

July 23, 1948

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Southfield Church on Friday, July 23, 1948 at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Liston, who constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called and is as follows:

Ministers present:

S. C. Weir	Willard Wylie
R. M. Barnes	H. F. Mac Allister
G. U. Martin	F. J. Irvin
H. L. Downie	J. H. McCann
V. A. Barnes	D. C. Irwin
R. P. Liston	E. W. Dunn

Elders present:

L. G. Rowley	R. E. Byers
James Johnston	Chris Anderson

The Moderator then proceeded to state the purpose of the called meeting which was the presenting of a call to the Rev. Mr. Robert Barnes and the necessary details in connection with the call. The action of the Moderator in calling the special meeting was approved.

It was moved and seconded that the call extended by the Allegheny Presbytery be <sup>received</sup> sustained as regular and be presented to the Rev. Mr. Barnes. Motion carried. *NLD - cf. Sept. 14, 1948.*

The Moderator then presented the call to the Rev. Mr. Barnes who accepted the call.

It was moved and seconded that the Rev. Mr. Barnes be released from Detroit Presbytery and a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Allegheny be granted. Motion carried.

Representatives of the Littlefield Blvd. Church, Elders James Johnston and Charles Johnson and Dr. S. C. Weir spoke in high praise of the work and service that the Rev. Mr. Barnes had performed as assistant for Littlefield Blvd. Church.

Other members of Presbytery expressed their appreciation of the Rev. Mr. Barnes and extended their good wishes for his future success.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The Meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert Barnes.

*Richard P. Liston* Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

August 30, 1948

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Southfield Church on Monday, August 30, 1948 at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. R. P. Liston, who constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present:

F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
R. P. Liston  
H. L. Downie

Elders present:

R. E. Byers  
L. F. Jones, M. D.  
W. A. Scotten  
Elmer Cromie  
John Parker  
Peter Nielsen

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business of the meeting.

The Moderator then stated the purpose of the meeting: "to consider the call of the Drayton Plains Church to the Rev. Mr. W. J. Teeuwissen of Indianola, Iowa, of the Presbytery of Des Moines".

It was moved and seconded, that the Presbytery confirm the authority of the Moderator in calling the special meeting. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called on the Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. F. J. Irvine, who stated that he had moderated a call for Rev. Mr. W. J. Teeuwissen at the Drayton Plains Church on August 18, 1948.

In addition to the regular terms of the call, the following provisions were included: an annual salary of \$3250.00, free manse, annual transportation of \$250.00, and the payment of an amount equal to 8% of the salary in monthly or quarterly payments to the Pension Fund, and one month vacation annually.

It was moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular and forwarded to the Presbytery of Des Moines. Motion carried.

The minutes of this special meeting were read, subject to the approval at the regular stated meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Following a period of prayer the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator the Rev. R. P. Liston.

Richard P. Liston Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

September 14, 1948

The regular Fall meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Auburn Heights Church, September 14, 1948 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, <sup>Rev. R. P. Liston,</sup> who conducted a short devotional service and constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers present</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Elders present</u>
A. S. Creswell	Oakland Avenue	Alex McAllister
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Boulevard	Ward Lyons
G. U. Martin	First	Earl B. Young Sr.
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	R. D. Jones, M.D.
H. F. Mac Allister	Joselyn	Samuel Madil
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Anthony Sargenti
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Henry Rose
V. A. Barnes	Wayne	Clyde Hedges
R. P. Liston	Southfield	Herbert Moore
D. C. Irwin	Military	O. A. Brown
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Clarence Furst
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	J. A. Moffett
	Drayton Plains	John Watkins
	Royal Oak	Melton Peterson
R. W. Mansfield	S. S. M.	

The minutes of the Spring meeting and the special meetings were read and adopted as corrected.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Mr. W. J. Teeuwissen be received on letters of transfer from the Presbytery of Des Moines. The motion carried.

At the invitation of the Moderator, members of Session who were not regularly elected delegates were extended the courtesies of the floor.

The Clerk read a paper from Dr. O. H. Milligan pertaining to methods for promoting Sabbath observance, recommended by the General Assembly.

A paper from Dr. A. E. Kelly, relative to the Evangelism Crusade Committee was referred to the nominating committee.

An expense account from the chairman of Christian Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following churches reported elders elected, ordained or installed: Cherry Hill, Anthony Sargenti and George Link, ordained and installed May 9, 1948. Auburn Heights, Grant Grim, ordained and installed May 23, 1948. Wayne, Clyde C. Hedges, ordained and installed May 2, 1948. A. L. Olson - Calvin - resigned - Sept. 14, 1948.

The Moderator then appointed the following committee for the review of Session records: Chairman, V. A. Barnes, H. F. McAllister, John Watkins and Dr. R. D. Jones.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery at the April 1948 meeting to install Dr. Willard Wylie as pastor of the Broadstreet Church were read and adopted and are as follows:

The Commission of the Presbytery of Detroit appointed by the Moderator April 20, 1948 to install the Reverend Willard Wylie, D. D. as minister of Broadstreet Church, Detroit, the evening of May 6, 1948,

met for organization April 20 at 10:00 P.M. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Reverend George U. Martin, D.D. The following members were present: G. U. Martin, R.W. Mansfield, J. Harvey McCann, Roscoe Pile, W.J. Moffet and S.C.Weir. S.C.Weir was elected clerk of the commission. A motion prevailed that the commission adjourn to meet at the Broadstreet Church May 6 at 7:45 P.M. The meeting of the commission was closed with prayer by R.W. Mansfield."

"The Commission of the Presbytery of Detroit to install Dr. Willard Wylie of the Broadstreet Church met in the study of the Broadstreet Church, May 6, 1948 at 7:45 P.M. Present: Mansfield, McCann, Pile, Moderator Martin and Clerk Weir. The meeting was opened with prayer by Weir. Elder Pile of Broadstreet Church reported that the edict had been read in accordance with instructions in the Broadstreet Church.

The service of installation was as follows:

Presiding	G. U. Martin, D.D.
Sermon	S. C. Weir, D.D.
Constitutional Questions	G. U. Martin, D.D.
Charge to the Pastor	J. H. McCann
Charge to the Congregation	R. W. Mansfield, D.D.

It was voted that the Commission should adjourn with the benediction by the newly installed pastor. "

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in April 1948 to arrange for the licensing of Arsen H. Gulian, Paul Sutton and Peter Van Lierop, and to hear a specimen of progress from Edmund Watkins, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission of Presbytery for licensing Theological Students and hearing Specimens of Progress of others met at the close of the meeting of the Presbytery on April 20th in the Broadstreet Church. The Commission consists of the following men: Ministers, R.P. Liston Moderator, Willard Wylie, Harvey McCann and elders Gerald Shafer of Oakland Ave. Church and Seward Gould of the Military Ave. Church. The Commission was constituted by the Moderator. J. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk. The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator."

"Oakland Ave. U.P. Church, Pontiac, Mich. May 26, 1948

The Commission for Licensing Theological Students met at the call of the Moderator on May 26th, 7:30 P.M. in the Oakland Ave. Church for the purpose of hearing the trials of Mr. Peter Van Lierop and granting him license to preach.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev. Richard Liston. All members of the commission were present.

The courtesies of Presbytery were extended to the father of Mr. Van Lierop, the Rev. Mr. Van Lierop, Detroit, a minister of the Reformed Church, and also to a brother, Rev. John Van Lierop, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, under appointment as a missionary to Korea.

Mr. Van Lierop presented to Presbytery the outline of an Expository Sermon, (Text - I Thess. 1:6-10), using as a topic, the Marks of a Model Church. He used the following outline:

1. True Followers of Christ 1:6-7.
2. Living Witnesses for Christ 1:8
3. Genuine converted Christians 1:9,10.

This production was received with hearty approval.

Mr. Van Lierop's work in the Seminary was reviewed and it was noted that

his scholarship rated high; and in other ways, as well, he was regarded as most acceptable in the minds of the members of the Commission. After prayer by Mr. Gould, the Commission went to the church sanctuary where before an interested congregation of members of the church and friends a service of worship was conducted and a sermon was delivered. This service was opened by the singing of Bible Songs, No. 20, The Ends of all the Earth.

Invocation by the Moderator

Elder Gerald Shafer read the Scripture lesson, Rom. 10:8-15

Mr. Staunton Levely sang a solo.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Van Lierop, Sr.

Mr. Peter Van Lierop then preached a textual sermon, using the text found in Mt. 9:37,38. The topic was, 'The Challenge of a Needy World.' His outline was, The Essence of the Challenge, The Response to the Challenge. It was a most acceptable sermon presented in an effective, appealing manner.

Presbytery sustained these trials and proceeded to license Mr. Van Lierop to the Gospel Ministry. Dr. Wylie proposed the vows, to which the candidate gave full assent, whereupon Dr. Wylie in the name of the Presbytery granted Mr. Van Lierop license to preach." \*\*\*

"July 18, 1948

In accordance with the adjournment action on May 26, 1948, the commission on Students of Detroit Presbytery met at the call of the Chairman at 7: P.M. in the Military Avenue Church. Members present were R.P.Liston, Willard Wylie and Elder S.R.Gould.

The chairman convened the Commission with prayer.

In the absence of the Clerk, J.H.McCann, Willard Wylie was appointed clerk pro tem.

Arsen H. Gulian, Student under the care of Presbytery, was present to present his trials for licensure. He presented an expository sermon on Gen. 17:1-8 in manuscript. After further examination the Commission went into the church auditorium where Mr. Gulian preached his trial sermon before a splendid audience. The text for the sermon was Acts 17:23.

At this public service Chairman Liston presided and lead in prayer.

Elder S. Gould read the scripture lesson and the choir of the Military Avenue Church sang the anthem 'Send Out Thy Light'. The trials were sustained and the Commission proceeded to license Mr. Gulian to preach.

Willard Wylie asked the constitutional questions. Rev. Donald Irwin pastor of Mr. Gulian lead in a prayer of consecration. Mr. Gulian lead in the closing prayer. Following the public service the Commission met in the pastor's study and the minutes of the meeting were read and adopted.

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman. R.P.Liston lead in the closing prayer."

\*\*\*"the Gospel of Christ, and to exercise his gifts as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Prayer was offered by J. Harvey McCann. After singing a hymn the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. John Van Lierop.

Following the benediction, the minutes were read and adopted. Upon motion of Dr. Wylie the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. The Moderator, <sup>R.P.</sup>Liston, closed the meeting with prayer."

"Drayton Plains United Presbyterian Church, September 5, 1948

The Commission for Licensing Theological Students or hearing Specimens of Progress met at the call of the Moderator in the Drayton Plains Church at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing the Specimen of Progress of Mr. Edmund Watkins. All members present with the exception of Mr. Seward Gould. The Commission was constituted with prayer by the

Moderator. Edmund Watkins met with the Commission and gave a report of his year's work in the Seminary, also his summer's work preaching in the congregation of Pretty Prairie, Kansas. The Moderator reported that Mr. Watkins had successfully completed his first year in the Pittsburgh Seminary. At the service of Evening worship in the church, Mr. Watkins preached (the Moderator presiding). The text was taken from I John I: 5-2:6. His subject was, 'How Do We Stand?' 'Our relationship to God.' Mr. Watkins gave a good message in a free, informal style, which gives promise of pulpit ability in the years to come. After the sermon criticisms were offered and commendations were given after which, upon motion by Dr. Wylie, the Specimen of Progress was sustained and the student was advanced to the Second Year. Following the reading of the minutes and their adoption the Commission was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator."

The Commission appointed by Presbytery in April 1948 to receive and endorse applications for aid in the construction of buildings, and to take action on calls for pastoral settlements, reported it had met for organization following the April meeting of Presbytery, but found no occasion for business to report to Presbytery.

The Commission<sup>ors</sup> to the 1948 General Assembly, meeting in New Wilmington, Pa., gave very interesting reports. A. S. Cresswell and S. C. Weir having reported at the Presbyterian retreat, reports were heard orally from Orville Robb and a written report from James W. Gray. Presbytery noted with pleasure that our Detroit Presbytery was honored in having Dr. S. C. Weir elected as Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of 1948 and the Moderator expressed our congratulations to him. Presbytery stood in recess for twenty minutes. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. W. J. Teeuwissen.

Presbytery convened following the recess and proceeded to the reports of the various committees.

The report of the Committee of Missions, F. J. Irvine chairman, was read and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee of Missions is pursuing a request for negro work within the City of Detroit and committee meetings have been held relative to planning such. In regard to the proposed new site at Outer Drive and Grand River, the committee reports that the First Church has appointed a committee for further study of the situation and possible future development. The Superintendent of Missions noted that he had moderated a call for W. J. Teeuwissen at the Drayton Plains Church. The committee has met with the building committee of the Joselyn Church, who are hoping to erect a building and have been promised a conference with Dr. A. K. Stewart, General Secretary of the Board of American Missions. The committee reports a conference with the Wayne congregation, with a possible conference also with Dr. Stewart relative to building. Wayne congregation is faced with the fact of not being able to use the school facilities much longer.

The former Superintendent of Missions, G. U. Martin, reported on his activities in securing a stated supply for the Royal Oak Church. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery name David L. McBride, D.D. of Lake Presbytery, ~~as~~ as stated supply of Royal Oak. Motion carried.

The temporary Finance Committee consisting of Gerald Shafer, Earl B. Young Sr., and J. A. Moffat reported the examining of the expense account of the chairman

of Christian Education and recommended its payment. Motion to approve the report was carried.

The report of the Evangelism Committee, E. W. Dunn chairman, was adopted. Mr. Dunn reported on the very successful retreat held at the Southfield Church September 11.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education, D. C. Irwin, was read and adopted and is as follows:

There will be a Presbyterial Institute for adults and young people on five consecutive Monday evenings, October 11 through November 15 at Outer Drive Church. The chairman of Christian Education outlined the courses to be given. The committee reported that not enough interested in the Family Camp had been found to merit following up this suggestion. The committee asked for the advice of Presbytery relative to a Presbyterian Youth Camp for ages 14 to 24, possibly at Lakeside, near Brighton, Michigan. The chairman of Christian Education and two young people attended the National Council at Tarkio, Missouri. The new youth manual was commended for use in our churches. The Executive Committee of the young people's presbyterial will meet October 1 through 3d at Lakeside Camp and a report is asked from each church. Appreciation of the work done by the caravaners was expressed. In discussion that followed, members of Presbytery expressed their interest in a Presbyterial youth camp especially for young folks of Junior High age. The committee will further investigate relative to the informational bulletin; the general consensus of Presbytery was for the submission of a sample at the Spring Presbytery meeting.

The Moderator requested the Vice Moderator, D. C. Irwin, to take the chair, then the report of the Committee on Students was read and adopted and is as follows:

J. H. McCann reported the committee had met with two men who desired to be taken under the care of Presbytery. Elmon Ward, a member of Oakland Avenue Church, formerly of Baptist persuasion is entering Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary in the Fall term as a senior. Richard Smith of the Drayton Plains Church, a senior in Sterling College, desires to enter Seminary as soon as his college training is finished. The committee recommended that Elmon Ward and Richard Smith be taken under the care of Presbytery as students for the gospel ministry and that these young men be heard by Presbytery in stating their reasons for wishing to be taken under the care of Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. The motion carried. The committee reported plans for possible licensure of Mr. Ward during December vacation. R. P. Liston reported on the grades of Paul Sutton, Edmund Watkins and Peter Van Lierop and commended them for their work. It was noted that no grades were received from Princeton Seminary for Arsen Gulian, but he was transferring to Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary where he would be on probation, providing he maintained an average of 85% on all his work.

The Committee on Review of the Minutes of Session, V. A. Barnes chairman reported reviewing the minutes of the fourteen Sessions of our Presbytery and reported all as being neatly and correctly kept, with the exception that no Moderator had signed the minutes of the Royal Oak Session.

The Moderator appointed the following commission for the purpose of installing W. J. Teeuwissen as pastor of the Drayton Plains Church, to meet at the close of Presbytery for organization and to proceed with the installation Friday, October 8, 1948.

F. J. Irvine to preside and preach, A. S. Creswell to address the people, Willard Wylie to address the pastor, Elder John Watkins to read the edict; Elder Robb also a member of the commission. Presbytery voted to approve the naming of the commission.

The Call from the Drayton Plains Church to Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen was presented by the Moderator and accepted by the Rev. Mr. Teeuwissen.

S. C. Weir gave a summation report on the World Wide Christian Advance. As of August 31, 1948, the Presbytery had paid \$44,491.00; six congregations were over the top of the \$12.50 goal. It was reported that approximately \$5,000.00 more would be needed to put the entire Presbytery over the top, for the goal.

The Moderator expressed the sympathy of Presbytery to Dr. and Mrs. Creswell on the passing of Mrs. Creswell's Father.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

That the Evangelistic Crusade Committee, consisting of the present Standing committee on Evangelism, E. W. Dunn, A. S. Creswell, Harold Detwiler, be augmented by the adding of C. W. Stevens of the Littlefield Church and that the Superintendent of Missions and the chairman of Christian Education of the Presbytery be consultative members of this committee, and that this committee be a four year standing committee.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

G. U. Martin reported on the Foreign Mission Advance program to be held in Detroit and Pontiac in October, and urged all possible attendance at the various meetings as announced.

The Moderator appointed the following commission for the purpose of licensing Mr. Elmon Ward, to meet following the meeting of Presbytery for organization: R. P. Liston, Moderator, J. H. Mc Cann, Willard Wylie, Seward Gould, Gerald Shafer. Presbytery voted to approve naming of the commission.

Presbytery voted to accept the invitation of the Littlefield Blvd. Church to hold the Spring meeting of Presbytery at that church. It was moved by S. C. Weir and seconded by G. U. Martin, that the Fall meeting of Presbytery hence forth convene at 4 P.M. with a dinner and the finishing of business following. The motion was carried.

Presbytery voted their appreciation to the Auburn Heights Church. A motion to adjourn was carried. The minutes of this meeting were read, subject to adoption at the Spring meeting. The meeting of Presbytery was closed with prayer by G. U. Martin and declared closed by the Moderator, R. P. Liston.

Richard P. Liston Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

Approved by Synod of Ohio  
meeting at Cambridge Sept. 20-22, 1948  
Alfred Martin



November 4, 1948

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Outer Drive Church on Thursday, November 4, 1948 at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. P. Liston, who lead in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Glerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers present</u>	<u>Elders present</u>
A. S. Creswell	Alex McAllister
G. U. Martin	Ward Lyons
H. L. Downie	Dale Harbeson
H. F. MacAllister	Robert Buchan
J. H. McCann	Samuel Madill
R. P. Liston	Jonathan Parsons
D. C. Irwin	Elmer Cromie
W. J. Teeuwissen	Seward Gould
D. L. McBride	John Hazlett
R. W. Mansfield	Milton Peterson

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business for the called meeting.

