



**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INCORPORATED**

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PREAMBLE

We, the Missionary Baptist Churches of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association Inc., in order to form a closer relationship; to effect mutual helpfulness; to foster and support Missions, Christian Education; maintain Christian Fellowship; to uphold the doctrines commonly held by Missionary Baptist Churches; to support more effectively the gospel ministry and to enhance our Christian Ordinances, do devise, ordain, and establish this as our Constitution.

ARTICLE I

Name

This body shall be known as the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Voting

The Association shall consist of Delegates and Messengers chosen by its member churches for the purposes of conducting business at the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions. All voting is to be done only by Delegates and Messengers from Association churches in good financial standing.

SECTION 1 – Delegate: Each member church will be allotted delegates based on its congregation’s size.

- 1 – 100 members, 2 delegates
- 101 – 200 members, 3 delegates
- 201 – More members, 4 delegates

SECTION 2 – Messenger: Any Missionary Baptist Minister who is serving or who has been designated by their church to act as Messenger at the time of Association meetings. Each member church is only allowed one Messenger.

SECTION 3 – If a minister who seeks to be Pastor of a Middle District Missionary Baptist Association church from a) another denomination, or b) a licensed minister, he/she is recommended to complete the Minister’s Ordination Academy and be ordained under the guidelines of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. if they have not been previously ordained by another denomination.

The Moderator, upon written request of the Church Search Committee, is available to offer guidance in the hiring process

ARTICLE III

Officers of the Association

The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, First Vice-Moderator, Second Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chairman of Trustee Board, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor, and Parliamentarian. Officers shall make appropriate reports at both the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions.

SECTION 1 – Election of Officers - Officers of this Association shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

SECTION 2 – Tenure of Office – All officers shall be elected to serve no more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms in the same office with the exception of the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Trustee Board. The Treasurer and Chairman of the Trustee Board can be elected to serve multiple consecutive terms

SECTION 3 – How Officers are Elected – Officers of this Association shall be elected by a majority of the voting Delegates and Messengers present during Annual Session.

SECTION 4 – Vacancies – A vacancy in the office of the Moderator shall be filled by the First Vice-Moderator and a vacancy in the office of the First Vice-Moderator shall be filled by the Second Vice-Moderator. All other offices of the Association vacant shall be appointed by the Moderator until such time the position is filled by election.

ARTICLE IV

Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee composed of a maximum of seven (7) and a minimum of five (5) members from different Association Churches shall be named during the Annual *Session* (*October*). The Nominating Committee will:

- Receive all documents from persons interested in seeking elected office.
- Verify the credentials and qualifications of each potential candidate (as outlined in Section 1; See Credentials and Qualifications of office being sought).
- Compile a list of the names of all candidates for the various offices to be elected at the following year's Annual Session.
- Verify that the candidate's church has met its financial obligations. If the candidate's church has not met its financial obligations to the Association, the candidate will be disqualified from seeking elected office.
- Prepare an election ballot to be available to Delegates and Messengers at the Mid-Year Session (March).
- Mail a sample election ballot to member churches in good financial standing on or before July 1st of the election year

SECTION 1 –

- A. Any Pastor or former Pastor interested in being considered a candidate for an office of Moderator, First Vice-Moderator or Second Vice-Moderator in this Association MUST submit a letter of INTENT to the Nominating Committee, on or before December 31st of the year prior to the election: Letter of Intent, Resume, and a letter from his/her church indicating candidate's status in his/her church.
- B. Any member interested in being considered a candidate for an office in this Association MUST submit the following documents to the Nominating Committee on or before December 31st of the year prior to the election: Letter of Intent, Resume, and a letter from his/her church indicating candidate's status in his/her church.

SECTION 2 – No person may hold elected office in this Association without being an active member of a church belonging to this Association or an active member of this Association

**ARTICLE V
DUTY OF OFFICERS**

A. MODERATOR

The duties of the Moderator shall be:

- To encourage the development of Christian fellowship and mutual care among the churches, church leaders, Association, and Association leaders.
- The Moderator (or his designee) shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Board.
- Ex-officio on all committees and auxiliaries.
- Appoint all standing and special committees.
- Countersign all orders and documents for the Association.
- Represent the Association in all matters of concern as they relate to the well-being of the Association.
- Oversee the operation of all auxiliaries under the umbrella of the Association.
- Give the casting vote in the event of a tie during all meetings of the Association and Executive Board.
- Encourage the strict observance of order and decorum when present at all meetings of the Association or Executive Board.

