer;
2. Rev. D. C. Durey;
3. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

President's Advisory Board

1. Rev. A. L. Bray;
2. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building and Location

The Conference Missionary Board.

Statistical Committee

1. Rev. C. E. Olander, Statistical Secretary;
2. Rev. D. C. Durey.

Conference Educational Committee

1. Rev. Willard L. Archer, Educational Secretary;
2. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Conference President and Member Local Board of Miltonvale College.
3. Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference President of W. M. S.
4. Mrs. Irene Olander, Conference Superintendent of Y. M. W. B.
5. Rev. D. C. Durey, Conference President of W. Y. P. S.

## JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

### General Summary.

The First Session of the Illinois Mission Conference was convened at the Peoria Wesleyan Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, on Monday, May 30, 1949, by Rev. J. R. Swauger, General Home Missions Secretary. In morning and afternoon meetings, organization of the conference was effected by the election of officers and standing committees.

An adjourned meeting of the First Session of the Illinois Mission Conference was convened at the Wesleyan Methodist Camp Grounds, Charles City, Iowa, at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 17, 1949, by Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, President. Organization was completed at this meeting, and miscellaneous business transacted. By action of the conference, organization became effective and officers and committees were seated at the rise of the Iowa Annual Conference, at 10:15 P.M., Wednesday, August 17, 1949.

Original records of detailed business are available in the Secretary's book.

### Morning Meeting, May 30, 1949, at 10:30 A.M.

Devotional Service. The business session was preceded by a devotional service, in which Rev. Swauger brought an inspirational message based on Psalm 27 -- "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear?--". Special music, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", was sung by the Oak Park Mixed Quartet. Rev. Bray gave a short summary of the history of Wesleyan Methodism in Illinois. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer led in prayer. Approximately one hundred were in attendance.

Preliminary Investigation by General Home Missions Secretary. After appointing a secretary pro-tempore, Rev. Swauger conducted an open investigation, asking each church represented at the meeting to report on the local attitude

toward formation of an Illinois Mission Conference. Seven Illinois Churches of the Iowa Conference, Chicagoland, Creve Coeur, Oak Lawn, Peoria, Princeton, Rockford and Wyanot, reported strong support of the move. A delegation was also present from the Heopeton, Illinois, Church, of the Indiana Conference, and they reported support of the move, with permission of their mother conference to join in such an organization.

By rising vote the representatives and members present unanimously resolved to proceed with the immediate organization of an Illinois annual conference. An informal period of rejoicing and thanksgiving ensued.

Organization. By proper motion and support, all those present who were full members of churches in the Iowa Conference and of the Heopeton church were declared eligible to vote in the election of officers.

Bar of Conference was defined and representatives seated.

A motion prevailed that election proceed by ballot, and Rev. Glenn Dyer and Rev. Price were appointed tellers.

Election of Officers. Conference president and vice president were elected. See list of conference officers.

Meeting was adjourned by limitation of time.

Afternoon Meeting, May 30, 1949, at 1:15 P.M.

Rev. Swanger called the meeting to order, and all joined in singing "Amazing Grace". A general season of prayer for wisdom and guidance followed.

Election of Officers and Standing Committees. Rev. Durey and Rev. Olander were appointed additional tellers. Further election by ballot included secretary, treasurer, Sunday School secretary, tithing secretary, secretary of education and the conference trustees. See list of conference officers.

Motion carried that the Conference President, President of the Women's Missionary Society, two ministerial members and one laymember shall constitute the Conference Missionary Board.

Upon proper action rescinding the ballot requirement, the following committees were elected by acclamation: Conference Missionary Board, Judiciary, Vacancies, Itineracy and Orders, Camp Meeting, Superannuated Ministers, Sunday School, Church and Parsonage Building and Location. See List of Conference Officers.

The conference took action approving Rev. Wm. H. Dyer as Illinois Mission Conference nominee to the Local Board of Miltonvale College.

Report of Committee on Courtesy. Rev. Archer was appointed Committee on Courtesy. He presented to the conference the Rev. and Mrs. Ames Putney, of Kokomo, Indiana, and their son, Mr. Everett Putney, of Marion College. Words of greeting were received from these guests, and they were given honorary seats within the Conference Bar.

Name of Conference. Wording of the conference name was left undecided. It is tentatively given as the Illinois Mission Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

Effective Date of Organization. A resolution was duly enacted that the organization of the Illinois Mission Conference, set up in present session, shall take effect officially at the rise of the Iowa Annual Conference in August, 1949.

August Meeting. It was the further action of the body that an adjourned meeting of this first session of the Illinois Mission Conference be held immediately following rise of the Iowa Conference in August, 1949, for the transaction of further business; and that the Illinois church ministers and delegates officially attending the Iowa Conference constitute the roll of the adjourned meeting.

Finance and Standing Rules. By action of the conference, the Conference Missionary Board was declared to be a committee on finance and standing rules, and was instructed to bring a report on same to the August meeting. It was also instructed to ~~discuss~~ immediately with the president the problems that are involved in his support for the coming year.

Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Trustees was authorized by the conference to draw up the Articles of Incorporation of the Illinois Mission Conference and to present them for approval at the August meeting.

Conference Territory. Motion was adopted that the conference territory shall be described as follows: "The Illinois Mission Conference shall comprise that part of the state of Illinois north of the Wabash Railway running from Danville, Illinois, to Hannibal, Missouri, except the counties of Will, Kankakee, Iroquois and that portion of Vermillion County north of the Wabash Railway running through Danville to Hannibal, Missouri."

The president was instructed by further action of the conference to open negotiations with the Indiana Conference, requesting that territory held in the state of Illinois by that body be transferred to the Illinois Mission Conference.

Transfer of Illinois Properties and Membership from Iowa Conference. The president was authorized by the conference to confer with the proper Iowa Conference boards relative to transfer of properties and funds from the Iowa Conference to the Illinois Conference, and to arrive at a mutual agreement concerning these matters.

It was also enacted that all elders, conference preachers and licentiates having membership or stationed in the territory of the Illinois Mission Conference at the rise of the Iowa Conference shall be included in the initial roll of the new conference unless they request otherwise.

Pension Plan. The Denominational Superannuate Pension Plan was adopted by action of the conference.

Rising votes of appreciation were extended to Rev. Anderson and his people for their hospitality in providing for the conference, and to Rev. Swauger for his leadership and counsel in the transaction of business during the day.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by President Dyer.

Conference Session, 6:15 P.M.

Approximately one hundred twenty five were present at the evening service. Special music was furnished by Peoria Church.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, President-elect of the Illinois Mission Conference, brought to the group an inspiring message based on the example of Gideon and his band. He laid stress on the need for faith and consecration to stand in the face of great odds, and for a mind to pursue God's advantage, even though faint in the battle. His message brought the conference meetings to a fitting close with a note of encouragement, trust and praise.

Adjourned Meeting, August 17, 1949, at 7:00 P.M.

Opening. Conference was called to order by the president. Rev. Durey led in prayer.

The roll of ministers and delegates was called. See Conference Roll. Eight ministerial members and seven delegates answered the roll call.

The minutes of the Peoria meetings of the Illinois Mission Conference, held May 30, 1949, were read and approved.

Name of Conference. By unanimous action of the body, the conference name for the purpose of transacting legal business was declared to be "The Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

Motion was adopted designating the People meetings of May 30, 1949, together with the present meeting, as "The Organizing Session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America."

Report on Territory. The president reported contact with officials of the Indiana Conference requesting transferral of territory held by them in the state of Illinois. Report of action has not yet been received.

Standing Rules. Report on standing rules, by the Conference Missionary Board, was acted upon item by item, and report as a whole was then adopted by unanimous vote of the body. See Report No. 1.

Finance. Report on finance, by the Missionary Board, was acted upon item by item. Report as a whole was also adopted by unanimous vote. See Report No. 2.

Election of Officers and Committees. By proper action of the conference it was resolved to increase the Conference Missionary Board membership by one laymember.

The following officers and committees were elected by acclamation: Additional Missionary Board laymember, Secretary-Treasurer Superannuated Pension Fund, Child Evangelism Secretary, Wesleyan Men's Missionary League Conference Promoter, Committee on Orders of the Day, President's Advisory Board, and Statistical Committee. See List Of Conference Officers.

Printing of new pocket credentials for Illinois elders was authorized by the conference.

Conference Sermon. Rev. LaVerne Anderson was elected to preach the Conference Sermon in 1950. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer was appointed alternate.

Iowa Conference Evangel. The kind offer of the Iowa Conference to include a special Illinois news section in the Evangel was considered. Motion was adopted to accept this offer for the ensuing year, and to continue subscription lists to the Evangel as they now exist.

Bonding of Treasurers. The trustees were authorized by the body to arrange for bonding of all treasurers of the conference.

Unfinished Business. The Trustees and the Missionary Board were authorized by proper action of the conference to attend to all matters of unfinished business relative to organization of the Illinois Conference.

The session was adjourned sine die. Rev. Olander led in a closing prayer.

REPORT NO. 1

Standing Rules.

We, your committee, present the following recommendations as standing rules:

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 Missions, 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 Missions Fund; (8) That he be ex-officio a ministerial delegate to General Conference.

II. Trustees. Resolved, that the duly-elected and qualified Trustees of the Annual Conference are hereby authorized and directed to sign for the purchase, sale, mortgaging and conveyance of real estate recommended by the Conference Missionary Board during the interim between the meetings of Annual Conference, and that all such action or actions shall be deemed to be legal and binding upon the Annual 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.

III. Missionary Board. Resolved, that the Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Missions Fund.

IV. Annual Conference. (1) Date. Resolved, that Camp Meeting begin on the first Monday after the 20th of July; that Conference open on Friday afternoon at 3:30 for Committee organization; that the Camp Meeting close on Sunday night; that Conference close on Tuesday.