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to read the statement of the purpose of the called meeting.

1. Acceptance of Dr. L. McBride as a member of the Presbytery of Detroit.
2. Transfer of Paul Sutton to Chartiers Presbytery and approval of their action in licensing him.
3. Approval of the application of student Elmon Ward for aid from the Board of Christian Education.
4. Consideration of taking Herbert Schreiner of the Calvin Church under the care of Presbytery as a student of Theology.
5. Consideration of the application for building aid from the American Board and necessary action to complete same.
6. The appointment of a commission to receive the call for Rev. Frank J. Irvine of the Cherry Hill Church and to install him as pastor.
7. To present a call and consider the release of Rev. R. P. Liston from the pastorate of the Southfield Church and all necessary details in connection with the same.
8. Filling the vacancy on the committee on students and appointment of a chairman for the same.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling a special meeting. Motion carried.

Presbytery proceeded with the business of the meeting. The certificate of Dr. D. L. McBride from the Presbytery of Lake was read by the Clerk. It was moved and seconded that we receive him and welcome him to the Presbytery and add him to the roll. Motion carried.

The communications relative to the licensing of Paul Sutton by Chartiers Presbytery were read by the Clerk and it was moved and seconded that the Presbytery of Detroit certify Paul Sutton to the Presbytery of Chartiers and that he be taken under their complete care and licensing. Motion carried.

The Moderator presented the action taken in approving the application for aid of Elmon Ward to the Board of Christian Education for financial assistance.

The Moderator and Clerk had previously approved the application and forwarded it. It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery approve and sustain the action of the Moderator and Clerk in this matter. Motion carried.

A communication was read by the Moderator from Mr. Herbert Schreiner, a member of the Calvin Church and a sophomore of Muskingum College, of his desire to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit as a student of Theology. It was moved and seconded that Herbert Schreiner be taken under the care of Presbytery. Mr. Schreiner's pastor, Rev. E. W. Dunn, spoke to the motion, telling of his interest in seeing him so do. Dr. Mansfield reported a contact with Mr. Schreiner and confirming his purpose in entering the ministry and his reasons for so doing. Following some further discussion the motion was carried. The Clerk was instructed to send the letter of credentials to Mr. Schreiner.

The Committee of Missions, Dr. G. U. Martin acting as chairman pro tem, presented an application for building aid from the Board of American Missions from the Joslyn Avenue Church. The application was for a grant of \$12,500.00 and a loan of \$4,500.00 making a total of \$17,000.00. Further statement in the application was the size of the building, which was to be 60 x 32 with a seating capacity of 200 - the congregation to provide a total of \$13,700.00 making a grand total of estimated cost of building \$30,700.00. It was moved and seconded that the application be approved and forwarded to the Board of American Missions. The Clerk called the roll of the commissioners and the vote was as follows: 21 present, 21 voting, 21 yes. The motion unanimously prevailed.

On application from the Committee of Missions the Moderator appointed the Committee of Missions to be constituted as a Commission of Presbytery to receive applications for building aid from the American Board of Missions; Rev. F. J. Irvine to be the Moderator, Rev. G. U. Martin Moderator pro tem; to meet following this called meeting of Presbytery for organization. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be approved. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission for receiving the call for the Rev. Frank J. Irvine as pastor of the Cherry Hill Church and to proceed with the installation of the same on December 5, 1948 at 8:00 P.M.; the Commission to consist of Dr. R. W. Mansfield as Moderator, Rev. G. U. Martin to preach, Rev. E. W. Dunn to address the pastor, Rev. S. C. Weir to address the congregation. Elder Parsons, of Cherry Hill Church, to read the edict. This commission to meet following this called meeting of Presbytery for organization. It was moved and seconded that this appointment of the Moderator be approved. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on the Vice Moderator, Rev. D. C. Irwin to take the chair.

The Clerk proceeded to read a call for the Rev. R. P. Liston of the Southfield Church from the Somonauk congregation of the Presbytery of Chicago. The call was dated October 13, 1948, signed by 8 elders, 6 trustees, 126 members and 1 adherent; the terms being participation in the pension, free use of the parsonage, moving expenses, one month's vacation, \$3,000.00 annual salary with a salary adjustment of \$350.00 yearly until 1950. The call was sustained by the Presbytery of Chicago October 25, 1948. The call was presented to the Rev. Mr. Liston by the Moderator and by him accepted.

The Clerk reported a request of Rev. R. P. Liston to be released from the pastorate of the Southfield Church. It was moved and seconded that the request be granted and that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. R. P. Liston and the Southfield congregation. Mr. Elmer Cromie, representative of the Session of the Southfield Church, reported the concurring of the Session in this request. Mrs. Richard Larges, the representative of the Congregation, was given the floor of Presbytery and said the Southfield Church was

concurring with deep regret. There were remarks by members of Presbytery in commendation and appreciation of Mr. Liston's work and service, and extending him the best wishes of Presbytery in his new field. The motion was carried.

Mr. Liston expressed his appreciation for the fellowship and time of service rendered here; his appreciation also to Presbytery and the Southfield congregation.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. R. P. Liston be authorized to preach and to declare the pulpit vacant on Sunday, November 14, 1948. Motion carried.

The correspondent for the Southfield congregation is Mr. Herbert Moore, 235 Poppleton, Birmingham, Michigan. The Southfield congregation has also appointed a pulpit committee to facilitate securing a pastor. It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery certify Rev. R. P. Liston as a member in good standing to the Presbytery of Chicago. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator fill the vacancy on the Committee on Students, left by the resignation of Rev. Liston. Motion carried. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. H. McCann as chairman and Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen as an additional member on the Committee on Students.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. R. P. Liston.

Donald C. Irwin Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

January 4, 1949

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Outer Drive Church on Tuesday, January 4, 1949 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. Donald C. Irwin, who lead in a devotional service, and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present

- A. S. Creswell
- S. C. Weir
- G. U. Martin
- H. L. Downie
- H. F. MacAllister
- F. J. Irvine
- J. H. McCann
- V. A. Barnes
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- D. C. Irwin
- E. W. Dunn
- W. Wylie
- W. J. Teeuwissen
- D. L. McBride

Elders present

- Alex McAllister
- Ward Lyons
- Dale Harbison
- Robert Buchan
- Harold Brown
- Emile Anderson
- Herbert Moore
- Seward Gould
- George Cunningham
- Joseph Lemen
- Peter Nillson
- Milton Peterson

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of business for the called meeting.

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to read the statement of the purpose of the called meeting, which is as follows: (Notice sent Dec. 15, 1948)

1. To present a call and consider the release of Rev. Donald C. Irwin from the pastorate of the Military Avenue Church, and all necessary details in connection with the same.
2. If this is granted, election of a Moderator to take the place of the present Vice Moderator.
3. If granted, appointment by Presbytery of a chairman of Christian Education and a secretary of youth work.

And an additional notice sent Dec. 21, 1948 as follows:

4. The consideration of matters in connection with the Royal Oak church and all necessary details for the same.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. Motion carried.

The Rev. D. C. Irwin offered his resignation as Vice Moderator.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery accept his resignation and that it become effective as soon as his successor had been elected. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Rev. Ernest W. Dunn be elected as Moderator and the Clerk instructed to cast the ballot. Motion prevailed, and the Clerk cast the ballot.

The Clerk then read a letter from Rev. Donald C. Irwin, requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between himself and the Military Avenue United Presbyterian Church.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery grant the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. D. C. Irwin and the Military Avenue congregation and that a letter of transfer be granted to the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Clerk then read the summation of the call from the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. for the Rev. D. C. Irwin, terms of the call being an annual salary of \$4,500.00, participation in the pension, free manse, one month vacation annually. The call was signed by 15 elders, 10 trustees, 324 members, 37 adherents. The call was presented to Rev. D. C. Irwin by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn and accepted by Rev. D. C. Irwin. The Moderator called for a representative of Military Avenue congregation and Mr. Chris Andersen spoke of the fine work done by Rev. D. C. Irwin and stated that the congregation was willing to acquiesce in his desire for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. Mr. Seward Gould, the elder representative to Presbytery, spoke also of the regret of the congregation in losing the fine services of Mr. Irwin, and gave fine words of commendation. Rev. Irwin was granted the floor and expressed appreciation of the congregation and his motives for accepting his call to Washington. Following other remarks of commendation by members of the Presbytery, the motion granting the dissolution was carried.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. D. C. Irwin be appointed to declare the pulpit of Military Avenue congregation vacant at the close of the service of worship, January 9th. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint Mr. Seward Gould as correspondent for the congregation. Motion carried.

Rev. Frank J. Irvine, chairman of the nominating committee, spoke of the suggestions of filling the office of chairman of Christian education and secretary of youth work, left vacant by the transfer of Rev. Donald Irwin.

After some discussion it was moved and seconded that Dr. Samuel C. Weir be appointed to fill the unexpired term of chairman of Christian education. Motion carried.

It was further moved and seconded that Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen fill the unexpired term as secretary of youth work and be added to the committee of Christian education. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called on Rev. Frank J. Irvine, superintendent of Missions to present the matters concerning the Royal Oak church. Rev. Irvine reported some necessity for seeming action in regard to the Royal Oak church and suggested that a commission be appointed by Presbytery to handle these matters. It was his suggestion that the committee on Missions be appointed as the commission, with superintendent of missions as Moderator and Dr. G. U. Martin as vice Moderator. After some brief discussion it was moved and seconded that the Moderator name the committee of Missions as a commission of the Presbytery of Detroit for the purpose of assisting in matters in relation to the Royal Oak church: the commission to meet following this meeting of Presbytery to organize with Rev. Irvine, Rev. G.U. Martin, vice moderator. Motion prevailed and the Moderator named the Committee of Missions as the commission.

The Presbytery granted the Clerk permission to read two letters from the Board of Administration relative to Church World Service chairman. It was moved and seconded that the nominating committee be given the authority to appoint a Presbytery chairman for Church World Service. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this meeting of Presbytery be adjourned. Motion was carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator and the special session of the Presbytery of Detroit was declared closed.

Ernest H. Dunn Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

February 22, 1949

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Southfield Church on Tuesday, February 22, 1949 at 8 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn who conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
S. C. Weir  
G. U. Martin  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. MacAllister  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes

E. W. Dunn  
W. Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen  
D. L. McBride

Elders present

Alex MacAllister  
Lawrence Read  
Earl Young  
Robert Buchan  
Harold Brown  
A. J. Sargenti  
Roy Stephens  
Donald Paxton  
H. J. Moore  
Chris Andersen  
John Anderson  
Joe Moffett  
Glenn Featherston  
Milton Peterson

More than a quorum was present, all churches being represented by an Elder; only one minister not present.

The purpose of the called meeting was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

1. Consideration of the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Dr. George U. Martin and the First United Presbyterian Church.
2. Consideration of transfer of Dr. Martin to the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville.
3. Appointment of a member to the committee of Missions to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Martin's resignation and all necessary details in connection with the same.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. The motion carried.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to read a letter from Dr. George U. Martin requesting dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Dr. Martin and the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

Mrs. Mildred Ildza and elder W. J. Moffett, representatives from the First Church spoke words of commendation for the work and fine service of a 14 year pastorate by Dr. Martin. Many other members of Presbytery expressed their regret in seeing Dr. Martin leave our Presbytery and spoke in appreciation of his character and his fine work. Dr. Martin replied with words of appreciation for the fellowship within the Presbytery and the years of happy service in First Church. The Moderator then proceeded to call for the vote and the Motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded, that Dr. Ralph W. Mansfield be appointed by Presbytery to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on Sunday, March 6, 1949. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint Mr. W. J. Moffett as correspondent for the congregation. The motion carried.

Presbytery was advised that Elder Earl B. Young has been elected vice moderator of the Session.

It was moved and seconded that a letter of transfer be granted to Dr. George U. Martin from the Presbytery of Detroit to the Presbytery of Steubenville. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator and the Clerk appoint a member to the Committee of Missions to fill the vacancy through Dr. Martin's resignation, said appointee to be included as a member of the two commissions established by Presbytery on November 4, 1948 and January 4, 1949 respectively. Motion carried.

The Moderator and Clerk conferred and have appointed Dr. Willard Wylie to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Missions.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. G. U. Martin and the special session of Presbytery was declared closed.

Ernest H. Dunn Moderator

Herbert L. Downe Clerk

April 19, 1949

The regular spring meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Littlefield Boulevard Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn, who constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

It was moved and seconded that the order of the day be set aside, and that the Committee on Students be heard. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Harvey Luce be received as a student, under the care of presbytery of Detroit from the care of the presbytery of Kansas City. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students presented a report regarding the work and trials of Mr. Luce looking toward ordination. They had reviewed an exegetical thesis from Job 19:23-29 and an outline sermon from Colossians 3 and 1.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Luce be heard by the presbytery in the preaching of a sermon as a trial for his ordination. Motion carried.

Mr. Luce was heard in the presentation of a sermon entitled "The Better Gift" using as his scripture basis Acts 3:1-10. He preached an excellent sermon that held the attention of all the members of presbytery and from which, each derived benefit.

Moved and seconded that the presbytery sustain Mr. Luce in his trials for ordination. The clerk proceeded to call the roll of presbytery; there were 19 present, 19 voting; 19 to sustain. Motion unanimously carried.

The Moderator then proceeded to read the Call from the Southfield United Presbyterian Church for the services of Mr. Harvey Luce. Included in the regular terms of the Call were "free manse, one month's vacation annually, salary of \$3,000 and pension payments equal to 8% of the salary." The Call was attested by Frank J. Irvine on March 2, 1949 and by him moderated.

It was moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular, and presented to Mr. Luce. Motion carried.

The Moderator then presented the call to Mr. Luce, and it was by him accepted.

The Committee of Students, J. H. McCann chairman, made further request, that the Presbytery meet at the Southfield U. P. Church, Tuesday, June 7, at 8 P.M. for the ordination of and installation of Mr. Harvey Luce as pastor of the Southfield Church. The committee recommended the following personnel to have part in the service: to preside, Rev. E. W. Dunn, to preach, F. J. Irvine, charge to the pastor, R. W. Mansfield, charge to the congregation, H. L. Downie, ordination prayer, S. C. Weir, edict to be read by elder Herbert Moore.

It was moved and seconded to sustain the request of the Committee of ~~Students~~. Motion carried.

The committee then requested that presbytery hear student Edmund Watkins for licensure.

It was moved and seconded that presbytery hear his trials for licensure. Motion carried.

Mr. Watkins read as his scripture chapter 53 of Isaiah, and preached his trial from Exo. 3:7,8,10, entitled "To the Rescue with God".

Moved and seconded that the trials for licensure be sustained, and presbytery proceed with the licensing of Mr. Watkins. The clerk called the roll; 19 present, 19 voting, 19 yes. Motion unanimously carried.

The Moderator then called for the candidate to present himself and proposed to him the questions for licensing and upon his affirmative answers the Moderator pronounced Mr. Watkins as duly licensed by the Presbytery of Detroit, the 19th day of April, 1949.

The Moderator then led in prayer and the clerk was instructed to prepare a certificate for Mr. Watkins.

The Committee of Students, having finished their special work, returned to the order of the business of the day.

The minutes of the Fall meeting and special meetings were read. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. E. W. Dunn be elected as Moderator of the Presbytery of Detroit for one year. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Dr. Willard Wylie be elected vice moderator for one year. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called for reports and expense accounts to be referred to various committees. The expense accounts of the Clerk, Superintendent of Missions and the secretary of young people's work were referred to the Finance Committee. The finance records of the Superintendent of Missions and the Financial Agent were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Moderator read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Irvine, expressing their appreciation for the sympathy of presbytery in the death of Dr. Pinkerton.

The minutes of the commission appointed by presbytery September 1948 to arrange for the installation of Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., as pastor of the Drayton Plains church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Auburn Heights, Michigan, Sept. 14, 1948, 10:45 P.M.

The Commission of Detroit Presbytery elected to install the Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., as pastor of the Drayton Plains Congregation met at the above place and time as directed for organization. Members present, ministers, Frank J. Irvine, Andrew S. Creswell, Willard Wylie; Elders O. Robb and J. Watkins. Chairman Irvine called the meeting to order. Wylie was elected clerk. The commission adjourned to meet in the Drayton Plains Church on Friday, October 8, 1948 at 7:00 P.M. Irvine led in the closing prayer.

"Drayton Plains, Michigan, Oct. 8, 1948, 7:15 P.M.

The Commission reconvened in the Drayton Plains Church at the above time. Andrew S. Creswell lead in the opening prayer. Members present, Frank J. Irvine, Andrew S. Creswell, Willard Wylie and Elder J. Watkins. The minutes of the meeting of Sept. 14 were read and adopted. The Rev. J.W. Teeuwissen Sr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, Mich. and a member of the Detroit Presbytery, Presbyterian U.S.A. was present and made a consultative member of the Commission.

Elder J. Watkins reported that the Edict had been read.

Action was taken to proceed with the installation as planned. The Rev. Frank J. Irvine was to preside and conduct the opening devotional service and preach. His topic was "Christian Leadership" Ezra 8:18. The constitutional questions were to be asked by Chairman Irvine and the declaration of the completion of the pastoral relation. Rev. Willard Wylie was to address the pastor and Andrew S. Creswell the people.



"The Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Sr. to make a few remarks and lead in the installation prayer. Action was taken that the Commission be adjourned with the benediction by the duly installed pastor, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.

The minutes of the Commission were read and adopted.

The above order of service was carried out and following the benediction the congregation came forward to greet the new pastor and wife. This was followed by an informal reception in the dining room of the church.

The commission and Congregation were pleased that the father of the new pastor could have a part in the service and that his mother and sister were also present. Frank J. Irvine, Moderator, Willard Wylie, Clerk".

The minutes of the Commission appointed by presbytery in September 1948 for the licensing of Mr. Elmon Ward were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Sept. 14, 1948. The Committee on Training Young Men was appointed as a Commission of Presbytery for the purpose of hearing Trial Sermons of Theological Students and also for the licensure to the Gospel Ministry of such students as may be ready for that step in their course of Theological training.

The following are members of this commission: Ministers, R. P. Liston, Moderator, Willard Wylie, J. Harvey McCann, and Elders, Gerald Shafer and Seward Gould.

The Commission met as designated by Presbytery at the adjournment of its Fall meeting in the Auburn Heights United Presbyterian Church. All members were present, except Mr. Seward Gould.

Meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

J. Harvey McCann was named as Clerk.

Upon motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Prayer by Mr. Liston. \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator, J. Harvey McCann, Clerk.

Note. At a called meeting of Presbytery later in the autumn (Nov. 4)

Rev. Mr. Liston was replaced on this commission by Rev. Walter Teeuwissen, and Rev. J. Harvey McCann was named as the Moderator of the commission."