B. FIRST VICE-MODERATOR

The duties of the First Vice-Moderator shall be:

- To assist the Moderator in fulfilling those duties assigned by the Moderator.
- Preside at meetings of the Association-in-Session and Executive Board at the direction of the Moderator or in the event of the Moderator's absence.
- Serve the remaining term of the Moderator in the event the Office of the Moderator becomes vacant (serving the remainder of this term does not disallow the First Vice-Moderator from seeking a full term as Moderator).

C. SECOND VICE-MODERATOR

The duties of the Second Vice-Moderator shall be:

- To assist the Moderator and cooperate with the First Vice-Moderator in fulfilling those duties assigned by the Moderator.
- Serve the remaining term of First Vice-Moderator in the event the position of the First Vice-Moderator becomes vacant.
- Serve as Chairperson of the Association's Field Workers (liaisons of the Association).

D. RECORDING SECRETARY

The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be:

- Serve as recorder of the minutes during the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions of the Association; have same printed in a booklet form to be distributed to all Association churches at the next Mid-Year Session.
- Serve as recorder of minutes at all meetings of the Executive Board.
- Custodian of minutes and official documents belonging to the Association. All minutes and official documents are to be turned over to the incoming Recording Secretary within 30 days prior to expiration of term, resignation, etc.
- Preserve and house all minutes and official documents belonging to the Association at the Association's Headquarters Building.
- With the assistance of the Moderator and Executive Board, prepare program bulletins for the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions for distribution.

E. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be:

- Maintain communication, by US/electronic mail or otherwise, for the Association to member churches. Auxiliary presidents or their designee are required to provide the Corresponding Secretary all event information for distribution to member churches prior to the event.

F. FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The duties of the Financial Secretary shall be:

- To supervise the accounting of all monies received by the Association and maintain an accurate record of these monies.
- Maintain an accurate record of all pledges received.

G. ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The duties of the Assistant Financial Secretary shall be:

- Assist the Financial Secretary in supervising the accounting of all monies received by the Association, maintain an accurate record of these monies and shall perform all other duties peculiar to this office.

H. TREASURER

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- Make disbursements authorized by the Association's Annual Budget and approved through proper procedures.
- Receive documentation of all funds deposited into the Association's account from the Financial Secretary.
- Responsible for maintaining all accounts-regular savings, high yield CDs and checking, to maximize the greatest profit from the highest interest rates available (all funds shall not be held with one banking institution).
- Present a detailed financial report to the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions of the Association for approval. Provide a copy of the same to the Auditor for reconciling.
- The Treasurer will retain all bonds, deeds, and fiduciary records in a safe deposit box to be turned over to his/her successor at the end of his/her term in office along with all Association's property and/or equipment.

I. ASSISTANT TREASURER

The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be:

- The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be to assist the Treasurer in making disbursements authorized by the Association's Annual Budget or approved through proper voucher procedures and shall perform all other duties peculiar to this office.

J. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be:

- At all meetings of the Association, the procedures used shall be in accordance with the Holy Bible, the advice of the Hiscox Baptist Church Directory, Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition of the latter two provided by the Association provided by the Association) and the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.
- The Parliamentarian shall give points of clarification on matters of Parliamentary Procedure and assist with the interpretation of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws when called upon by the Moderator.

K. AUDITOR

The duties of the Auditor shall be to:

- Receive, examine and investigate all accounting documents (recording ledgers, bank books, bank records, bank statements, vouchers, receipts and Association disbursements) of the Treasurer and other persons at the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions.
- Check the reconciliation of Mid-Year and Annual Session accounting records and financial statements.
- Submit a report to the Main Body of the Association during the business session of the Annual Session of each year.
- Submit a copy of the Auditor's Report to the Executive Board of the Association for action prior to the Association's next session.

L. CHAIRPERSON-TRUSTEE BOARD

The duties of the Chairperson-Trustee Board shall be to:

- Oversee the care and upkeep of all association property (Association property shall include land, buildings and fixed assets (computers, copy machines, sound equipment, vehicle, etc.), including the necessary utilities, improvements, repairs, minor alterations, and general maintenance with the delegation of responsibilities as required. All legal documents pertaining to the Association shall be kept secured at the Association's Headquarters Building.
- The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall be a member of the Executive Board.
- The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall regulate the work of the Trustees' Board.
- Maintain adequate property and liability insurance coverage for all Association property and facilities.
- Provide input to the Executive Board relative to planning for future expenditures on property and facilities.
- Be authorized to spend up to the amount recommended for routine maintenance by the Executive Board and approved at the next regular scheduled session of the Association.
- Submit all requests to the Executive Board for approval in areas involving the buying, selling, mortgaging, leasing or renting of real property.

ARTICLE VI FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. shall end August 31st of each year.