(2) Fiscal Year. Resolved, that the Conference Fiscal Year close July 15th; that each local church fiscal year close June 30th; that all money shall be in the hands of the proper Treasurers on or before July 7th; that immediately thereafter each pastor shall submit to the Conference Treasurer his budget check sheet with receipts covering same, and his statistical blank completed except for the budget section.

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

(4) Statistics. Resolved, that the Conference Treasurer fill in the budget items on the statistical blanks that are correct, and check those that are incorrect with the pastor when he registers; that these statistical blanks be turned over to the Statistical Secretary by the Conference Treasurer not later than Wednesday noon of Camp Meeting.

(5) Committee on Statistics. Resolved, that a standing Committee on Statistics be elected, consisting of a Conference Statistical Secretary and one other ministerial member; that two lay members be elected at the opening of Conference.

(6) 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 such Sunday School has been recognized by the Conference Missionary Board.

(7) Minutes. Resolved, that the Conference Secretary bill each church for the number of Annual Conference Minutes ordered by that church, and that the Conference Secretary bill the Conference Fund for those minutes not ordered by the individual churches.

(8) Leaves. Resolved, that no member shall leave the Conference session without permission of the President.

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

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 elected by the Annual Conference, and that the Conference President, the Conference W.Y.P.S. President and the Conference W.M.S. President be members ex-officio of said Camp Meeting Committee.

(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 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) Pastor's Report. Resolved, that each ministerial member of our Conference shall report to his Quarterly and Annual Conferences the number of sermons preached, prayer meetings attended, homes visited and calls made, and that the annual report be written on the last page of the Conference Statistical report Blank.

(2) Pastor's Support During Conference. Resolved, that it be our plan that all pastors remain on their charges for one Sunday after Conference 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 provision for the moving expense of the incoming pastor immediately after the Annual Conference adjourns.

(4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference Secretary be notified by the local church secretary in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home, and that he shall send cards at once to each pastor.

(5) Minister's Vacation. Resolved, that the Conference President and all pastors be given a two-weeks' vacation with pay, with one Sunday's absence from their pulpits.

Respectfully submitted,

The Missionary Board, Interim Committee.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman

Rev. Arthur L. Bray

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson

Mr. Ray Dyer.

REPORT NO. 2

Finance

We, the Missionary Board, directed by the new Illinois Conference organization to serve as your Committee on Finance, do submit the following recommendations:

I. The General Budget assessments shall be apportioned as follows, corresponding with the General Conference regulations:

Home Missions	\$1.00 per member
Foreign Missions	2.00 per member
Education	2.00 per member
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	1.50 per member
Orphanage	.25 per member
General Administrative Budget	.25 per member
General Conference Travel and Entertainment	<u>.20 per member</u>
Total General Budget	\$7.20 per member

II. The Conference Budget assessments shall be:

President's Salary	\$3.50 per member
Conference Fund	1.00 per member
Conference Missions	<u>1.00 per member</u>
Total Conference Budget	<u>\$5.50 per member</u>
Total Budget Assignment per member	\$12.70

III. Miscellaneous Assessments:

General S. S. Dues	\$0.05 per S.S. member *
Conference S. S. Dues	0.05 per S.S. member *
General W.Y.P.S. Dues	0.50 per W.Y.P.S. member

(\*Based on the total number in the Main School, as recorded in the 1949 Minutes.) (W.Y.P.S. Dues based on 1949 Minutes.)

Miltonvale College Building Fund -- a goal of \$2.50 per church member, to be sent through the Illinois Conference Treasurer.

**IV. Conference President's Support:** (a) We recommend that the tithe of each pastor be sent monthly through local church channels to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. Th. F. Tice, 3112 Garfield Drive, Rockford, Ill.

(b) We recommend that the minimum support for our Conference President be \$2400 (twenty four hundred dollars) a year, said sum to be derived from the President's Salary Budget, the Pastors' Tithes, the Princeton charge support, and assistance requested from the General Home Missions Secretary to the amount of twenty five dollars per month.

(c) We recommend that we pay our Conference President one hundred twenty five dollars a month in advance out of the President's Salary Fund and in addition any assistance we may receive toward his support from the General Home Missions department.

(d) We recommend to each church the urgent necessity of paying at least the President's Salary Fund monthly.

(c) We recommend that we accept the loan to the President's Salary Fund of five hundred dollars from a friend of the Conference; said loan to be secured by a note signed by the Conference Missionary Board.

(f) We report that the Pastors' tithes is expected to net about \$1000, the President's Salary Budget \$500 and the Princeton charge support not less than \$500 throughout the year, based on last year's financial reports to Conference. We further report that Rev. J. R. Swanger, General Home Missions Secretary, has offered to pay the President's moving expenses and six months' house rent in a country home now available at \$20.00 per month.

V. Incidental expenses of all Conference Officers and helpers shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer when approved by the President.

VI. A competent auditor shall be appointed by the Committee on Finance to audit the books of the next Annual Conference.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

**The Conference Missionary Board:**  
Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson,

**Rev. A. L. Bray, Acting Ch'mn.**  
Mr. Ray Dyer.