"Oakland Avenue Church, Pontiac, Mich.

Presbytery's Commission on Theological Students met on December 26th, at 6:40 p.m. with the following members present: J. Harvey McCann, moderator, Willard Wylie, W. J. Teeuwissen, Gerald Shafer. Dr. Andrew Creswell was made a consultative member. Elder Gould was absent because of illness.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

W. J. Teeuwissen was named clerk of the commission.

Elmon Ward a student in his senior year at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary and under care of this presbytery met with the commission.

The moderator related the process of the case of Mr. Ward to date.

The order of service for the evening was outlined as follows below.

Mr. Ward presented the following specimen of progress, a written textual sermon which he verbally outlined. The theme was "Pre-communion Examination" and was based on 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The points were:

1. Examination is necessary
2. Examination is commanded
3. Examination will result in judgment.

Order of service for the evening:

Song Service led by Andrew Creswell

Prayer by Dr. W. Wylie

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-12 Elmon Ward

Special music by the Harmonizers

The Sermon: "The Trial of Faith a Cause for Joy"

1. In spite of heaviness
2. Because of preciousness
3. With a view to glory and reward.

After the sermon Moderator McCann resumed the chair. He related pertinent information regarding Elmon Ward to the members of the congregation.

The motion was made by Dr. Wylie and seconded by Gerald Shafer that Mr. Ward be licensed. Motion carried.

"The constitutional questions were asked by Mr. McCann. The various members of the commission commented on the sermon. Ward was then licensed by the Moderator. The prayer was made by Dr. Creswell. Moderator McCann exhorted Mr. Ward "not to be ashamed, to be diligent, to continue to preach." After the benediction the commission reassembled in the study.

A motion was made that the minutes of this meeting be approved.

A certificate of licensure was given Mr. Ward. S// J. Harvey McCann, Moderator, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., Clerk."

The minutes of the commission, appointed by presbytery in November 1948, to receive applications for building aid, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Outer Drive Church, November 4, 1948.

At a called meeting of Presbytery at the above date and place the committee of Missions was appointed as a Commission to act upon requests for aid from the Board of American Missions.

This Commission was instructed to meet and organize at the close of the meeting of Presbytery on the evening of November 4th. Rev. Frank Irvine was named as Moderator, but Presbytery designated Dr. George Martin to preside at the meeting for organization, in the absence of Mr. Irvine. The Commission met as instructed, with Dr. Martin serving as Moderator, and was constituted with prayer by him. Present were Dr. Martin, Dr. Mansfield, Harvey McCann, and elders William Warren and L. H. Lucas. Absent Frank Irvine and elder James W. Gray.

Upon motion by Mansfield, McCann was elected Clerk.

Upon motion by Mansfield the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Dr. Mansfield led in a closing prayer. J. Harvey McCann, Clerk."

The minutes of the commission, appointed by presbytery in November 1948, to receive the call for Rev. Frank J. Irvine and to install him as pastor of the Cherry Hill Church, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Report of the Commission to Install Rev. Frank J. Irvine

The Commission appointed by the moderator for the installation of Rev. Frank J. Irvine as pastor of the Cherry Hill congregation met at the close of the called meeting of Presbytery at Outer Drive November 4, 1948 and was constituted with prayer by Dr. Ralph Mansfield. Rev. Ernest W. Dunn was elected clerk. The date for the installation was set for Sabbath evening, December 5th at 8 o'clock. The commission and its assignments are as follows: Dr. Mansfield to preside; Dr. George Martin to preach the sermon, E. W. Dunn to address the pastor, Dr. Samuel C. Weir to address the congregation and Elder Jonathan Parsons to read the edict. The commission adjourned to meet at 7:40 on Sabbath December 5.

At the appointed hour the commission reconvened in the study of the Cherry Hill church. Due to circumstances beyond control the commission's personnel had undergone some changes. Dr. Mansfield was unable to be present due to illness. In his absence E. W. Dunn was asked to act as moderator.

Rev. Virgil Barnes replaced Dr. George Martin. After prayer by the acting moderator the call for Rev. Frank J. Irvine was presented to the commission by Elder Parsons. The call had been moderated by Dr. Mansfield on Nov. 7, 1948 and was properly attested. The call contained the names of 160 members and 13 adherents. A motion was made seconded and carried that the call be sustained as regular. It was then presented to Mr. Irvine who accepted it. A motion was made seconded and carried that the commission be adjourned with the benediction following the installation service.

The commission then proceeded with the service at which Rev. Ernest W. Dunn presided and asked the installation questions; Rev. Virgil Barnes preached the sermon; Rev. E. W. Dunn gave the charge to the pastor and Dr. S. C. Weir gave the charge to the congregation. The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor Mr. Irvine.

Following the installation a reception was held for the pastor and his wife in the social room of the church. Respectfully submitted, E. W. Dunn, S. C. Weir, Virgil Barnes, Jonathan Parsons."

The minutes of the commission appointed by presbytery in January 1949 to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Outer Drive Church, January 4, 1949.

At a called meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit, held in the Outer Drive Church, on Tuesday evening, January 4, 1949, the committee of Missions of the Presbytery was appointed a Commission for the purpose of assisting in matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church.

The members of this Commission are: Ministers, Ralph Mansfield, George Martin Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann; and elders, Leslie Lucas of the Broadstreet Church, William Warren of the First Church and James Gray of Outer Drive. Presbytery named Frank Irvine as the Moderator of the Commission, and George Martin as Vice Moderator; also appointed the time of meeting for organization to be immediately after the adjournment of the called meeting of Presbytery.

Following adjournment of Presbytery the Commission met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Frank Irvine. Present: Frank Irvine, George Martin and Harvey McCann. McCann was elected Clerk.

Upon motion the Commission was adjourned to meet upon the call of the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Harvey McCann. S// Frank J. Irvine, Moderator, J. Harvey McCann, Clerk."

"Royal Oak, Michigan, January 21, 1949

The Commission of Presbytery, consisting of the members of the Committee of Missions, met at the call of the Moderator on the evening of January 21st, 8:30 P.M., at the Manse of the Royal Oak Church.

Present were ministers, Martin, Irvine, Mansfield and McCann; and elders Warren of First Church. Absent, elders Gray and Lucas.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Frank Irvine.

The Moderator stated the general conditions existing within the Royal Oak congregation, and gave reasons for calling the Commission together to meet and confer with a number of the members of the church. Mr. Irvine reported that he had an earlier conference that same evening with Mr. Thompson who could not be present to meet with all the members of the commission.

Mr. Peterson, an elder of the congregation, met first with the commission and discussed the problems facing the church as he saw them.

Then Mr. White met with the Commission and presented the issues involved as he understood them.

Other members of the church who had been invited to be present failed to come.

Dr. McBride, the Stated Supply of the Congregation, also came before the commission and was questioned as to the existing problems.

Upon motion by Dr. Martin the Commission voted unanimously to constitute a provisional session for the church; this session to consist of the three elders of the Royal Oak Church, Mr. Dowsell, Mr. Earl Thompson and Mr. Milton Peterson, also Mr. Harold Detweiler of the Drayton Plains Church, Mr. Grant Graham of the Auburn Heights Church and Mr. L. H. Lucas of the Broadstreet Church with Dr. D. L. McBride as Moderator. This motion also stated that in case anyone of these men could not serve that Mr. Irvine should be empowered to name an alternate.

The Commission accepts Mr. Thompson's suggestion that he step aside from the offices of Congregational and Bible School Treasurer, and instructs the respective Nominating committees to act in accordance with this recommendation.

The Commission requests the Nominating committees to meet with Dr. McBride in order that they may (1st) seek a broader representation in leadership and (2nd) seek a close cooperation during the coming year. (The above requests were contained in a motion and passed unanimously.)

Dr. Mansfield moved that one elder and one minister from the commission be appointed by the Moderator to attend the Congregational Meeting in April. Motion passed. Minutes read and approved.

Upon motion by Dr. Mansfield the Commission adjourned after prayer by Dr. Martin. S// Frank J. Irvine, Moderator, J. Harvey McCann, Clerk."

"The Southfield United Presbyterian Church, April 18, 1949

The Commission, constituted by Presbytery to assist in matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church, met at the call of the Moderator.

Present were: Ministers, Irvine, Wylie, Mansfield, McCann; Elders, Lucas and Warren.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by Dr. Mansfield.

Minutes of the last meeting, January 21, 1949 were read and approved.

Mr. Irvine reviewed the work that had been done in matters pertaining to the Royal Oak Church. He reported that the Provisional Session, appointed by the Commission had held three meetings.

It was moved by Dr. Mansfield, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the financial officers of the Royal Oak Church should operate subject to the guidance of the Commission of Presbytery. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warren, that we recommend that Presbytery continue the Committee of Missions as a Commission of Presbytery for the purpose of assisting in matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church. Motion carried.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Upon motion by Dr. Mansfield the Commission adjourned.

Mr. Irvine closed the meeting with prayer. S// Frank J. Irvine, Moderator J. Harvey McCann, Clerk."

The Moderator then called for the Vice Moderator to take the chair during his selection of the standing committees. The Vice Moderator called for a report in writing of elders elected, ordained and installed in the various congregations. The following elders were installed:

Mr. Earl B. Young Jr. as elder in First Church, Nov. 11, 1948 (and ordained)

Mr. James Vandersoll, Mr. John Watkins, Mr. John Hazlett and Mr. Peder Nielsen as elders in Drayton Plains Church, May 8, 1948. (and ordained)

Mr. F. Lloyd Smith, Mr. Raymond W. Andress, Mr. Glenn Stewart and Mr. William Booth, as elders in Littlefield Boulevard Church, December 12, 1948. (ordained)

Mr. Sam Milio, Mr. Henry Loomis and Mr. J. Lancelot Smith, as elders in Calvin Church December 26, 1948. Mr. Loomis was ordained.

Mr. William B. Alcorn and Mr. Harold Browne were ordained, and Mr. Joseph Moffet, as ruling elders in Broadstreet Church, December 12, 1948.

The Clerk then gave a statistical report of some of the summaries of work done in the congregations during the past year.

The Moderator then resumed the chair and it was moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the appointment of the following standing committees:

Nominating Committee, A. S. Creswell, W. J. Teeuwissen, Willard Wylie, John Anderson. Finance Committee, W. J. Moffet, D. L. McBride, Jonathan Parsons. Auditing Committee, V. A. Barnes, H. F. McAllister, Harold Detwiler.

Motion carried.

The Presbyterial Financial Agent, W. J. Moffett, presented mimeographed copies of his report for the year and outlined the major contributions to the work of the church. The report was referred to the Auditing Committee and Presbytery voted a sincere and hearty thanks to Mr. Moffet for his continued and excellent work.

The report showed total contributions for the year of \$36,323.74 which represents a drop of nearly \$8,000.00 from the previous year, which amount is the lessening of the World Wide Christian Advance contributions. However, actual contributions by congregations to the Missionary budget was about \$2,000.00 more than in 1948.

The Committee of Missions, through its chairman, F. J. Irvine, reported on the work and service of the committee of missions during the year, in filling vacancies and plans relative to new buildings and the establishment of new work. The committee commended again to presbytery the matter of the home mission fund. Moved and seconded that presbytery continue the home mission fund during the ensuing year. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the new committee of missions be constituted as a commission with F. J. Irvine as moderator, to meet following the meeting of presbytery, this organization to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak church. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that presbytery appoint the following as stated supplies for one year beginning July 1st 1949: D. J. McBride, D. D. to Royal Oak; H. F. Mac Allister to Joslyn Avenue, V. A. Barnes to Wayne. Motion carried.

The financial records of the Superintendent of Missions were referred to the Auditing Committee, his expense account having been referred to the Finance Committee. Further applications for aid to the committee of missions to be considered later.

The Committee on Evangelism, through its chairman, E. W. Dunn, reported on the Fall retreat, in which Dr. Addison Leitch was the speaker. The Committee reported they felt that each congregation had sufficient material in the hands of the pastor for continuing the evangelism crusade. They expressed their willingness to meet with any group to arrange for a program of ~~felicitation~~ and evangelism. They spoke of a general meeting of presbytery on evangelism with a possibility of having Dr. McConnel, but dates could not be arranged. The committee expects to send to each congregation a questionnaire, an outline of future plans for the Fall and Winter program. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, J. H. McCann, chairman, reported further the following young men are under the care of Presbytery of Detroit:

Herbert Schreiner, Calvin Church, a Sophomore at Muskingum College.  
 Richard Smith, Drayton Plains, a Senior at Sterling College.  
 Edmond I. Watkins, Drayton Plains, Second Year Student at Seminary.  
 Elmon E. Ward, Oakland Avenue Church, Senior in Seminary.  
 Peter van Lierop, Oakland Avenue Church, Senior in the Seminary.  
 Arsen H. Gulian, Military Avenue, Senior work not completed.  
 (Harvey Luce, Kansas City Presbytery, Senior at Seminary).

The chairman reported a communication from the Registrar of Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary and the grades of the men who are studying there. All are doing good work. He reported also communication from the President of Sterling College but received no report regarding Herbert Schreiner.

The committee offered the following recommendations which were acted on by presbytery: 1 - Moved and seconded that these young men under the care of our presbytery be commended for their good work in school. Motion carried.  
 2 - Moved and seconded that Elmon E. Ward be granted a certificate of transfer as a licentiate to the Presbytery of Chartiers. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30 P.M. in the Oakland Avenue Church to hear the trials of Peter van Lierop for ordination to the gospel ministry, and if approved, to proceed with his ordination, at 8 o'clock. That the following persons participate in the service: to preside and ask the constitutional questions, E. W. Dunn, to preach, A. S. Creswell; to give the charge to the minister, Rev. J. B. H. Van Lierop; ordination prayer, W. J. Teeuwissen; that the presbytery appoint A. S. Creswell to make public announcement of this ordination in the Oakland Avenue Church

at least ten days prior to the ordination service. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Arsen H. Gulian in his illness, and to assure him of our prayers for his early and full recovery of health. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report as a whole be received and adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education reported, through its chairman, S. C. Weir, The committee reported the change in personnel by the removal of Rev. Don C. Irwin. Monthly meetings have been held by the committee for ten months, during the past year. They reported an excellent Fall institute at the Outer Drive church, and a statistical report was made for the past year.

"April 19, 1949

To the members of Detroit Presbytery:

Your Committee on Christian Education submits the following report:

1. Changes in Personnel

As originally constituted, the committee was as follows:

CCE Donald C. Irwin

SYW "

SCW Miss Doris Hill

SAD S. C. Weir

With the release of Mr. Irwin to another presbyter, the committee was reorganized:

CCE S. C. Weir

SYW W. J. Teeuwissen

SCW Miss Doris Hill

SAD S. C. Weir

We desire to pay tribute to the extraordinarily fine work in this field done by Mr. Irwin. He had the complete confidence of the youth of the presbytery and rightly so.

2. Monthly meetings of this committee have been held during ten months of the past year.

3. A fall institute was sponsored by the committee at the Outer Drive Church for adults, and the youth institute was held at the same time under the direction of the SYW and the presbyterial executive committee.

4. The statistical reports for the past year revealed the following items of interest:

Bible School total enrolled	4630
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New pupils enrolled during the year	745
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Vacation Bible School enrollment	1000
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No. enrolled in communicants' classes	112
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No. young people attending U.P. colleges	12
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No. attending other colleges	118
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Enrollment of Sabbath evening groups:

Pioneers (7 societies with 137 members)

Builders (8 societies with 152 members)

Fellowship (4 societies with 64 members)

Mixed Age Groups (4 with 69 members)

Total	422
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Contributions to National Project	\$721.15
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(This includes contributions to both the ABC and the Gidada Award)"

The committee reported concerning the conference at Camp Lakeside, Aug. 29 through Sept. 3, for the age group 12-14. Further details were given on a separate sheet. The committee recommended - 1. that we request the presbytery of Detroit to authorize an expenditure up to \$100. by the committee on Christian Education in connection with the Camp Lakeside Conference..

2. The committee recommends an adult training institute for the coming year, one to be held in the north<sup>ern</sup> end of the presbytery and one in the southern end at the convenience of the churches involved.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and the report and recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

Committee on Pensions and Relief; H. F. Mac Allister reported that all congregations are participating in the pension plan with no applications for relief during the year. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Committee on Missionary Budget, reported the budget cultivation conference within the presbytery conducted by the aid of Dr. R. W. Mansfield. The committee reports pledged for the missionary budget, from the congregations, for the ensuing year, \$27,523.00, which is an amount of \$3,000 increase over the past year.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Social Service, through its chairman, Willard Wylie, reported concerning some meetings of social importance to the church. The second annual conference of the Michigan Temperance Foundation and an inter-denominational regional work shop on the church and American foreign policy. The committee recommended the churches further pursuing the matter of concern about out-lawing paramutual betting in our state.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on the Detroit Council of Churches, reported through its chairman, E. W. Dunn, the following appointments for 1949:

"Board of Directors	Rev. F. J. Irvine
Business Affairs	Rev. Willard Wylie
Comity	Rev. Ernest W. Dunn
	Rev. Frank J. Irvine
Evangelism	Rev. H. L. Downie
Public Affairs	
Social Service	Mrs. Walter E. Davis
Religious Education	Miss Doris Hill
Church Music	Dr. S. C. Weir"

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery recess until 7:30. Motion carried.  
Willard Wylie led in prayer.

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7:30 P.M. the meeting of presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by W. J. Moffet.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers:	Elders:
A. S. Creswell	W. J. Mac Gillwray
S. C. Weir	R. V. Martin
H. L. Downie	Oscar Peterson
H. F. Mac Allister	S. Hoisington
F. J. Irvine	J. Parsons
J. H. McCann	Roy Stephens
V. A. Barnes	Donald Paxton
E. W. Dunn	Percy Sawle
Willard Wylie	Harold Detwiller
W. J. Teeuwissen	Sam Millican and
D. L. McBride	Dale H. Cook
R. W. Mansfield	Elmer Cromie
	William Wise

The Committee on Nominations, through its chairman, A. S. Creswell, submitted the following report:

"Nominations to the General Assembly

Financial Agent - Mr. W. J. Moffett

Superintendent of Missions - Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Secretary of the Council of Religious Education - Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen

Committee of Missions

Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Rev. J. H. McCann

Rev. R. W. Mansfield, D.D.

Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D.

Mr. Leslie Lucas

Mr. James Gray

Mr. Harold Detweiler

Committee on Evangelism

Rev. Ernest W. Dunn

Rev. Andrew S. Creswell, D.D.

Mr. Harold Detweiler

Mr. C. W. Stevens

Committee on Students

Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D.

Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen

Rev. Harvey Luce

Committee on Pensions and Relief

Rev. H. F. Mac Allister

Mr. Percy Soule

Committee on Missionary Budget

Rev. V. A. Barnes

Mr. Wm. Weiss

Mr. James Johnson

Committee on Social Service

Rev. D. L. McBride, D.D.