ARTICLE VII Revenues

The Revenue of this Association shall be donations, grants, public offerings, and annual assessments of this Association shall be set by the Executive Board for members, pastors, non-pastoring Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, and Deacons.

ARTICLE VIII Church Reports

Each Member Church shall furnish the Association with a full report of its statistics on membership, financial obligations, ordained and licentiate ministers, pastor, and church clerk. A form on which to make the report will be sent to each Member Church by the Recording Secretary no later than the first of September of each year.

ARTICLE IX Auxiliaries

The Auxiliaries of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association shall consist of the following: the Congress of Christian Education, Ministers and Deacons Union, Daughters of Zion, Ushers Union, Women's Missionary Baptist Union, and the Layman's League. All Auxiliaries shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution governing the Association.

ARTICLE X
Committees

Ad hoc Committees shall be appointed at each Annual Session to examine and make reports in the following areas: new churches, finances and accounting, education, temperance, time and place, programs and new pastors. All reports should be made and approved before that Session of the Association adjourns.

ARTICLE XI
Meeting Times of the Association

The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association shall convene in regular sessions twice each year to transact any business that properly comes before it.

SECTION 1 – The Mid-Year, one (1) day, Session will convene in March of each year. The date and time will be set by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2 – The Annual, two (2) day, Session will convene in October of each year. The dates and times will be set by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII
Quorums, Voting, and Special Sessions

Section 1: Mid-Year and Annual Sessions

- A. Notice of Meetings: Notices of the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions shall be sent to all member churches at least thirty (30) days before the session begins by the Association's Corresponding Secretary. Notices shall include the date and time of the session as well as an outline of the agenda.
- B. Quorum/Voting: All voting shall be done by Messengers and Delegates present for the transaction of business.

Section 2: Special Sessions of the Association

- A. Special Sessions of the Association may be called by the Moderator and the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary. Notification shall be sent to member churches by the Association's Corresponding Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting is held. Contained in this correspondence shall be the purpose of the meeting. No other business is to be dealt with except that which is indicated in the correspondence.
- B. Quorum/Voting: All voting shall be done by Messengers present for the transaction of business.

Section 3: Boards, Auxiliaries and Committees (to include AHOC and Special Committees)

- A. Notice of Meetings: Notices of meetings shall be sent out to members by the Secretary of the board/auxiliary/committee or his/her designee at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting.
- B. Quorum/Voting: Members of the boards, auxiliaries and committees present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4: Decisions of Boards and Committees

- A. All decisions made by any board or committee are to be brought to the next Mid-Year or Annual Session to be voted on by the Messengers and Delegates. In case of an emergency, the Executive Board has the authority to move forward on a decision.
- B. Decisions made at Special Sessions of the Association shall be included in the Executive Board's report at the next Mid-Year or Annual Session, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE XIII Friendly Relations

A friendly relationship between this and other Associations should be encouraged. No Church or Minister belonging to another Association and, failing to subscribe to and obey its rules and regulations, may be accepted into this Association without being reviewed by the Executive Board. All new churches joining this Association should also be reviewed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV NEW CHURCHES

1. Any church wishing to affiliate with the Association must be a constituted, local Missionary Baptist church established for a period of two (2) years, and shall make written application to the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association Executive Board at least three (3) months prior to the Mid-Year Session of the Association. The Executive Board or its designee(s) shall meet with the church as soon as possible after the application to ascertain the attitude of the church as to its doctrine and practices held by the Missionary Baptist Churches.
2. No church shall be recommended for membership in the Association that does not express a willingness to actively support the financial objectives and programs of the Association and the General Baptist State Convention in accordance with their resources.
3. The church under consideration shall be under watch care for a period of one (1) year before final action on the request for admission into the Association. During this one (1) year period, the new Pastor and church members are expected to:
 - Attend sessions and programs of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. as outlined on the Application for New Churches.
 - Financially support the efforts of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. (Quota Submittal Form) and the General Baptist State Convention (Stewardship Report to the Office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated).
 - The Watch Care period, on the recommendation of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association's Executive Board, may be extended for one (1) or more years.
 - The Executive Board shall present its report on New Churches during the business session of the Annual Session of the Association and all the churches shall be received by a majority vote of messengers and delegates of member churches represented.