Mr. John Anderson

Rev. H. F. MacAllister

Committee on the Council of Religious Education

Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen

Miss Doris Hill

Rev. S. C. Weir, D.D.

Committee on Detroit Council of Churches

Rev. Herbert L. Downie

Rev. V. A. Barnes

Mr. W. Martin"

S// W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.

John G. Anderson

Willard Wylie

Andrew S. Creswell"

The Finance Committee, through its chairman W. J. Moffet, recommended the payment of the following expenses to the Clerk; \$12.50, to the Superintendent of Missions \$42.02. The committee recommended that the committee on Christian Education be authorized to draw on the Financial Agent in the amount, not to exceed \$100.00 if needed. The committee recommended the presbyterial assessment for the year be 11¢ per member. The committee recommended that the expenses of the delegate to the meeting of the Synodical Evangelistic Crusade be paid by the presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the delegates to General Assembly this year be allowed five full days with expenses at Buck Hill Falls. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery pay \$100.00 to the Michigan Council of Churches with no strings attached. Motion carried.

The Auditing Committee, through its chairman V. A. Barnes, reported it had checked the books of the Financial Agent and the Superintendent of Missions and found them correctly and neatly kept, and commended the Financial Agent and Superintendent of Missions.



It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions further reported, through its chairman F. J. Irvine, The committee presented the following applications for aid, and voting was by written ballot:

1. It was moved and seconded that the presbytery approve the application to grant \$600.00 aid to the Joslyn Avenue Church, the congregation to raise \$2100.00 and pay rent for the pastor. The vote: 25 voting, 25 yes. Motion carried.
2. It was moved and seconded that the application for the Wayne congregation in the amount of \$1980.00 plus manse payments, be granted, the congregation to raise \$1020.00. The vote: 25 voting, 25 yes. Motion carried.
3. It was moved and seconded that the Royal Oak congregation be granted \$900.00 the congregation to raise \$1800.00. The vote: 25 voting, 25 yes. Motion carried.
4. It was moved and seconded that the Committee of Missions seek the fullest possible cooperation of the American Board of Missions in the possible establishment of a church for negroes in Detroit, with the first consideration of a possible location in the area adjacent to Pingree and Woodrow Wilson. The vote: 24 voting 24 yes, 1 not voting. Motion carried.
5. Moved and seconded that the presbytery request an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the proposed new work at West Outer Drive and Grand River. 24 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.
6. Moved and seconded that the presbytery request an appropriation of \$2,000.00 for a presbytery worker. 25 voting, 25 yes. Motion carried.
7. It was moved and seconded that presbytery request an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for pastoral leadership for a new work. 25 voting, 25 yes. Motion carried.
8. Moved and seconded, that the entire report of the Committee of Missions be received and adopted. Motion carried.

At this point many members of presbytery expressed words of appreciation and commendation to Miss Doris Hill for her work in the presbytery, since she is leaving that position to become Director of Religious Education in the Littlefield Boulevard Church.

It was moved and seconded that presbytery express to Miss Hill a very hearty and appreciative vote of thanks for her work in our presbytery and express to her our best wishes as she undertakes her new work, in Littlefield Church. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the names of the nominees to the General Assembly, R. W. Mansfield, J. H. McCann as ministerial delegates; Harold Detweiler from Drayton Plains and Addison Lord from Wayne.

It was moved and seconded that presbytery declare these nominees as our authorized commissioners to General Assembly. Motion carried.

Following some discussion relative to the order of sending elder delegates from the congregations, it was

Moved and seconded that the Clerk and ex-clerk be constituted as a committee to prepare rules for the governing of selection of elder delegates from each congregation and that these rules be presented at the fall meeting of presbytery. Motion carried.

S. C. Weir announced a meeting at the Littlefield Blvd. Church April 27, regarding displaced persons and urged all possible attendance at the meeting.

Following discussion on the fall retreat, the chairman of the standing committee on Evangelism requested that a special committee be appointed for that.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a special committee to carry out a fall retreat. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the presbytery pay the expenses, up to \$40.00 of the secretary of Young People's Work for his attendance at the National Young People's Conference. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery express hearty appreciation to the pastor and congregation of the Littlefield Blvd. Church for entertaining the spring meeting of presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery accept the invitation extended by the Cherry Hill Church for the fall meeting of presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the minutes be read at the fall meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery recess to meet in the Oakland Avenue Church Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator, E. W. Dunn.

Ernest H. Dunn Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

May 18, 1949

The Presbytery of Detroit convened in recessed session at the Oakland Avenue Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by the moderator, who constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of the Presbytery was called by the clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
S. C. Weir  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. MacAllister  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes  
E. W. Dunn  
Willard Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.

Elders present

G. Shaffer  
Vard Martin  
  
A. Lord  
  
Roy Lindahl  
J. Purdy  
C. Andersen

The clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of business.

It was moved and seconded, that Rev. J. B. H. Van Lierop of the Classis of Kalamazoo, be received as a consultant member of Presbytery and given the privileges of the floor. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, through its chairman, J. H. McCann, reported that the committee had considered the work of Mr. Peter Van Lierop, examined his doctrinal thesis and exegetical thesis, and examined him as to his purpose and motives for entering the Gospel ministry. The committee recommended that he be heard by Presbytery in his trials for ordination. The committee further recommended that Andrew Creswell be taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of theology.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery proceed with the hearing and trials for ordination of Mr. Peter Van Lierop, who preached an excellent lecture type sermon on "Marks of a Model Church" taking his text from Thessalonians 1:6-10. Following presentation of the trials, the clerk called the roll of Presbytery, reported 15 present, 15 voting, 15 yes. The trials were unanimously sustained by the Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that the plans as outlined by the committee for the ordination be approved. Motion carried.

Presbytery then considered the further recommendation of the committee on students relative to taking Andrew Creswell under its care in preparation for the Gospel ministry.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery hear Andrew Creswell in a statement of his purpose and motives for his entering the ministry. Motion carried and Mr. Creswell was heard by the Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that the Presbytery of Detroit take under its care Mr. Andrew Creswell as a student of theology and that if he plans to be ordained in the United Presbyterian Church that he be required to take his final year of theological training in Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary.

An amendment was offered and seconded to the motion to specify that "a year of his theological training be spent in Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary".

After much discussion the moderator declared the amendment lost because of a lack of votes, there being only 4 persons voting, 3 for and 1 against.

The voting returned to the original motion and the motion was carried.

The moderator presented a request that Presbytery authorize the financial agent to advance to the delegates to the General Assembly, at least the amount of their room and board for 5 full days at \$7.70 per day per person.

It was moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery authorize the moderator and the clerk to sign any anticipated application from the Oakland Avenue Church for a loan in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Women's Board. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this meeting of Presbytery, following the benediction at the close of the ordination service, stand recessed until June 7 at 8 P.M. to meet at the Southfield Church. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery stand in temporary recess until the evening service of ordination. Motion carried.

Student Harvey Luce led in prayer.

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The evening session was convened at 8 P.M. at the call of the moderator. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery receive Dr. Marbach, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, as a consultative member with the privilege of the floor. Motion carried.

The following is the order of the ordination service:

"Opening Song - No. 111

Invocation - Rev. J. H. McCann

Song No. 238

Scripture Reading - Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D.

Anthem by Choir - "How Pleasant is Thy Dwelling Place"

Evening Prayer - Rev. S. C. Weir, D.D.

"Solo - Gentle Shepherd Lead Me, Miss Gloria Wightmann  
 Sermon - Occupy Till I Come - Rev. Andrew S. Creswell, D.D.  
 Solo - How Beautiful Upon the Mountains - Andrew W. Creswell  
 Review of the steps leading to this Service  
 The Constitutional Questions - Rev. Ernest W. Dunn  
 The Ordination Prayer - Rev. Walter J. Teeuwissen  
 The Charge to the Minister - Rev. J. B. H. van Lierop, Jr.  
 Closing Song No. 211  
 Benediction - Rev. Peter van Lierop."

The moderator, E. W. Dunn, reviewed the steps leading to the ordination. Mr. van Lierop was taken under the care of Presbytery June 1946; he was licensed by the Presbytery June 1948; the Edict relative to the ordination was read in the Oakland Avenue Church on two Sundays previous to the service. The constitutional questions of ordination were asked by the moderator, E. W. Dunn, and following Mr. van Lierop's affirmation the members of Presbytery were called forward to participate in the act of ordination - the ordination prayer being given by Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Jr. The charge to the newly ordained minister was given by his father, Rev. J. B. H. van Lierop Jr. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Peter van Lierop and the meeting of Presbytery stood recessed until June 7, at 8 o'clock.

Ernest W. Dunn Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

June 7, 1949

The Presbytery of Detroit convened in recessed session at the Southfield United Presbyterian Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the Moderator who constituted the presbytery with prayer.

The roll of presbytery was called by the Clerk and is as follows: Ministers: A. S. Creswell, S. C. Weir, H. L. Downie, H. F. Mac Allister, F. J. Irvine, J. H. McCann, E. W. Dunn, W. J. Teeuwissen, R. W. Mansfield: Elders present: Martin, Stevens, Neilsen, Pederson, Cooke, Crumey and Anderson.

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business of presbytery.

The Moderator presented the order of service for the ordination and installation of Harvey M. Luce as pastor of the Southfield Church. It was moved and seconded that the order of service, as printed, be accepted as our order of business. Motion carried.

The Order of Service, The Rev. Ernest Dunn Presiding,  
 Moderator, Detroit Presbytery

Organ Voluntary	"Ordination Prelude"	Spence
Psalm	"Thanksgiving and Praise"	Psalter Hymnal 184
Invocation		
Hymn	"The Church of Our God"	Psalter Hymnal 368
Scripture	Acts 13:34-52	The Rev. Frank Irvine
Anthem	"Saviour, Keep Me Near to Thee"	Keita
Sermon	"God Finds a Way"	The Rev. Frank J. Irvine
Proceedings leading to this service		
Questions to the Candidate		

Questions to the People

Ordination Prayer

The Rev. S. C. Weir, D. D.

Declaration

Anthem "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Stainer

Charge to the Pastor

The Rev. R.W. Mansfield, D. D.

Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Herbert L. Downie

Psalm "The Lord Our Dwelling Place"

Psalter Hymnal 167

Benediction

The Rev. Harvey M. Luce

Organ Voluntary "At Twilight"

Sheldon"

Moved and seconded that this regular meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit be adjourned at the close of the service of installation with the benediction by the newly installed pastor. Motion carried.

The Presbytery proceeded with the above service of ordination and installation and declaration of Mr. Harvey M. Luce as ordained and installed as the pastor of the Southfield church, and the Presbytery was adjourned with the benediction by Harvey M. Luce.

Ernest W. Dunn Moderator

Herbert L. Downie Clerk

September 13, 1949.

The regular fall meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Military Ave. Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by the Moderator, Rev. E.W. Dunn. The regular devotional service was dispensed with and the moderator read ten verses from John 15 and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of Presbytery was called by the clerk and is as follows:

A.S. Creswell	Orville Robb
S.C. Weir	Laurence Read
H.L. Downie	
H.F. MacAllister	E. Hoisington
F.J. Irvine	J.B. McLaughlin
J.H. McCann	Ray Stephens
V.A. Barnes	C.E. Anderson
E.W. Dunn	John Anderson
W. Wylie	Harolde Brown
W.J. Teeuwissen	J. Hazlett
D.L. McBride	M. Petersen
	Earl B. Young, Jr.
H. M. Luce	Earl Groves
Wade Miller	Wm. Weiss
R.W. Mansfield	

The clerk read the minutes of the spring meeting, including the minutes of the recessed meetings of May 18th and June 7th. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Motion carried.

The certificate of transfer of Rev. Mr. W. Wade Miller was received from the Presbytery of Delaware. Moved and seconded that Presbytery receive Rev. Mr. Miller as regular member of the Presbytery of Detroit. Motion carried. Welcomed by Moderator.

The moderator called for expense accounts to be rendered and any other written matters; Elder Ray Stephens was appointed to act for this meeting on the Finance Committee; The Moderator appointed the following committee on review of the Minutes of Sessions: W.J. Teeuwissen, J.H. McCann, H.M. Luce, E.B. Young, Jr.. The Clerk reported correspondence with the Gullian Family which was here to be read by any who might be interested.

Elders were elected, ordained and installed in the following congregations:

Oakland Ave.-Howard Lord, Fred Froede, Earl Shaeffer - May 1, 1949. Ordained & installed.  
 Wayne - C. Emil Anderson - installed April 24, 1949.  
 Cherry Hill- Everett V. Martin Ordained; W. Harold Owe, W. Lawrence Mitchell and Dr  
 Francis V. Baad installed as well. May 15, 1949  
 Calvin- Erwin Derry, Philip Eckman -  
 Outer Drive Church- Arthur Valentine, Oscar Peterson, Charles Way, Duncan Bentley  
 ordained and installed.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in April 1949 to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Newly elected committee of missions, appointed by Presbytery, was made a Commission to continue the work of the former Commission in assisting in matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church.

This Commission met for organization at the close of the Spring meeting of Presbytery, April 19, 1949. The Moderator, R.J. Irvine, constituted the Commission with prayer. Present were F.J. Irvine, R.W. Mansfield, J.H. McCann, Harold Detweiler; absent W. Wylie, L.H. Lucas J.W. Gray. J. H. McCann was elected clerk.

On motion the commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Elder Detweiler led in prayer. "

The committee consisting of the ex-clerk and the clerk presented their report regarding the election of elder delegates to the General Assembly. After amendment of the statement as presented, it was moved and seconded that the following be our statement of policy for the election of elder delegates to General Assembly:

1. At the fall meeting of Presbytery the clerk shall give notification to the two congregations eligible to send elder delegates to the General Assembly. Also the clerk shall notify the next two congregations in line of their eligibility to provide an alternate delegate, in the event either of the first two congregations are unable to provide a delegate.
2. By January 15th of each year these eligible congregations shall notify the clerk of Presbytery of their intent to provide an elder delegate. If either or both of the eligible congregations are unable to give assurance of their intent to provide an elder by January 15th, that congregation shall drop to the foot of the congregational listing. If a congregation notifies the Clerk of intent to provide an elder delegate by January 15th, and later discovers it is unable to serve in that capacity, that congregation shall go to the foot of the congregational listing.
3. The Clerk shall immediately thereafter seek to secure from the next congregation in line (that is: from first and then second alternate) the assurance that they can provide an elder delegate. Each congregation unable to give notice of their intent to provide an elder delegate by March 15th, shall be removed to the foot of the congregational listing.
4. In the event that it is required further to seek an elder delegate after March 15th, any congregation unable to supply an elder delegate after March 15th shall not be penalized by losing its regular place on the roll.

The motion was carried. This becomes the policy of Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to forward to each Session a copy of this ruling of Presbytery.

It was further moved that the ex-clerk and the clerk be continued as a committee to establish definite rules regarding the election of ministerial delegates to the General Assembly to modify and clarify the present rules, to be presented at the spring meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded, in view of shortness of time available, that we consider the reports of the commissioners to General Assembly as given at the Retreat to be adequate, Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the clerk's action in forwarding the certificate of transfer for Rev. Peter Van Lierop to the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. be approved. Motion carried.

A "call" from the Military Avenue Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. Wade Miller was read by the Moderator and included in addition to regular terms, annual

salary of \$3300.00, an amount equal to 8% of salary in Pension payments, free manse, one month annual vacation. The call was attested by Dr. R.W. Mansfield June 12, 1949. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain the call as regular and present same to Rev. Miller. Motion carried. Moderator then presented the call to Rev. Miller and it was accepted by him. The plans for evening installation were reviewed by the Moderator and will be presented in order of evening business.

The committee of Mission report was submitted by F.J. Irvine, SM; it was moved and seconded that report be accepted and is as follows: Motion carried.

Southfield has called, ordained and installed Harvey M. Luce as pastor.

Military Avenue has called Rev. Wade Miller, being installed today.

First Church is apparently ready to call under moderatorship of R.W. Mansfield on Oct. 2nd.

Joslyn Avenue dedicated its new building in June- good prospects for this church.

Wayne is progressing in their building campaign-hope to be in soon.

Calvin has started their building-making good progress.

Assistance offered the Royal Oak congregation by Presbytery through a commission consisting of the committee of missions has been continued. The provisional session met last month and will continue to meet monthly. The commission has not met in recent months but its moderator has carried out its instructions in seeking to guide the financial officers of the church in a reorganization program, and has met on occasion with the provisional session. The three elders from outside the Royal Oak congregation assisted in the conduct of a very satisfactory annual congregational meeting in April. Recommend to continue the Commission.

The matter of the starting the Negro Church was presented; the committee is doing further exploration work with thought of requesting a called meeting of Presbytery to take definite action.

The Evangelism Committee thru its chairman, E.W. Dunn reported on the Retreat, with possible institute on evangelism later in the year; the "turn-over chart" on evangelism has been received and is property of Presbytery and may be used in the various congregations. Moved and second to accept- carried.

The Committee on Christian Education reported the cancelation of the Lakeside conference for Pioneers; it recommended that Presbytery send to the Evangelical Church the amount of \$50.00, which would care for part of their loss thru the cancelation, and that \$12.54 in the treasury of special fund be used for postage and other expenses. It was moved and seconded that report and recommendations be adopted. Motion carried. It was further moved and seconded that Presbytery express to all those leaders who gave of their services in planning this conference our sincere appreciation. the motion carried.

The committee on Students reported thru its chm. W. Wylie, that Edmond Watkins was starting his final year in Pittsburgh-Xenia; Richard Smith had left to attend Dallas; Andrew Creswell had left to attend Fuller; and satisfactory communication regarding the work of Herbert Schreiner in Muskingum. After some discussion the committee was instructed to bring in report after the recess regarding the care of Richard Smith.

The Clerk read the list of congregations eligible to send elder delegates and the listing of ministerial delegates to the 1950 General Assembly, as follows:

Elder delegates: 1. Southfield, 2, Calvin; alternates: 3. Royal Oak, 4, Littlefield.

Ministers: 1. V.A. Barnes, 2. E. W. Dunn, alternates: 3, H.L. Downie, 4. H.F. MacAllister. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery stand in recess until 7P.M. motion carried. R.W. Mansfield led in prayer/

Presbytery reconvened and was called to order by the Vice-moderator, W. Wylie, who led in prayer.

The committee on Students reported that it was not the intent of the committee to take any student under the care of Presbytery without instruction regarding the oversight of training of such student, and of our desire to have such student attending our own seminary. The committee so expects to instruct Richard Smith. Adoption of recommendation of Presbytery regarding all students under our care to be dealt with in the spring meeting. Moved and seconded report be accepted. motion carried.

The committee on review reported thru chm. W.J. Teeuwissen, that records of sessions were correctly and neatly kept with following exceptions: First not signed by moderator or clerk, Wayne two meetings not constituted with prayer; Royal Oak, one not constituted

with prayer and suggested they do not use ball point pen for future minutes; Calvin one not signed; Oakland Ave- not presented; Joslyn one not consituted with prayer. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendations of the committee be carried out By various Sessions. motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint the Committee of Missions as a Commission to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church, with F.J. Irvine as moderator, to meet following the adjournment of Presbytery for organization. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint the following to serve as a commission for the receiving of a "Call" from the First Church, and the installation of the called minister. This commission to meet following the adjournment of Presbytery for organization and to consist of: R.W. Mansfield, Modertor; H.M. Luce to preach, A.S. Creswell to address the pastor, F.J. Irvine to address the congregation, Elder Earl B. Young, Jr to read the edict and elder W.J. Moffett. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we express our hearty appreciation to the Military Avenue Church for their gracious hopsitality in entertaining Presbytery; motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we accept the invitation of the Cherry Hill Church to meet with them for the spring meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this meeting of Presbytery be adjourned at the close of the evening installation service with the benediction by the newly installed pastor. the motion carried.

Presbytery proceded with the installation service, the following persons participating : E.W. Dunn presiding; Willard Wylie preaching; A.S. Creswell the charge to the pastor; J.H. McCann the charge to the congregation. The following is order of service:

Hymn - No. 50  
 Invocational prayer  
 Hymn No. 74  
 Scripture Reading- Isa. 6:1-8  
 Prayer  
 Sermon  
 Constitutional questions  
 Charge to pastor  
 Charge to congregation  
 Hymn no. 111  
 Benediction.

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. Wade Miller, the newly installed pastor, and the meeting of Presbytery stood adjourned.

*Ernest W. Dunn*..... Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie*..... Clerk.

*Approved by Synod of Ohio,  
 meeting at Mansfield, O.  
 Sep 20, 1949.  
 Geo. G. Martin, Clerk.*



March 9, 1950

The Presbytery of Detroit met in a called meeting at the Broadstreet Church on Thursday, March 9, 1950 at 3:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn, who lead in a short devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
S. C. Weir  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. Mac Allister  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes  
E. W. Dunn  
Willard Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen  
D. L. McBride  
H. D. McCalmont  
H. M. Luce  
W. W. Miller  
R. W. Mansfield

Elders present

Jesse Pearsall  
William Booth  
Don Paxton  
Joseph Lemon  
Glenn Featherston  
Ernest Byers  
John Purdy  
William Weisse

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business of the called meeting.

The Moderator read the statement of the purpose of the called meeting as follows:

"\*\* the authorization by Presbytery for the establishing of a United Presbyterian Church among the Negro population of Detroit and viewing of the property that is considered for purchase in starting this new work, and all necessary details in regard to the same".

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called on Rev. F. J. Irvine to present the findings of the Committee of Missions relative to the Negro work. Mr. Irvine reviewed the past proceedings of the Committee of Missions and its communications with the American Board of Missions. He also reviewed for us three possible sites for beginning of this negro work. The first one was a synagogue in an area where about 50% of the population was negro. The cost of the building would be \$55,000.00. A large number of changes would be necessitated in the purchase of this building and not leave too adequate a space for starting a new work. Improvements to make the building suitable would have amounted to at least another \$10,000.00, estimated.

The second site was the First Nazarene Church located about two blocks from the present Scovel Memorial Presbyterian Church. This site included not only a church building, but a manse and a parking area. Priced through a real estate dealer at \$85,000.00 with a possible suggestion of a lesser figure. This site is located in an area where the population is nearly 100% negro. The seating capacity of this building in the main church is approximately 600, also having a chapel facility for handling 150 with other educational rooms and facilities. The difficulty involved was the possibility of some other groups seeking to purchase this same site. There would be no conflicting area as far as comity nor over-lapping of other churches in this area. Mr. Irvine reported that Dr. Rotzler had seen this church building but had expressed the opinion that it was more than the Board would consider financially.

The third site was a small Armenian<sup>an</sup> Church located at Hamilton and Collingwood Avenues, one block or two from the present Westminster Presbyterian Church. The cost of the building is \$35,000.00 including a small parking lot; a manse next to the church could be purchased for an additional \$10,000.00. This is largely a white community with only a very few scattered negro families. Mr. Irvine reported conferences with the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church relative to this possibility. Mr. Irvine further reported that leadership had been considered in the person of Rev. Albert Cleage and a possible seminary student from Western Seminary. In consultation with some of the negro leaders of Detroit it seemed possible to have a congregation of possibly fifty members as a start.

After some questioning period, it was Moved by Mr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Creswell, that the Presbytery send a request to the Board of American Missions for the purchase of the property of the First Nazarene Church if that property is available to our church and to ask the Board to initiate comprehensive work among the negro population immediately. Discussion following the motion centered largely in questions and reports from the various members of the committee who had seen the prospective sites. The members of that committee seemed to largely favor the First Nazarene Church, not only for its physical equipment but because of the negro population and the possibilities for a more adequate work among the negro people. The roll was called by the Clerk and the vote was 23 present, 23 Yes. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery authorize the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. F. J. Irvine and Mr. Henry Cleag to go to Pittsburgh, Monday March 13th to attend the meeting of the Board and present our request: Expenses for their trip to be paid by Presbytery out of Presbyterial funds. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we further register the conviction of Presbytery that we were not interested in the other two properties mentioned above and unless the Board sees fit to accept the purchase of the Nazarene Church property the Presbytery will rest its case as to starting work among the negro population in Detroit. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. H. D. McCalmont.

*Ernest H. Dunn* Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

April 18, 1950

The regular Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Royal Oak Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn at 1:30 P.M. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and preached a sermon the text "We ought to obey God rather than man", and then constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of Presbytery was called and is as follows:

Ministers present:

A. S. Creswell	H. M. Luce
R. W. Mansfield	W. W. Miller
S. C. Weir	H. D. McCalmont
H. L. Downie	
H. F. Mac Allister	
J. H. McCann	
V. A. Barnes	
E. W. Dunn	
W. Wylie	
W. J. Teeuwissen	
D. L. McBride	

Elders present:

Gerald Shafer	J. J. Brinlee
Norman Rehfield	
L. F. Jones	
Harold Brown	
Lawrence Mitchell	
Ray Stephen	
David Wilson	
W. B. Alcorn	
Harold Detwiller	
Clarence Oak	
Weldon Conyers	

The Clerk read the minutes of the Fall meeting of Presbytery and the special meeting on March 9, 1950. It was suggested that the minutes be corrected by noting the reason for the cancellation of the Lakeside Camp (that of the polio epidemic in the late summer of 1949). It was moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. Zion Robbins from the Presbytery of Rock Island and a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Moline, Illinois be granted the courtesies of the floor of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The moderator proceeded to call for the election of a new moderator. The name of Dr. Willard Wylie was placed in nomination. Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. Wylie. Motion carried, and the clerk cast the ballot.

The new moderator then called for the election of the vice moderator. The name of W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., was presented. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk instructed to cast the unanimous ballot. Motion carried and the clerk cast the ballot.

The moderator then called for reports and papers needing referral to various committees, and expense accounts in writing of any who had them to submit. Also notice in writing of elders elected, ordained and installed.

Elders were elected, ordained and installed in the following congregations:  
Broadstreet - Alexander Meldrum and John W. Williams, reelected November 20, 1949.  
Outer Drive - Donald Chandler and A. Campbell Spierling, elected October 26, 1949.  
ordained and installed November 27, 1949.

Auburn Heights - Leon Hall, reelected and installed

Littlefield Blvd. - Cecil Cody, Harry Lutey, Ralph Osborn and William Tait,  
ordained and installed November 27, 1949.

Southfield - Joseph Lane and Clarence Oak, ordained and installed Nov. 6, 1949.

The various expense accounts were referred to the committee on finance for approval. The vice moderator took the chair and proceeded to the next order of business.

✓ The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in September 1949, to receive a call from the First Church and to install a pastor, consisting of R. W. Mansfield, Moderator, H. M. Luce, A. S. Creswell, F. J. Irvine, Earl B. Young Jr., were read and adopted and are as follows: "The Commission for the installation of the Pastor at First Church met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery, Sept. 13, 1949, at the Military Avenue Church. Present were Rev. R. W. Mansfield, D.D., Moderator, Rev. A. S. Creswell, D.D., Rev. F. J. Irvine, Rev. H. M. Luce, and Mr. Earl Young, Jr. Absent, Mr. W. J. Moffet.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by Dr. Mansfield. A motion was made and seconded that H. M. Luce be designated Clerk of the Commission. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned, the Commission to meet at the call of the Moderator. H. M. Luce closed the meeting with prayer.

The Commission met at 9:00 P.M. November 17, 1949 at 15015 Piedmont, Detroit, Michigan, at the call of the Acting Moderator, Rev. F. J. Irvine. Present were Rev. F. J. Irvine, Rev. H. M. Luce, Mr. Earl Young, Jr., and Mr. W. J. Moffet. Absent, Rev. R. W. Mansfield, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Creswell, D.D.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by F. J. Irvine. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The Commission proceeded to the review of the Call made out by First Church for the Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, D.D. It was moved and seconded that the Call be certified as regular and forwarded to Arkansas Valley Presbytery. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, the Commission to meet again on December 9 or at the Call of the Moderator. Motion carried. Mr. Earl Young, Jr., led in prayer.

The Commission met at 7:40 P.M. December 9, 1949, at the First Church, with Rev. H. D. McCalmont, D.D. Commission members present were Rev. R. W. Mansfield, D.D. Moderator; Rev. A. S. Creswell, D.D., Rev. F. J. Irvine, Rev. H. M. Luce and Mr. Earl Young Jr., Absent, Mr. W. J. Moffet.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. Mansfield. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and seconded that the letter of Dr. McCalmont be received and his name added to the Roll of Presbytery. Motion carried. Notice was taken that the Edict had been read to the Congregation on the two preceding Sabbaths. Motion was made and seconded

"the Commission stand adjourned at the close of the Installation Service with the Benediction by the new Pastor. Motion carried. The Commission then proceeded with the Installation Service as given on the attached bulletin. (Signed) R. W. Mansfield, Moderator, H. M. Luce, Clerk." Installation Service:

"Prelude 'Jubilate Deo' Silver  
 Praise Psalter Hymnal No. 286  
 Invocation  
 Praise Psalter Hymnal No. 252  
 Scripture  
 Anthem 'Arise, Shine, For Thy Light is Come' Wolcott  
 Sermon 'Clothed for Service' 1st Peter 5-5  
 Rev. Harvey M. Luce

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Prayer

Charge to the Pastor - Rev. Andrew S. Creswell, D.D.

Charge to the Congregation - Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Praise Psalter Hymnal No. 359

Benediction Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, D.D."

✓ The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in September 1949, to deal with matters relating to the Royal Oak Church, consisting of the Committee of Missions, <sup>F. J. Irvine, Moderator</sup> were read and adopted, and are as follows: "Military Ave. Church, Sept. 13, 1949  
 " By appointment of Presbytery the Committee of Missions was named a Commission, with Frank Irvine as Moderator to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church and was instructed to meet upon adjournment of Presbytery to be organized. Following adjournment of Presbytery this commission met, was constituted with prayer by Frank Irvine.

J. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk upon motion by Ralph Mansfield.

It was moved that the Commission adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by Willard Wylie.

Moderator, (Signed) J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"Outer Drive Church, Dec. 11, 1949. The Committee of Missions of Detroit Presbytery having been constituted by Presbytery as a Commission to act upon matters pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Oak Congregation, met at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present, Frank Irvine, Ralph Mansfield, Willard Wylie, Harvey McCann and Elder Lucas. Absent, Elders Detweiler and Gray.

Dr. McBride the Stated Supply of the congregation was also present during the first part of the meeting.

The Moderator, Mr. Irvine, reviewed the situation at Royal Oak and the efforts that have been made to bring about a better spirit in the church. At his request Dr. McBride told of his work and of the attitude of the different groups within the congregation. He emphasized the difficulties and the discouragements he had experienced.

Following this, the Commission discussed at length the problems to be faced.

Dr. Wylie made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Mansfield, that we arrange for a meeting with the congregation to discuss the future life of the Royal Oak congregation. The motion was passed.

A motion that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator was adopted.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer by Dr. Wylie. Moderator (Signed) J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"Wednesday Evening, January 4, 1950 The Commission of Presbytery, called into existence to assist in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Oak Church, met by previous arrangement of the Commission and upon the call of the Moderator, in the Royal Oak Church at eight o'clock.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by Elder Detweiler. Present, - Ministers Irvine, Mansfield, Wylie, McCann Elders, - Lucas and Detweiler. Elder Gray was absent.

The members of the congregation having been advised of the meeting and its purpose and having been invited to be present (see letter of the Commission to

the members of the congregation), about fifty people of the church were in attendance.

The Moderator read the letter of the Commission to the Congregation, after which he reviewed at length the history of the congregation and the current difficulties arising out of factions within the congregation. Members of the congregation were invited to speak upon the present situation as they viewed it and quite a number of the congregation spoke. A real and a deep concern for the continuing of the work of the church was the unanimous expression of those who spoke.

This part of the meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Irvine, after which the Commission retired to the parsonage to continue its deliberation as the people remained in the church to visit together). There, the events of the evening, the expressions of the congregation, and the attitudes toward the church were thoughtfully reviewed and discussed. No decisions were made. The Commission decided at a late hour to meet again at Royal Oak on Friday evening, January 13, 1950 at eight o'clock.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Mansfield. -----  
Moderator, (Signed) J. Harvey McCann, Clerk."

"December 23, 1949. To members of the Royal Oak United Presbyterian Church: The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to assist in matters related to the Royal Oak Church will meet at said church building on Wednesday, January 4, 1950, at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting has been called to discuss possible steps with reference to the future of the congregation. Among other possibilities it will consider the following:

- 1 moderate reorganization
- 2 complete reorganization
- 3 temporary discontinuing of work
- 4 final dissolution of the congregation

As a member of the congregation you are interested in this, and you are invited to attend the meeting in its first phase, beginning at 8:00 p.m. and to share your insights with us, thus assisting us in making the right decision in this matter. Sincerely yours, Frank J. Irvine, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk, R. W. Mansfield, Willard Wiley, Harold Detwiler, James Gray, L. H. Lucas."

"January 13, 1950 - The Commission of Presbytery, appointed to assist in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Oak Church, met in the parsonage of the church at Royal Oak at eight o'clock, P.M. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

Present: Ministers, Irvine, Wylie, McCann Elders: Detweiler, Lucas.

Dr. Mansfield and Elder Gray were absent.

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Dr. McBride was present and gave a report of the present state of the congregation. The Commission took the following action,-

1. Dr. Wylie moved, seconded by Mr. Lucas, that the Provisional Session of the Royal Oak Congregation be dissolved as of this date and that a new Provisional Session consisting of six men, all of them to be outside the membership of the Royal Oak Church, be named by the Commission, and that this session is to be under the moderatorship of the Stated Supply of the Congregation. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
2. It was moved by Mr. Detweiler, and seconded by Dr. Wylie, that the present Board of Trustees be dissolved and that the duties and powers of this Board be committed to the Provisional Session. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Dr. Wylie made a motion, that at such time as in the judgment of the Commission it is deemed wise to restore the affairs of either the Trustees or the Session to local leadership, this shall be accomplished by congregational election. The motion supported by Mr. Lucas was carried.
4. Mr. Detweiler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lucas, that the financial officers of the church and Sunday School shall be responsible to the Provisional Session, and shall operate under the guidance of the Session. Motion carried.

"5. A motion was made by Dr. Wylie, seconded by McCann, that the other congregational officers shall continue throughout their terms of office, and that in case of vacancy, the Session will fill such vacancies until regular election. Motion carried.

6. It was moved by Mr. McCann, and supported by Mr. Detweiler, that all matters pertaining to the Sunday School, the Youth Group, and the music department shall be under the supervision of the Provisional Session, and that the Moderator of this Session shall be given full authority until such time as the Session can act.

7. A motion was made by Dr. Wylie that the following men be appointed as members of the Provisional Session.- L. H. Lucas of the Broadstreet Church, Harold Detweiler of the Drayton Plains Church, Grant Graham of the Auburn Heights Church, Gerald Shafer of the Oakland Avenue Church, Ward Lyons of the Littlefield Church, A. Campbell Spiering of the Outer Drive Church  
The motion was supported and passed.

8. Mr. Wylie made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Detweiler that all officers whose terms of office are terminated by this action, shall turn over to Dr. McBride all records of the church in their possession. Motion carried.

9. It was moved by Dr. Wylie, and supported by Mr. Lucas, that Dr. McBride be instructed to read to the congregation on this coming Sabbath morning the statement prepared by the Commission, setting forth its action of the evening.  
Motion carried.

10. The motion was made by Mr. Lucas, and supported, that the Provisional Session shall meet at the call of the Moderator. Motion carried.

11. Mr. Wylie made a motion that the Commission be adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Motion carried.

The Moderator, Rev. Frank Irvine, closed the meeting with prayer. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
Moderator, (Signed) J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

✓ The Moderator then resumed the chair and appointed the following standing committees of Presbytery:

Nominating Committee: R. W. Mansfield, H. F. Mac Allister, J. J. Brinlee,

Finance Committee: J. H. McCann, W. W. Miller, Clarence Oak

Audit Committee: A. S. Creswell, H. M. Luce, Lawrence Mitchell

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the Moderator's appointments.

Motion carried.

The Clerk then gave a statistical report of the various congregations within the Presbytery, noting gains and total of missionary giving and the averages in the congregation, and commended the work of most of the congregations.

The Vice Moderator assumed the chair while the Financial Agent, Dr. Willard Wylie presented his report. Mimeographed copies of the report were given the members of Presbytery and a copy of this report is on file in the Clerk's minutes. The report showed a total contribution for the year of \$36,406.78. The contributions to the Missionary Budget and Missionary work showed an increase of a little over \$3,000.00 from the previous year. The Financial Agent gave an accounting of the transfer of his books and accounts from the former Financial Agent, Mr. W. J. Moffet, and his books and accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee of the Presbytery. It was Moved and seconded that the books of the Financial Agent be audited by an outside auditor after the closing of his books in April, the audit to be presented at the Fall meeting each year. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this procedure should take effect for the year 1950-1951 ~~was adopted by the Presbytery and the Session.~~ Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt the report of the Financial Agent with our thanks to him. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery stand in recess for fifteen minutes while the various committees had the opportunity to review and prepare their reports for presenting to Presbytery. Motion carried. Presbytery stood in recess.

Following the recess, the Moderator called for the report of the various committees. The Committee of Missions submitted the following report through R. W. Mansfield, acting for the Superintendent of Missions who was ill.