ARTICLE XV BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall:

- Be composed of the elected Officers of the Association as outlined in Article III of this Constitution.
- Have the authority to lead, guide, advise, and conduct the business of the Association and its member churches, when the Association is not in session.
- Study and project plans for the work of the Association and present a written report of its yearly activities during the business portion of the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions of the Association.
- Utilize the services of the Parliamentarian at all meetings.
- To encourage participation and stimulate interest in the work of the Association and associational programs by the affiliated churches.
- Provide oversight in all things that pertain to the spiritual life and temporal well-being of its member churches.
- Provide assistance and advice to member churches when requested.
- Provide oversight of the finances of the association. To include, but not limited to the setting of honorariums, approving expenditures and work orders, reviewing and approving/disapproving any expenditure of funds by the Association.
- The Moderator will recommend the schedules for meetings of the Executive Board. Upon approval of the board, these dates will stand until it is deemed necessary to make changes.
- Those present for a regular or call meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the said meeting and the carrying out of business.
- The Executive Board is empowered to request a meeting with the Officers of any Board, Committee, or Auxiliary whose objectives and programs are inconsistent with those of the Association. The Executive Board shall make its report to the next session of the Association.

2. TRUSTEE BOARD

For duties and responsibilities for the Chairman and Board of Trustees, see Article IV, Duty of Officers, Item L.

3. PRESBYTERY BOARD

The Presbytery Board shall:

- Consist of three or more ordained ministers from within and active in the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association. They shall, when requested to do so, examine, pass upon an ordained licentiates who have been recommended by their Home Church and have met the following requirements.
- It shall be required that all licentiates attend at least three Ministers and Deacons Union meeting each year, attend the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions of the Association, and complete the Association's Ministers Ordination Academy. If a call to ordain a person comes before completion of the above requirements, this call must be accompanied by: a letter from the licentiate's Home Church and a letter from the Congregation of the Church requesting the ordination acknowledging that they are aware that the licentiate

did not complete the Association's requirements.

- The Chairperson of the Presbytery Board shall be appointed by the Moderator.
- Chairperson, upon approval of the Moderator, selects the instructors for the Ministers Ordination Academy.
- The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Presbytery Board shall attend at least three Ministers and Deacons Union meeting each year, and attend the Mid-Year and Annual Sessions of the Association.

4. COMMITTEES

- Committees are put in place to accomplish an assigned task. Once the task has been completed, the Committee is dissolved, turning in all reports and recommendations to the Executive Board.
- Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Mid-Year Session of the Association to examine and make reports in the following areas: new churches, budget and finance, education, temperance, time and place, programs and new pastors. All reports should be made and approved before that Session of the Association adjourns.
- Committees serve at the will and pleasure of the Association Body.
- Committees cannot make independent decisions. All decisions for approval are to be taken to the Executive Board.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee composed of a maximum of seven (7) and a minimum of five (5) members from different Association Churches shall be named during the Annual Session (October).

The Nominating Committee will:

- Receive all documents from persons interested in seeking elected office.
- Verify the credentials and qualifications of each potential candidate (as outlined in Section 1; See Credentials and Qualifications of office being sought).
- Compile a list of the names of all candidates for the various offices to be elected at the following year's Annual Session.
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SECTION 1

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- B. Any member interested in being considered a candidate for any other office in this Association MUST submit the following documents to the Nominating Committee on or before December 31st of the year prior to the election: Letter of Intent, Resume, and a letter from his/her church indicating candidate's status in his/her church.

SECTION 2 - No person may hold elected office in this Association without being an active member of a church belonging to this Association.

6. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be:

- Appointed by the Moderator and Executive Board.
- It shall be the duties of this committee to work with all the boards, auxiliaries and committees, in the preparation and administration of the budget and finances of the Association.

ARTICLE XVI **Meeting Rules and Procedures**

At all meetings of the Association, the procedures used shall be in accordance with the Holy Bible, the advice of Hiscox Church Directory, and Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition of the latter two) *provided by the Association*), and the Association's Constitution and Bylaws *provided by the Association*), and the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII **Special Sessions**

The Moderator reserves the right to call Special Sessions of the Association, to include all Member Churches, at any time he deems necessary. Notification of at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting must be given to the Member Churches. The Moderator also reserves the right to call an Emergency Session of any Board of this Association when he feels that such a Session is necessary.

ARTICLE XVIII **Officers' Reports**

Officers' reports, recommendations, propositions, resolutions or otherwise should be passed on or approved by the voting members in attendance at that Session of the Association.

ARTICLE XIX **Inconsistent Actions**

All Constitutions and By-Laws of Auxiliaries no consistent with this Constitution are hereby rescinded.