"The Past year has been a very busy one for the Committee of Missions. One year ago, we had three vacancies. We are happy to report that these are now filled and that no others have occurred. During the year, the committee has functioned as a Commission of Presbytery dealing with the affairs of the Royal Oak congregation.

Another activity of the committee that has taken much time, particularly upon the part of the Superintendent of Missions, has been the study of possibilities for the establishment of Negro work within the bounds of the presbytery. You will recall that at a special meeting of presbytery last month, approval was given to an application to the American Board for the purchase of the First Nazarene Church. We are sorry to report that this proposition, so far as we are concerned, has fallen through due to the fact that another group which had made a deposit on the property has decided to purchase it. At the present moment, we have no other definite location in mind for such work, but your committee is hopeful that such an opportunity will present itself.

Your committee recommends the appointment as stated supplies: Reverend Virgil A. Barnes at Wayne and Dr. D. L. McBride at Royal Oak for one year beginning July 1. Your committee wishes to express hearty commendation to the Joslyn Ave. Church on assuming self-support and the desire to call Rev. H. F. Mac Allister as permanent pastor.

We would recommend that the Committee of Missions be constituted as a commission to deal with all matters relative to the work in the Royal Oak congregation."   
 ✓This was only a partial report to be completed in the evening.

The Committee on Evangelism, through its chairman, E. W. Dunn, reported, and is as follows:

"The Committee on Evangelism reports that its work in promoting the Evangelistic Crusade on a large Presbyterial basis leaves much to be desired.

After consulting with the members of the Committee it was concluded that it did not seem feasible to conduct a Presbyterial wide visitation project, at least at this stage of the campaign. Such a program is still a possibility at a later time.

We have tried to lay the emphasis upon each congregation conducting its own visitation program. To encourage such a program one of the Turn Over Charts was purchased and made available to the congregations. Letters were sent out to the individual churches in an effort to set up a schedule for its use. Four churches have used it and one is in the process of using it for the period between Easter and Pentecost. The fact that the other churches made no use of the chart up to this time does not mean that no work has been done in the matter of evangelism.

There has been various reaction to the use of the Chart. However we are certain that it has far reaching possibilities. It is a new approach to an old method of Evangelism and when used and practised over a period of time should bring desired results.

Of those churches using the Chart one showed accessions of 54 and another 24 which were both immediate and after effects of the contacts made in the visitation campaign.

The total accessions of the Presbytery during this past year were:

Broadstreet	18	Cherry Hill	85
Calvin	60	Littlefield	116
First	22	Drayton Pl.	31
Military	41	Joslyn Ave.	45
Outer Dr.	108	Oakland Ave.	91
Southfield	32	Royal Oak	16
Auburn Hgts.	15	Wayne	24

We feel that the emphasis on Visitation Evangelism is one that should not be merely for a period of time. We trust that this will be but a beginning of a continuing program in the churches and that year after year it will be an accepted practise.

"We recommend a most hearty co-operation on the part of the south end of the Presbytery in the program of Fellowship and Educational Evangelism to be conducted next October 12-19. There are 7 out of ten churches enrolled. We trust that the others will join in. Respectfully submitted, The Committee - Andrew Creswell, C. W. Stevens, Harold Detwiler, Ernest W. Dunn."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, through its chairman Willard Wylie, submitted its report and is as follows:

"Report of the Committee on Students, April 18, 1950.

Your Committee on Students submits the following:

1. There are four young men under the care of Presbytery looking forward to the Gospel Ministry. Edmond I. Watkins, Drayton Plains, a Senior at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa. Richard Smith, Drayton Plains, first year student at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. Andrew W. Creswell, Oakland Ave., first year student at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. Herbert Schreiner, Calvin, Junior at Muskingum College.

11. Edmond Watkins, who was licensed last spring by this Presbytery was awarded the Jamison Scholarship which is sufficient evidence of the high rank of his scholarship. No grades have been received for Richard Smith. The grades submitted for Andrew W. Creswell and Herbert Schreiner indicate they have been faithful in their studies. These grade reports are in the hands of the Committee.

111. Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That we extend our sincere congratulations to Edmond I. Watkins for his winning of the Jamison Scholarship award and that his credentials as a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery be sent to the Clerk of Big Spring Presbytery where he expects to be ordained at the pastor of the Lewiston, Pa. congregation.
2. That the request of Richard Smith for the dissolution of his relationship be granted and that his name be dropped from the roll of students under the care of Presbytery.
3. That the Committee of Students to be elected at this meeting, together with two elders to be named by the Committee on Nominations, be constituted a Commission of Presbytery to hear the Specimen of Progress of Andrew W. Creswell at his convenience during the summer vacation. That Walter J. Teeuwissen be named the chairman of the Commission and that it meet at the close of this session of Presbytery for organization. Respectfully submitted, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Harvey M. LuSe, Willard Wylie"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and its recommendations be carried out. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, through its chairman W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., reported as follows:

"Your Committee on Christian Education Reports:

1. Much time was spent last spring and summer preparing for the Pioneer Camp to have been held at Lakeside, Brighton, Mich. This camp had to be cancelled. The Polio scare, among other things, being a reason. Your committee felt that there was not a sufficient degree of interest indicated to warrant making any plans for such a camp this year.

A decision was reached proposing that instead of a Presbytery-wide Institute the churches be geographically divided and programs suited to the desires of the churches in each area be carried out. Consequently Dr. Weir and Miss Hill arranged a series of nine workshops held on three different nights for the south-end churches. The total attendance for these amounted to 167. A detailed report is attached. Noteworthy is the fact that the largest attended of any of the groups was the one for elders with 45 present.

The program in the north-end was in the nature of a traditional institute.



"It was held at Oakland Ave. Church on five consecutive Tuesdays. Certain local factors tended to keep the enrolment down. The total was 69 with an average of 49. A detailed schedule is attached.

The Youth Fellowship program was carried on in our customary fashion. A total of over \$1400.00 was given to the Gidada Award. Our general program measured well in comparison with other Presbyteries as indicated by the fact that we were awarded a cash certificate for presbyterial efficiency rating. Youth from this Presbytery were present at Muskingum Conference, the National and also at New Wilmington Missionary Conference. Very recently at our Caravan Project rally last Friday night, April 14, our quota of \$700 for that project was over subscribed. (This last has no place in this report since it took place) after March 31, 1950)

2. Comments on the Status of Christian Education in the Presbytery. Based on an analysis of the Annual Reports the following may be remarked in regard to Xtn Ed Work in the Presbytery. Our total SS enrolment is more than last year (4630/4699). Our percentage of average attendance is less, 56% (57%). Total number of members in Youth Fellowship groups is less, 376; 46 less than last year. We are reaching 41.2% of the total number of youth enrolled in our SS in the 12-24 year group (376/910). In the 12-17 year bracket the percentage is much smaller, 30% (243/811). I realize that we can not conclude too strongly from these reports but some facts indicated are worth noting. We report almost 100 more in the young adult group, 25-35 years; (223/316); but a hundred less in the older adult bracket, (663/552). The number enrolled in communicants classes this past year was considerably larger (112/178). The local college picture is not unknown and is of course influenced by the proximity of many fine educational institutions but of the 139 y.p. reported in college only ten are in U.P. schools. It is noteworthy that we report 13 young people looking forward to fulltime church vocations, almost one per congregation. I wonder if other presbyteries can do as well? However, when that is measured against the 139 y.p. in college it is less than the tithe; and when measured against the potential of the Senior and Young People's Departs. of our S.S., 520, it is very small.

Eight churches reported their own Vacation Bible Schools. One other church participated in a union school. Enrolment is down from last year 1000/950).

3. Future Plans: They involve nothing spectacular but the carrying forth of the Committee's past activities subject to your suggestions, requests and cooperation.

4. Any Further Recommendations. The pastor, in this as in all else in the church program, is the key man, the spark-plug. Read the publicity which comes your way, examine your local Xtn Ed program critically from time to time. Answer your mail promptly. Respectfully submitted, Doris Hill, Dr. S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. CCE"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The report on Committee on Pensions and Relief was read by the Clerk in the absence of the chairman, reporting 14 congregations participating in the pension system. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The report of the committee on Missionary Budget was submitted by the chairman V. A. Barnes and is as follows:

"April 18, 1950 Your Committee makes the following report to Detroit Presbytery: At the request of the Synodical Superintendent of Missions and the Secretary of the Board of Administration, the Chairman of the Committee visited each congregation in our Presbytery during the winter months. The purpose of this visit was to present the missionary budget of the denomination for the church year. The method used was the showing of the slides prepared and distributed over the church by the Board of Administration, with the reading of an accompanying script. A total number of 725 people attended these conferences. Your chairman wishes to thank the pastors of Presbytery for their cooperation in this project, both in arranging dates of showing and for promoting the meeting in their own congregations. The Missionary Budget report from the congregations for 1950-51 is as follows: Amount pledged \$30,681; No. of local pledges 2215; No. of misc. pledges 1910; No. of tithes 318. Sincerely, (signed) Virgil A. Barnes)

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

There was no report on the Committee on Social Service, D. L. McBride  
Chairman.

The report of the Committee on the Detroit Council of Church<sup>es</sup> appointments was read by the chairman, H. L. Downie, and following is a list of appointments for the 1950-51.

"Evangelism - H. L. Downie, Religious Education - Doris Hill  
Social Service - H. D. McCalmont, Comity - Ernest W. Dunn, F. J. Irvine,  
Church music - H. M. Luce, Business Affairs - S. C. Weir."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to read the names of the nominees to the  
1950 General Assembly.

Ministers - V. A. Barnes, E. W. Dunn; Alternates - H. L. Downie, and  
H. F. McAllister

Elders - Calvin, George Cunningham; Southfield, Elmer Cromie

Moved and seconded that Presbytery declare these nominees as our authorized  
commissioners to the 1950 General Assembly. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for the presenting of Overture No. 1, relative to making  
the retiring Moderator of General Assembly a member at large of the following  
General Assembly. After discussion the roll was called by the Clerk. 22 present,  
22 voting, 22 yes. The Overture unanimously carried. Overture No. 2 was read  
relative to the proposed change in the majority required in General Assembly for  
enactment of amendments or regulations to constitutional law. After lengthy  
discussion the roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows: 22 present,  
22 voting; 22 No. The Overture was unanimously lost.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery recess to meet at the Parsonage of the  
Royal Oak Church at 7 P. M. Motion carried; meeting was recessed with prayer by  
W. W. Miller at 5 P. M.

At 7 P.M. the meeting was called to order again by the Moderator who led  
in the opening prayer. The Committee on Auditing Accounts, through it's chairman,  
A. S. Creswell, submitted the following report:

"The Committee on Auditing accounts has reviewed the books of the F. A.,  
Dr. Willard Wylie who was appointed by the moderator to serve in this  
office upon the death of Mr. W. J. Moffett who had served in this office  
for 16 years. The Committee calls the attention of Presbytery again to  
the fact that in the death of Mr. Moffett the church has lost a faithful  
servant, one who rendered an unusually efficient service in his own  
congregation, in the Presbytery, and often as a member of Synod and as a  
delegate to the General Assembly.

The Committee congratulates Dr. Wylie in the efficient and careful way in  
which he took over the books and the accounts of the Presbytery. He has  
prepared a report of the funds handled by Mr. Moffett and also a report  
of the funds handled since he took up the duties of the office. He has  
given a great deal of time to this work. The changes he has made in  
handling the accounts will make for efficiency. We find the books of the  
Financial Agent balanced and neatly and correctly kept. We commend  
Dr. Wylie for his careful and efficient work. Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) Andrew S. Creswell, W. Lawrence Mitchell, Harvey M. Luce.

The Committee has examined the reports and the books of Presbytery's  
Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Frank J. Irvine and finds them neatly  
and correctly kept. Respectfully submitted, (Signed) Andrew S. Creswell,  
W. Lawrence Mitchell, Harvey M. Luce."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Finance, through it's chairman, J. H. McCann, submitted the  
following report:

"The Finance Committee recommends that the salaries of the S.S., the F.A.  
and the Clerk of Presbytery be paid, along with the following expense accounts:

Superintendent of Missions	\$43.12
Financial Agent	18.19
Chairman of Christian Education, travel expenses	10.92
Clerk of Presbytery	8.08"

"A bill presented to this Committee for expenses upon attendance at the Muskingum College Board of Trustees should be presented to the Ohio Synod instead of to Presbytery.

That the Presbyterial Assessment be 11 cents per member. Respectfully submitted, (Signed) Clarence Oak, W. Wade Miller, J. Harvey McCann."

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations, through it's chairman R. W. Mansfield, submitted the following report:

"Nominations to General Assembly for Financial Agent, Willard Wylie; Superintendent of Missions, E. W. Dunn; Chairman of the Council of Christian Education, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.; Clerk for two year term, Herbert L. Downie. Committee of Missions; E. W. Dunn, F. J. Irvine, J. H. McCann, R. W. Mansfield, Harold Detwiler, Earl Young, Jr., Leslie Lucas. Committee on Evangelism: E. W. Dunn, A. S. Creswell, Harold Detwiler, C. W. Stevens. Committee on Students: W. J. Teeuwissen, Chairman, H. M. Luce, H. D. McCalmont. Committee on Council of Christian Education: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Chairman, Doris Hill, W. W. Miller. Committee on Pensions and Relief: A. S. Creswell, J. J. Brinlee. Committee on Missionary Budget: H. F. Mac Allister, Harold Brown, Ray Stephens. Committee on Social Service: V. A. Barnes, D. L. McBride, Jonathan Parsons. Committee on Detroit Council of Churches: S. C. Weir, F. J. Irvine, George Cunningham. Nominations of two elders to be added to the Committee of Students as a Commission to be Gerald Shafer and Dr. L. G. Rowley."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the permanent committee on Evangelism be authorized to appoint a sub-committee for handling the Fall retreat. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following commissions:

1. The newly elected Committee of Missions as a Commission to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church; E. W. Dunn as Moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization
2. The Committee of Students, plus Elders Gerald Shaefer and L. G. Rowley, to be constituted as a Commission to hear a specimen of progress of Andrew W. Creswell Jr., at the convenience of Mr. Creswell and the Commission. W. J. Teeuwissen, moderator to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization.
3. A Commission consisting of A. S. Creswell to preside; H. D. McCalmont to preach; W. W. Miller to address the pastor; W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., to address the people; Elder Hoisington to read the Edict; Elder Harold Detwiler and J. H. McCann to moderate the call. This commission to moderate and receive the Call for and install Rev. H. F. Mac Allister as pastor of the Joslyn Avenue Church, with A. S. Creswell as Moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the Moderator's appointments of these commissions. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions, through R. W. Mansfield, submitted the completion of it's report with the request for aid from the American Board of Missions.

"1. Wayne \$1,800. to the salary and house allowance"

Moved and seconded to approve. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes.

"2. Royal Oak \$900."

Moved and seconded to approve. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes.

"3. Negro work \$3,000."

Moved and seconded to approve. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes.

"4. \$3,000. for the new field at Outer Drive and Grand River."

Moved and seconded to approve. 26 present, 26 voting, 25 yes, 1 not voting.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee of Missions as a whole, be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write the three daily newspapers of Detroit in behalf of the Presbytery, expressing thanks for the generous donation of space to religious writings in their papers during the Lenten season.

Motion carried.

The Moderator called for the reading of Overture No. 3 which dealt with the union of the United Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church in America.

A good deal of discussion ensued.

Moved and seconded that the Overture be voted on. Roll was called by the Clerk. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes. The Overture was declared unanimously carried.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator express appropriate greetings of the Presbytery to the Royal Oak congregation on it's 100th Anniversary at the service which followed the adjournment of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The communication from the Michigan Council of Churches, relative to the special assessments in each congregation was read.

Moved and seconded that the request be tabled. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery donate \$100.00 without "strings" attached, to the Michigan Council of Churches. Motion carried.

The following announcements were presented:

The Annual Youth Conference at Muskingum July 7-13.

Camp Lambec, July 29 to August 5.

The Calvin Church announced their dedication of their new Sanctuary the week of May 7 to 14.

The National Teaching Mission for Detroit, Oct. 12 to 19 was announced and spoken to by a number of members of Presbytery.

The request of A. S. Creswell for consideration of a new mission field in the Pontiac area was referred to the Committee of Missions.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee to draw up a resolution on the passing of Mr. W. J. Moffet. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed A. S. Creswell, R. W. Mansfield, J. J. Brinlee.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of Cherry Hill Church for the ~~Spring~~ <sup>Fall</sup> meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator, Willard Wylie, and the meeting of Presbytery stood adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

Following the adjournment the members of Presbytery were invited as guests at the 100th Anniversary program held in the Royal Oak Church, at which time the Moderator extended the best wishes of Presbytery to the Royal Oak Church.

*Willard Wylie* . Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

September 12, 1950

The regular Fall meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Cherry Hill Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Rev. J. W. Teeuwissen, Jr., at 4 P.M. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and preached a sermon and then constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of Presbytery was called and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
R. W. Mansfield  
S. C. Weir  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. Mac Allister  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes  
E. W. Dunn  
W. Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen  
D. L. McBride

Elders present

W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.  
D. L. McBride  
H. L. Luce  
W. W. Miller  
H. D. McCalmont  
Orville Rolf  
Richard Chowen  
Donald Chandler  
Harold Kline  
H. J. Berg  
Thos. Hicks  
Roy Utley  
J. A. Moffet  
Russell Maybee  
Joseph Lane  
Earl Kuykendall  
J. J. Brinlee

The Clerk read the minutes of the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the minutes as corrected, be adopted. Motion carried. The Moderator called for papers requiring referral, and expense accounts. The following elders were elected, ordained or installed in the various congregations:

William Planck ordained and installed in Wayne, April 30, 1950  
 Gerald Schultz and Leon Verwey were ordained and installed in Oakland Avenue April 23, 1950  
 Hearl Kuykendall ordained and installed in Military Avenue May 21, 1950  
 Jerald H. Bevis and Henry S. Lewis ordained and installed in Cherry Hill June 11, 1950  
 Roy Utley, James McWatt and John Perry ordained and installed in Calvin May 7, 1950  
 Harold R. Kline ordained and installed in Joslyn Avenue April 30, 1950.  
 Elder William B. Alcorn of the Broadstreet Church died September 8, 1950  
 Elder Peder Nielsen of the Drayton Plains Congregation resigned, effective April 1950.

The various congregations presented their minutes of Session for review, all being present.

The Clerk then read two announcements, one from the Presbytery of San Francisco revoking the ordination of Mr. Boyd Thrift, and the Presbytery of Wheeling regarding the revoking of the ordination of John R. Ralph.

The Moderator then made the appointment of the Committee on Review of the minutes of Session: W. W. Miller, chairman, J. H. McCann, and V. A. Barnes, S. C. Weir, Richard Chowan, Russell Maybee and Harold Kline.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

The minutes of the commission appointed by Presbytery, April 18, 1950, to deal with matters relating to the Royal Oak Church, consisting of the new Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as Moderator were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Committee of Missions of Detroit Presbytery was named by Presbytery as a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Oak Congregation - and was directed to meet at the adjournment of Presbytery for Constitution. The Reverend Ernest Dunn was named as Moderator of the Commission.

This Commission consists of the following persons: Ministers - Ernest Dunn, Ralph Mansfield, Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann. Elders - Harold Detweiler, L. H. Lucas, Earl Young, Jr.,.

Upon adjournment of Presbytery this Commission was called to order by the Moderator, and by him was constituted with prayer.

Upon motion J. Harvey McCann was elected as Clerk.

Motion was made that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Motion carried. The Commission was dismissed with prayer.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator

S// J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The minutes of the commission appointed by Presbytery, April 18, 1950, to hear the Specimen of Progress of Andrew Creswell, consisting of the Committee on Students and elders Schaefer and Rowley, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery for the purpose of hearing the specimen of progress of Andrew Creswell, student under the care of Presbytery, met as instructed - at the Royal Oak United Presbyterian Manse on April 18. The meeting was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Walter Teeuwissen. Present were the Moderator Rev. Walter J. Teeuwissen, the Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, D. D.; the Rev. Harvey M. Luce, Mr. Gerald Shafer and Dr. L. G. Rowley. Absent, none. A motion was made and supported that Mr. Luce be the Clerk of the Commission. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned, the Commission to meet again at the call of the Moderator.

S// Harvey M. Luce, Clerk"

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery April 18, 1950, to moderate and receive a call for and install Rev. Mr. Franklin Mac Allister as pastor of the Joslyn Avenue Church, with Andrew S. Creswell, Moderator, were read adopted and are as follows:

" Royal Oak, Michigan, April 18, 1950

The commission appointed to install the Rev. H. Franklin Mac Alister as pastor of the Joslyn Avenue Church met at the call of the moderator following the adjournment of presbytery, for the purpose of organizing. Members present, A. S. Creswell, H. D. McCalmont, W. J. Teeuwissen, W. W. Miller, and elder Harold Detweiler. All present but elder Hoisington. Rev. J. H. McCann, appointed to moderate the call of Mr. Mac Alister, was also present. The meeting was called to order and constituted with prayer by the moderator Dr. Creswell. W. Wade Miller was then elected to serve as clerk of the commission. The meeting was then adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator. Rev. J. H. McCann led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
S// Andrew S. Creswell  
Moderator of the Commission  
S// W. Wade Miller  
Clerk of the Commission

"Pontiac, Mich. June 27, 1950

At the call of the moderator, Dr. Andrew S. Creswell, the Commission to install Rev. H. F. MacAlister, met at 7:30 P.M. at the Joslyn Avenue Church. Members present, Creswell, Teeuwissen, Miller, elders Detweiler and Hoisington. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the moderator. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. In the absence of Dr. McCalmont because of pastoral duties, Rev. Virgil Barnes of Wayne was appointed by the commission to preach the sermon in connection with the installation service.

Rev. H. J. McCann reported having preached at the Joslyn Avenue Church on the morning of Sabbath June 4th, after which he moderated a call for the services of the Rev. H. Franklin MacAlister as pastor of the church. The call carried some one hundred and sixty signatures of members and adherents. Mr. McCann then presented the call to the commission. It was, by motion sustained as regular by the commission. The call was then presented by the moderator to Mr. Mac Alister, and was accepted by him.

The edict having been read to the congregation on Sabbaths June 18 and 25, by elder E. H. Hoisington, the commission proceeded to the installation of Mr. Mac Alister. During the service Dr. Creswell presided and put the constitutional questions to the pastor and congregation. Rev. Virgil Barnes read the scriptures and preached the sermon on Psalms 91:1. Special music was rendered by a member of the Joslyn Avenue choir. Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen addressed the congregation, and W. W. Miller the pastor. Rev. J. H. McCann led in prayer. The service was concluded with praise and the pronouncement of the benediction by the newly installed pastor. With the pronouncement of the benediction the meeting of the commission was adjourned. A reception for the Mac Alisters followed the service.

Respectfully submitted,  
S// W. Wade Miller  
Clerk of the Commission  
S// Andrew S. Creswell  
Moderator of the Commission"

The ministerial delegates to the General Assembly, V. A. Barnes and E. W. Dunn gave very interesting reports of the work of the General Assembly and some of its major actions.

The Financial Agent presented a partial minority report of the status of the Presbyterial funds from April 1 to August 21 showing that the Presbytery has increased nearly 26% over last year's payment to the budget during the same period. A copy of this report is on file.

The matter of special assessments for the Michigan Council of Churches which was tabled at the spring meeting was returned to the floor for discussion.

Sept 26, 1950.  
H.D. Dawney, Clerk.  
Committee of Review  
Terms of call:  
Annual salary - \$3,000; Free parsonage  
8% of salary base in pension payments  
1 month vacation annually - \$120.00 car expense annually  
Free telephone and water service provided by church.  
(Appended by the clerk per instruction by Synod of Ohio)

Moved and seconded that we reject the request for special assessments in any of our congregations for the Michigan Council of Churches. The consensus of Presbytery seemed to be that most of the churches were supporting the Detroit Council of Churches which contributes to this budget, plus the fact that the Presbytery makes a blanket donation to the Michigan Council. Motion carried.

The committee appointed by Presbytery in April 1950 consisting of A. S. Creswell R. W. Mansfield, J. J. Brinlee presented a resolution on the passing of Mr. W. J. Moffett. It was moved and seconded that the committee's resolution and recommendations be adopted. Motion carried. The resolution follows:

"The Committee appointed at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery to prepare a Minute regarding the death of Mr. W. J. Moffett, presents the following for your consideration.

The Presbytery of Detroit wishes to make the following recognition of the life and work of Mr. W. J. Moffett.

We wish to call attention first to his long period of devoted service as an elder in the First Church Detroit (a period of over forty years) during which he rendered faithful service in this congregation and at regular intervals was a delegate to the Presbytery of Detroit, and the Synod of Ohio. He also served as a Commissioner to the General Assembly.

He had an intelligent and continuing interest in the work of his own congregation, in the work of every congregation of Detroit Presbytery and in the work of the Church at large.

For the past seventeen years he had served the Presbytery as Financial Agent. In this office he was exceedingly faithful in caring for the contributions of the congregations of the Presbytery and always presented his reports in such careful and clear manner that they were readily understood by all who read them.

While he is greatly missed from the Counsels of the Presbytery we are most grateful for his long years of devoted Christian service. His memory abides with us as a precious heritage, his life was a Christian Testimony to all who were associated with him. We would commend to the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father his family and loved ones.

It is hereby directed that this tribute be made a part of the Presbyterian Records and that a copy be sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted

R. W. Mansfield

J. J. Brinlee

Andrew S. Creswell"

At this point Presbytery stood in recess for the various committees to complete their work on reports, and also for dinner. W. W. Miller led in prayer.

At 7:30 Presbytery reconvened led in prayer by the Moderator. Various committees submitted their reports. The Finance Committee reported the receipt of a bill from the Chairman of Christian Education, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen in the amount of \$51.65 for expenses of Presbytery and attendance upon the national convention with the recommendation that it be paid. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Evangelism Committee, E. W. Dunn chairman, reported on the possible promotion of the Evangelistic Crusade this year with the possibility of Dr. Harold McConnell being within the bounds of presbytery. Also he called on Rev. F. J. Irvine to give a report on the Presbytery's Prayer Retreat on September 9th. The recommendation of the Evangelism Committee was that the Prayer Retreat Committee be appointed annually by the nominating committee of presbytery. Moved and seconded that the committee report and recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, W. J. Teeuwissen, chairman, reported on the main plans of the fall being a series of education work-shops in the south portion of presbytery and an institute in the northern portion. Also youth rallies to be conducted and announced later. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, chairman, reported that the committee had met with Mr. Dale Stewart of the Littlefield Church and were satisfied with his Christian experience and motives for entering the Gospel Ministry and recommended he be taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of Theology. Moved and seconded that the committee report and recommendations be adopted and Mr. Stewart be received under the care of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Committee on Review on the records of Session presented their report and is as follows:

"Your committee would report that the minutes of all the congregations of Presbytery have been examined. The following minutes are found to be in constitutional order: Joslyn Avenue, Littlefield, Cherry Hill, Oakland Avenue, Outer Drive, Broadstreet, Military Avenue, Drayton Plains and Southfield. The following irregularities are found in the minutes of the other churches. In the Wayne minutes there are two places where there is no record of prayer either before or after the meeting. In the Calvin minutes the record of the special meeting found on page 76 is not signed by the Clerk of Session. In the minutes of the First Church it is noted that none of the minutes are signed by the Moderator and at least two not signed by the Clerk. In the minutes of the Auburn Heights Church, the last two minutes are not signed by the Clerk, and there is no record of the March 26th meeting of the Session of the Royal Oak Church, being convened with prayer.

Mr. Moderator, your committee would recommend that the Session minutes be approved with the understanding that the above mentioned irregularities be corrected where possible.

Respectfully submitted  
W. Wade Miller, Chairman"

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions presented its report through the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn. The Committee reported that the request for starting of new negro work was still being considered with other possible locations being considered by the committee. Further notice will be given at a later date.

The Chairman presented the matter of First Church and its desire to relocate and called on it's pastor, Rev. H. D. McCalmont, to present the pertinent facts regarding relocation and the difficulties they had encountered. Dr. McCalmont gave a detailed explanation of the work and of the desire of First Church to be granted the privilege to relocate and to sell the property at Grand River and Alexandrine. After some comment and discussion, it was Moved and seconded that the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit be granted the privilege to relocate on the property purchased at Outer Drive near Grand River. Motion carried.

The Chairman of the Committee of Missions then presented the application and data relative to First Church for a loan from the American Board of Missions. The report and all the data was not complete and was subject to some legal investigation and completion. It was Moved and seconded that Presbytery endorse the application of First Church for aid from the American Board, subject to completion of the legal investigation and additional information. The roll was called by the Clerk and the voting was 27 present 27 voting 27 yes. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee of Missions be accepted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the list of ministerial delegates to the 1951 General Assembly. The Principals, H. L. Downie, H. F. Mac Allister; alternates, F. J. Irvine, Willard Wylie. Congregations eligible to send elder delegates, Principals, Littlefield, First; alternates, Broadstreet and Cherry Hill.

The Clerk read a request from the Drayton Plains Church asking the approval of Presbytery for a change of term of office of ruling elder from life eldership to term eldership. It was moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Missions as a Commission to deal with matters relating to the Royal Oak Church, with E. W. Dunn as moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this appointment. Motion carried.

Application:  
\$20,000.00 donation  
A 10,000.00 loan



Dr. S. C. Weir presented an interesting item regarding the organization of the First Church back in 1853 which he had received from the Public Library.

He also spoke of the campaign to raise a million dollars for relocation and expansion of our denominational seminary.

Dr. McCalmont most graciously expressed our appreciation to the Cherry Hill Church for their wonderful hospitality. Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Wayne congregation for the spring meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. R. W. Mansfield and the Presbytery was declared adjourned by the Moderator, Willard Wylie.

*Willard Wylie* . . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* . . . Clerk

*Approved by Synod of Ohio  
meeting at Outer Drive Church  
Detroit, Sept. 14 - 1950*

*E. W. Weiss - Clerk*

November 7, 1950

The Presbytery of Detroit convened in special session November 7, 1950 at 1:30 P.M. at the Outer Drive Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
S. C. Weir  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. Mac Allister  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes  
E. W. Dunn  
W. Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
H. M. Luce  
W. W. Miller  
H. D. McCalmont

Elders present

C. W. Stephens  
H. L. Rose  
Alfred Hutchinson  
E. W. Groves  
Wm. Weiss

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of business.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the further consideration of, and approval for, establishing negro work in Detroit.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions then gave a report relative to two sites which they wish to have Presbytery consider. Proposal one was the First United Presbyterian Church with appraisals of \$62,000 and \$71,000. Further information given by the committee and by discussion that First Church would sell to a negro church and had voted for that purpose: or the possibility of a dual program and

willing to negotiate on such a program. The other proposal was the Unity Lutheran Church located on Twelfth and Atkinson, approximate cost \$60,000. Survey seems to indicate approximately eighty negro families in the vicinity of that church. After some discussion it was Moved and seconded that the Presbytery ask the American Board of Missions to consider beginning negro work at Twelfth and Atkinson and if this was not deemed advisable that our second choice should be First U. P. Church.

The Clerk called the roll, 18 present, 17 yes, 1 not voting. Motion carried.

Dr. S. C. Weir made some announcements.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by H. D. McCalmont.

*Wylie*

*Willard W. Wylie* . . . Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* . . . Clerk

March 13, 1951

The Presbytery of Detroit convened in special session on March 13, 1951 at 2 P.M. at the Southfield Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of Presbytery was called and is as follows:

Ministers present

- A. S. Creswell
- R. W. Mansfield
- S. C. Weir
- H. L. Downie
- H. F. Mac Allister
- J. H. McCann
- V. A. Barnes
- E. W. Dunn
- W. Wylie
- W. J. Teeuwissen

- D. L. McBride
- H. M. Luce
- H. D. McCalmont

Elders present

- J. McClenaghan
- Thomas Hicks
- Leslie Lucas
- Glenn Featherston
- John Purdy
- W. Weiss
- F. A. McKay

The Clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of business.

The purpose of this special meeting was "consideration of matters in connection with the appointment of personnel for starting the new Negro work in Detroit."

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling the special meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Reverend Albert *Cleage* of Springfield, Mass., and Elder Richard *Cleage* of St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Detroit. Motion carried.

Then proceeded to the business at hand and the Superintendent of Missions reported on the purchase of the church at 12th and Atkinson, and that they were now ready to consider leadership of this new church and the starting of it.

The Committee of Missions reported meeting with Rev. Albert *Cleage* and reported most favorably upon their interview with him. The Superintendent of Missions then introduced Rev. Mr. *Cleage* who addressed the meeting of Presbytery, giving something of the background of his training and experience and of his desire to be utilized in starting a new work among the negro population of Detroit.

After a question period, it was moved and seconded that Presbytery endorse Rev. Albert *Cleage* to the American Board of Missions as our choice of Stated Supply for the new Negro work within the Presbytery of Detroit, located at 12th and Atkinson in the city of Detroit. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the present Home Mission Committee be constituted as a Commission of Presbytery, to take any action necessary prior to the April meeting of Presbytery, such as receiving Rev. Mr. ~~Clegg~~ or any other necessary work in starting this new work. This commission to meet at the close of this special meeting of Presbytery; the Moderator of the commission to be the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn. Motion carried.

After some announcements by various members of Presbytery, it was moved and seconded that this special meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. S. C. Weir.

*Wylie*  
*Willard W. Wylie* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

April 17, 1951

The regular Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Wayne Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Willard W. Wylie at 3 P.M. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and preached a sermon, the theme, "The faith by which the Church Lives". The Moderator then constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll of Presbytery was called and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
 R. W. Mansfield  
 S. C. Weir  
 H. L. Downie  
 H. F. Mac Allister  
 F. J. Irvine  
 J. H. McCann  
 V. A. Barnes  
 E. W. Dunn

W. W. Wylie  
 W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
 D. L. McBride  
 H. M. Luce  
 W. W. Miller  
 H. D. McCalmont

Elders present

Orville Robb      John Purdy  
 C. W. Stephens      O. A. Brown  
 Donald Quaife  
 Gene Hoisington  
 J. H. Beris  
 Henry Rose  
 Donald Paxton  
 John Anderson  
 John Hazlett

The clerk read the minutes of the Fall meeting of Presbytery and the two special meetings. It was moved and seconded that the minutes as corrected be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Dr. James K. Leitch, Associate Secretary of the American Board of Missions from the Presbytery of Conemaugh, be granted the courtesies of the floor of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator proceeded to call for the election of a new moderator. The name of Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., was placed in nomination. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Rev. Teeuwissen.

The new Moderator then called for the election of a vice moderator. The name of Dr. D. L. McBride was presented. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast the ballot. Motion carried and the clerk cast the ballot.

Moved and seconded that Dr. James K. Leitch be given time in the evening program when he might be heard relative to his work with the American Board. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called for reports and papers needing referral to various committees, and expense accounts in writing.

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of the Ohio Synod which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following elders were elected, ordained and installed in the various congregations.

In the Outer Drive Congregation:

Mr. Arthur Valentine, reelected and installed Nov. 12, 1950

## Outer Drive Congregation (continued)

Mr. Willis Losie, elected, ordained and installed Nov. 12, 1950

Mr. Robert Hayes, elected, ordained and installed Nov. 12, 1950

Mr. Donald Quaife, elected, ordained and installed Nov. 12, 1950.

Broadstreet Congregation: Mr. Alexander Meldrum, installed on November 19, 1950.

Mr. Roscoe Pile, installed on November 19, 1950

Mr. Percy Sowle installed on November 19, 1950

Wayne Congregation: Mr. Alfred Heasty ordained and installed April 15, 1951.

Cherry Hill Congregation report Elder W. Harold Oke deceased, Dec. 26, 1950.

The minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in Sept. 1950 to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church, consisting of the Committee of Missions were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Cherry Hill Church, September 12, 1950

The Committee of Missions of Detroit Presbytery was named as a Commission of Presbytery to assist in matters relating to the Royal Oak Church. Ernest Dunn was appointed Moderator.

This Commission met at the close of the Presbytery Meeting in the Cherry Hill Church, and was constituted by the Moderator.

The members of the Commission are Ernest Dunn, Ralph Mansfield, Willard Wylie, Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann, and Elders Harold Detweiler, L. H. Lucas and Earl Young, Jr. (Mr. Lucas and Mr. Young were not present).

J. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk of the Commission.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Prayer by Frank Irvine.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator

S// J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

↓ The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in March 1951, consisting of the Committee of Missions were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Southfield Church, March 13, 1951

Presbytery in Session in the Southfield Church named the Committee of Missions as a Commission to receive the Rev. Albert Cleave, if need for that action occurs, and was also authorized to act in any other matters needing attention in connection with the starting of the work in the new Mission at Twelfth and Atkinson.

This Commission was constituted at the close of the meeting of the Presbytery. Present, Moderator, Ernest Dunn, Dr. R. W. Mansfield, J. Harvey McCann and Elder Lucas. Upon motion by Dr. Mansfield, McCann was elected Clerk. Upon motion the commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator

S// J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

✓ At this point the Vice Moderator took the chair while the Moderator made ready his committee appointments. The Clerk of Presbytery then passed out copies of mimeographed reports for the year and made some comments relative to same. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

✓ The Financial Agent presented his report. Moved and seconded that the report be received and a copy placed on file. Motion carried.