ARTICLE XX **Amending the Constitution**

This Constitution may be amended, as the case may be, by a majority vote of Delegates at the Mid-Year Session and a two-thirds vote of Delegates at the next Annual Session.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

A. In Regards to the Ordination of Ministers

Whereas, II Timothy 2:15 states, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” and

Whereas, we are commended to do better when we learn better, for it is the Christian’s duty, and

Whereas, the practice of not considering a candidate for ordination who is divorced or has remarried and their former wife is still living, or their present wife is divorced and has a former living husband, regardless of circumstances, and

Whereas, it is understood that the party of a divorce proceeding has all rights and privileges afforded it according to the Scriptures, and

Whereas, the door of knowledge and wisdom must be kept open as we strive for better understanding, be it resolved that a candidate who is divorced or has remarried and their former spouse is still living, and they are the part in these proceedings, not guilty of fornication nor improper abandonment as set forth in the Scriptures, they shall be considered for ordination.

B. Resolution by Rev. W.H. Moore

Whereas, there is a perpetual practice among the Baptist Churches of this Association that differentiates far from the rules laid down in our discipline, and

Whereas, the present practice of calling a Pastor to the Baptist Church is a departure from the Baptist landmark of the Church, and on account of such practice, Churches have been divided, the peace of the community interrupted, homes divided, and husbands and wives separated, all on account of the political practices of voting for the Pastor once every year, and

Whereas, the rules laid down in the Discipline of the Baptist Church, say that in the selection of a Pastor, the same should be done at prayerful consideration, by a pulpit committee in whose hands the power of the Church may be delegated or by a majority of the members who may be qualified electors at a regular stated meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor, and when so elected in a Baptist Church, the same of his Pastorate may continue indefinite, so long as both Church and Pastor may agree.

In the event of a disagreement at any time, and the differences having been adjusted, and the Church so desiring a change of Pastor, he being officially notified that it is for the best interest of the Church that he may hand in his resignation to take effect three months after date of same.

And if the Pastor so desires to change fields the same rules of three months’ notice be applied to him if he desires to change and

Whereas, we believe that immediate return to the above Baptist rule governing every well-regulated Church of our denomination is necessary, therefore be it

Resolved, that every Church in this Association be governed in the future by the above rules and that the call of a Pastor and his term of service be, and is hereby indefinite and a future departure from the above Resolution will result in a strict violation of the same, and is subject for the trial for such a violation.

C. In Regards to the Transfer of Membership

Whereas, there is a tendency of practice among Baptist Churches and Pastors in the Middle District Association, to have members desirous to join another Sister Church in the local area and become Spiritually strong, and

Whereas, there ought to exist a sense of dignity and Spirit of brotherliness among Associational Pastors and Churches, and

Whereas, the Christian Church should seek to raise Christians beyond membership, and

Whereas, the Pastor should first counsel a Christian seeker as to how he might remain at his present membership Church to work and become Spiritually strong, and

Whereas, a Baptist member of a given Church should reserve the right and privilege to move where he can best serve, assuming to be in good and regular standing with his present Church, and

Whereas, in Baptist Polity of the New Hiscox Directory, a member may join another Church under Christian experience while miles separate him from his present home Church, be it resolved that

Any transfer of Baptist members of this Association should request a letter from his present Pastor and Church in the same local area and bound, to qualify for transfer of membership.

A violation of such regulation of accepting such member without a letter which subjects his name on two Church rolls, likewise subjects designated Pastor of given Association to become accountable to the Executive Board of Association for reprimanding or execution.

BYLAWS OF THE MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

1. The Association shall be opened with signing and prayer by the Moderator or someone appointed by him.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected and adopted.
3. Persons invited to seat within the bars shall have the privilege of speaking on any questions, but not to vote.
4. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless his remarks are foreign to the question under discussion; any brother may then rise to a point of order; Moderator may call him to the proposition under the debate.
5. When two members arise at the same time and claim the floor, the Moderator shall give preference to the one farthest off.
6. When a member is called to order by the Chair he shall take his seat until it is determined by the Chair whether he is in order or not. Said member may appeal from the decision of the Chair to a majority of those present.
7. When a question has been put and the votes taken, any member may demand reconsideration of the question, which demand may be compiled with by the consent of the majority of the members present.
8. All questions or motions shall be put by the Moderator and the members shall vote in the affirmative or negative. In the event of a tie the Moderator shall be entitled to casting vote.
9. When the Moderator wishes to participate in discussing a question (which should be seldom done), he must appoint a brother to take the chair.
10. A motion may be amended or divided into sections or withdrawn by the mover.

Respectfully, the Committee

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Devotion & Praise Service

Enrolling Delegates

Appoint a Finance Committee

Calling of Petitionary Letter

Receiving and Reading Letters

Reports of District Supervisors and Officers

Report of Directory Board

Election of Officers

Report of Corresponding Delegates

Report of Committee & Miscellaneous Business