✓ The Moderator resumed the chair and made the following appointments: Nominating Committee, S. C. Weir, D.D., Mr. John Hazlett, Rev. H. D. MacCalmont, D.D. Finance Committee, Willard Wylie, D.D., Mr. Don Paxton, Rev. H. MacAllister. Audit Committee, Mr. J. H. Bevis, Mr. J. Anderson and Rev. W. W. Miller. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on the Detroit Council of Churches, Rev. S. C. Weir, chairman submitted it's report which is as follows:

"April 12, 1951

Reverend Herbert L. Downie

4349 W. Outer Dr.

Detroit 21, Mich.

Dear Mr. Downie: Following is the list of appointments to the Detroit Council of Churches for the year 1951.

Board of Directors	Dunn
	Weir
Evangelism	Downie
Comity	Dunn
	Irvine
Social Service	McCalmont
Religious Education	Hill
Church Music	Luce
Public Affairs	Wyllie
Business Affairs	Weir

Cordially yours,  
S// Samuel C. Weir"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on Social Service, Rev. V. A. Barnes, chairman, submitted it's report which is as follows:

"April 17, 1951

Report of Committee on Social Service to Detroit Presbytery:

1. The Committee reports no meetings or activities or service.
2. The Committee reports no accomplishments (or failures, except failure to do anything).
3. The chairman of the Committee would recommend:
  - a. That the chairman be someone close to downtown Detroit (in order to attend meetings of the Social Service Dept. of the Council of Churches).
  - b. That the committee be instructed by the Presbytery as to its duties and responsibilities.
4. The chairman assumes full responsibility for this report.

Sincerely,  
S// Virgil A. Barnes, Chairman"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and its recommendations be carried out. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on Pensions and Relief, Rev. A. S. Creswell, chairman submitted their report which is as follows:

"Your Committee would report that no requests for relief have been presented to the Committee during the year.

Your Committee would report that each Congregation in Detroit Presbytery is cooperating in the Pension Plan except Royal Oak.

Your Committee would recommend that when new congregations are organized that the Commission effecting the organization advise the new congregation and Pastor of the United Presbyterian Pension Plan.

Respectfully submitted  
S// J. J. Brinlee  
Andrew S. Creswell  
Committee"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report as amended be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on ~~Administrative~~ <sup>Missionary</sup> Budget, Rev. H. F. Mac Allister chairman submitted its report which is as follows:

"April 17, 1951 To the Presbytery of Detroit of United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Your Permanent Committee on Missionary Budget would report that: According to the direction of Synodical Supt. of Missions the Sound film - and picture "This is My Church" as authorized by the Board of Administration was shown to the following groups:

Jan. 29th 1951 at the Joslyn Ave., Church of Pontiac to the officers of the Auburn Heights, Drayton Plains, Joslyn Ave., Oakland Ave., and Royal Oak churches.

Jan. 30th 1951 at the Outer Drive Church, Detroit to the officers of the Broadstreet, Calvin, Cherry Hill, First Church, Military Ave., Littlefield, Southfield and Wayne Churches, and Outer Drive.

Then it was also shown in the following churches individually - Broadstreet, Littlefield, Military, Joslyn, Drayton Plains, Oakland Avenue, Southfield and Wayne.

11. The following Churches have given as their expectancy goal for the short year of nine months the following figures:

Auburn Heights	\$ 900.00
Broadstreet	1000.00
Calvin	2250.00
Cherry Hill	1900.00
Drayton Plains	3000.00
First	1437.50
Joslyn	812.15
Littlefield	6620.00
Military	2000.00
Oakland Ave.	1800.00
Outer Drive	2900.00
Royal Oak	234.00 (estimated)
Southfield	1730.00
Wayne	665.00
Total	\$27248.65

Last years expectancy goal was \$30881.00 hence our figure shows an increase accordingly for the nine month period.

111. We would recommend that each congregation keep striving to attain the select group in missionary giving.

Respectfully submitted  
 Rev. H. F. MacAllister  
 Harold Brown  
 Ray Stephens"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point the Vice Moderator then took the chair. The committee on Students, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, chairman, submitted its report and is as follows:

"Report of the Permanent Committee on Students

Your committee on Students submits the following: There are 3 young men under care of presbytery looking forward to the gospel ministry.

Andrew W. Creswell, Oakland Ave. church, second year student at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Andrew has applied for admission and has been accepted by Pittsburgh-Xenia for the fall semester of 1951. His grades for the first quarter of 1950-51 are attached.

Herbert Schreiner, senior at Muskingum College from Calvin Church.

Apart from conversation with Herb last summer and fall, your committee has not been in touch with him.

Dale Stewart of Littlefield Church also was taken under care of presbytery last fall and is at present a student at Muskingum College.

Your committee saw fit to postpone hearing a specimen of progress from Andy Creswell last summer.

Your chairman of C.C.E. notices that Lee Vandenberg, Wm. Palmer of Calvin Church, and Lambert West of Outer Drive Church are looking forward to the ministry and have not yet been taken under care of presbytery.

Sincerely for the Committee,  
 S// W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
 H. M. Luce  
 H. D. McCalmont"

✓ After some lengthy discussion relative to the authority of the committee of Students to take under its care any young men without authority of Presbytery, it was moved and seconded that Presbytery take under its care Mr. Roy Lindahl, Jr., and Mr. Harvey Beach.

✓ After lengthy discussion a substitute motion was offered that the paragraph relative to the Chairman of the committee on Students, receiving these two men be deleted from the report and that the committee of Students meet with these young men and recommend them to be taken under the care of presbytery. The substitute motion was carried, thereby nullifying the former motion.

✓ Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Students be adopted as modified. Motion carried.

✓ Moved and seconded that Mr. Roy Lindahl Jr., and Mr. Harvey Beach be taken under the care of Presbytery, provisional to and subject to the subsequent action of the Committee of Students and final acceptance by the Presbytery.

✓ The Committee on Christian Education, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., chairman, submitted its report which follows:

"Fathers and Brethren: Your permanent committee on the Council of Christian Education wishes to report during the past year they have carried on their activities as outlined by the denominational program, having met approximately bi-monthly for committee meetings.

The policy also again followed this year was in dividing the presbytery into a North and South End. A regular Institute program was projected and carried out in the North End. This met at the Drayton Plains Church. This Institute met with moderate success. Eight courses were offered in 3 periods, with average attendance about 25. In the South End a series of work-shops were conducted. Thanks to the efficient leadership of Miss Doris Hill. Youth work was carried out in fine cooperation with the presbyterial officers.

The Bible reading contest, Project Rally, Conference participation, both Synodical and National were promoted. "The Round Table", our presbyterial youth paper appeared regularly. Additional rallies were held. Your C.C.E. represented presbytery at the "National" at Estes Park, Colorado. Unfortunately, your committee has no startling or sensational plans for the future. Your suggestions and desires will be taken into consideration.

Sincerely yours, for the committee,

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Miss Doris Hill

Rev. W. W. Miller

#### Workshops:

October 30, 1950 - Bible School Administration, Mrs. Everett Beishlag, guest leader, 9 registrations

Men's work in the Local Church, Lloyd Collins, leader, 7 registrations

January 30, 1951 - Church Finance - estimated attendance 100

Newer Teaching Techniques, Mrs. Newell Leisemer, leader, about 40 registrations

April 30 Workshop originally announced, cancelled because of Recreation Workshop."

"Certain observations based on the reports to the Board of Christian Education: (other observations of the work were presented and are on file with the clerk)

1. Bible School: Total enrollment is 68 more than last year, the total is 4767. Contributions also show an increase. The total percentage of average attendance is 57.4, indicating 1.4 increase over last year. In that connection it may be pointed out that 8 Bible Schools are above the presbyterial average, 57.4, and 6 are below it. The highest being 66.1 and the lowest 42.9. This is a new low whereas the high is not as high as last year. Declines in enrollment are noticed in the Beginners Department, the Senior Department, the Young People's Department and the Older Adults. In the Young People's Department this has been very pronounced over the past three years, 217-99-56. The attendance of Older Adults in Bible School also continues down, 663-552-499. The number of new pupils added to the roll through the year also continues downward, 745-620-540.
2. Child and Youth Work: Number enrolled in week-day Church School has declined 130-107-50. This is no doubt influenced by the fact that we now have 4 Youth Groups, with a total enrollment of 206 compared with 71 last year. Youth Choir enrollment is also up, 171-238. Though 10 of our churches conducted their own Vacation Bible School, total enrollment was down, 1000-950-910. We have a total of 163 enrollment in Communicant classes. Whereas the total number of young people in college has jumped, 130-139-162, the number going to our own colleges has not increased, of the above totals we have 12-10-10. Naturally enough the number of young people in uniform has gone up from 34 to 102. I am happy to note 22 young people are looking forward to full time Christian vocations. (13)

"3. Youth Fellowship: Total enrollment in Youth Fellowship groups is continuing in marked decline, 422-376-289. This is somewhat accounted for by the fact that the Fellowship (18-24) group has dropped out completely. Forty-six were reported last year, none this year. The other decline has been in the 12-14 year old group, 137-112-85. This may be offset somewhat by the fact that the Combination Society has gone from 69- to 87 and the Builders from 131 to 146."

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn, chairman, submitted its report and is as follows:

"The Committee of Missions" - The Committee of Missions is happy to report that there are no vacancies in the Presbytery and that the work of our churches seems to be going well. During the year, the committee has functioned as a Commission of Presbytery dealing with the affairs of the Royal Oak congregation. The chief activity of the Committee, particularly on the part of the Supt. of Missions has been in connection with the new Negro work. It has been most gratifying to see this project finally come to realization. As you are all aware a church building has been purchased by the American Board on 12th St. and Atkinson. At a called meeting of Presbytery, in March, the Committee presented Rev. Albert Cleage who indicated his willingness to accept the charge of this work as Stated Supply. Rev. Mr. Cleage plans to be on the field about May 1. Since his visit here, a manse has been purchased on Atkinson about a block from the church. Mr. Cleage in his report to the S.M., of his impressions, gathered while he was here for a period of a week, indicated that he felt the prospects for a fine congregation were excellent. We are indeed happy that this work is about to be launched. I feel that a great deal of credit should go to the former S.M. Rev. Frank J. Irvine for his untiring efforts and extended time which he gave to it in the preparatory stages and for his fine help and cooperation which he has given to the present S.M. in these latter stages.

Your committee recommends the appointment as stated supplies: Rev. Virgil A. Barnes, Wayne; Dr. D. L. McBride, Royal Oak for one year.

We would recommend that the Committee of Missions be constituted as a Commission to deal with all matters relating to the Royal Oak and Negro work.

We would recommend that a provisional Session be named to assist in the early stages of the Negro congregation. \*\*

For Presbytery's information we would report that the Committee voted to supplement the salary of Rev. Albert Cleage by \$200 for the eight months of this church year. We also report that a Middler from the Seminary Bernard Quick conduct a survey. The Board will pay his salary and the Presbytery his board and room. He will also be at Joslyn Ave. Church for three weeks in August to assist in a survey.

S// R. W. Mansfield  
Frank J. Irvine  
Ernest W. Dunn, S.M."

April 17, 1951

✓ Moved and seconded that this report be adopted and its recommendations carried out. Motion carried.

✓ At this point Dr. A. S. Creswell and Elder Orvil Robb asked to be excused for the first hour of absence of Presbytery due to funeral arrangements.

Moved and seconded that they be excused. Motion carried.

Various announcements were given, after which it was moved and seconded that Presbytery stand in recess until 7:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Dr. Willard Wylie led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order again by the Moderator. Elder C. W. Stephens led in prayer.

At this point Dr. James K. Leitch spoke of the work of the American Board and of its prime necessity today of the life of the church.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to present the nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The following are the nominated commissioners:

"Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, May 23, 1951, 7:30 P.M.

Elder Delegates: Principals: Dale Harbison, (First ), C. Warner Stephens  
(Littlefield)



"Alternates: Harry A. C. Cook (First); Russell Q. Wallinger (Littlefield)  
 Minister Delegates: Principals: Herbert L. Downie, H. Franklin MacAllister  
 Alternates: Frank J. Irvine, Willard Wylie."

Moved and seconded that these elders and ministers nominated be our principal and alternates as commissioners to the 1951 General Assembly meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. Motion carried.

✓ Committee on Evangelism, Rev. E. W. Dunn, chairman submitted its report and is as follows:

"The Committee of Evangelism does not have a lengthy report. A Presbyterial visitation campaign which had been scheduled for this spring was cancelled. One reason for this was the feeling that it might be an anti-climax following the extensive and intensive Christian Teaching Mission in which the Detroit Churches had participated last fall.

Viewing the number of accessions reported we can safely say that Detroit Presbytery is continuing the program upon which it was built, namely Evangelism. The total number of members received was 679 as over 662 of 1949-50. The net gain was 323 as over against 310 last year. The increase is not spectacular but indicates a movement forward.

The committee plans to send a letter to all congregations stressing these of Evangelistic programs suitable to their needs.

The committee recommends

1. The use of the materials sent out by the Board of Administration.
2. The use of the turn-over chart for training of visitors in Visitation Evangelism.
3. The earnest follow-up of the many fine prospect list made available through the recent Christian Teaching Mission.

S// C. Warner Stephens  
 Ernest W. Dunn"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee of Missions reported that they wish to make recommendation to supplement the original report, that the board and room for Mr. Bernard Quick will be paid from the Home Mission fund of presbytery. Moved and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn, chairman, submitted the report of Requests for Aid from the American Board of Missions: 1. Wayne congregation in the amount of \$1500. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes. 2. Royal Oak in the amount of \$780. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 26 present, 1 not voting, 25 yes. 3. The new Negro work in the amount of \$2700. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 26 present 26 voting, 26 yes. 4. \$3600 for new field. 26 present, 26 voting, 26 yes. Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee of Missions as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point Dr. S. C. Weir presented a panel discussion relative to the Seminary Relocation Fund. After discussion and a question period Dr. R. W. Mansfield and Dr. L. G. Rowley, presbyterial chairman of the Seminary Fund were heard.

✓ The Committee on Nominations Dr. S. C. Weir, chairman, submitted its report and is as follows:

"This committee shall propose the roster of nominations for the following offices and permanent committees; and submit a written report of same:

Nominations of officers to the General Assembly: 1. Financial Agent, Willard Wylie, Superintendent of Missions, E. W. Dunn, 3. Chairman of Council of Christian Education, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. The following Permanent committees: 1. Committee of Missions: E. W. Dunn, F. J. Irvine, J. H. McCann, R. W. Mansfield, H. Detweiller, E. Young, Jr., L. Lucas. 2. Committee on Evangelism: E. W. Dunn, A. S. Creswell, H. Detwiller, C. W. Stephens. 3. Committee on Students: H. M. Luce, chairman, H. D. McCalmont, W. W. Miller. 4. Committee on Council of Christian Education: W. J. Teeuwissen, Doris Hill, H. M. Luce, V. A. Barnes. 5. Committee on Pensions and Relief: H. F. MacAllister, Donald Paxton. 6. Committee on Missionary Budget: D. L. McBride, Orval Robb, Eugene Hoisington. 7. Committee on Social Services: H. D. McCalmont, J. H. Bevis, John Anderson. 8. Committee on Detroit Council of Churches: F. J. Irvine, chairman, Willard Wylie, Harvey Luce. 9. Committee on

Annual Prayer Retreat: H. L. Downie, A. S. Creswell, Harry Cook. The committee feels that since a Moderator of synod is elected by the synod the presbytery has no authority to make a nomination in a meeting of presbytery. Chairman of Christian Education (C.C.E.) W. J. Teeuwissen; Secretary of Youth Work H. M. Luce; Secretary of Children's Work, Doris Hill; Secretary of Adult Work, V. A. Barnes."

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on Finance, Willard Wylie, chairman, submitted its report and is as follows:

"Your committee on Finance estimates the need in Presbytery's fund for the coming year to be \$600.00. To meet this need we recommend an assessment of 9¢ per member. It is the further recommendation of your committee that room and board expense of General Assembly delegates be filed with clerk and that he be instructed to issue authorization for their payment to the F. A.

S// Don Paxton  
F. McAllister  
Willard Wylie, Chrm."

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ Moved and seconded that Presbytery donate \$100 to the Michigan Council of Churches with no strings attached. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on Audit, J. H. Bevis, chairman, presented their report and is as follows:

"Report of Committee on Auditing Accounts. The Auditing Committee has examined the expense accounts as presented and recommend that payment be made. The following is the list: Expense of S.M. \$7.04; Expense of F.A. \$8.64; Expense Doris Hill \$11.36; Expense C.C.E. \$10.00; bills paid by the Financial Agent and approved by committee; F.A. Bond \$5.00; Clerk - brief case \$16.54; S.M. expense \$5.78. It is also recommended that the mileage cost of 4¢ be increased to 6¢ per mile to provide for the increase costs of operating a car under today's economic conditions.

Respectfully submitted  
S// J. H. Bevis, chairman  
J. G. Anderson  
W. Wade Miller"

✓ Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called on the clerk to read Overture No. 1, submitted by the General Assembly for vote. After much discussion relative to the matter the roll was called by the clerk and resulted in 26 voting, 24 yes, 2 no. Overture No. 2 was read and after some lengthy discussion the roll was called by the clerk. 26 voting, 24 no, 2 yes. The clerk was instructed to certify the results of these votes, to the clerk of the General Assembly.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Missions as a Commission of Presbytery to deal with matters relating to the Royal Oak Church and the new Negro field with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this appointment. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Students, plus Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., John Hazlet and John Purdy as a commission of Presbytery to hear specimens of progress of Andrew Creswell and to accept any prospective students under the care of Presbytery, with Rev. H. M. Luce, moderator, to meet at the close of this meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's appointment. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Synodical Superintendent of Missions and the Clerk of Presbytery endeavor to contact the two inactive ministers on our roll, viz Rev. John Grenfell and Rev. D. W. McVey, relative to their standing and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator, the Clerk and the Synodical Superintendent of Missions prepare a schedule for the meetings of Presbytery to be presented at the fall meeting. Motion carried.

It was suggested from the floor, the possibility of having a presbyterial worker who might work in Christian education in all of the congregations of Presbytery, spending some time in each. This matter was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Moved and seconded that we express our grateful appreciation to the Wayne congregation for their gracious hospitality. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we accept the invitation of the Oakland Avenue Church for the fall meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and this meeting of Presbytery stood adjourned.

*W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

September 11, 1951

The regular Fall meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Oakland Avenue church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Mr. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., at 4 P.M. The Moderator read from Isa. 51 and gave a short exposition of same, then led in prayer, constituting Presbytery.

The roll of Presbytery was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present

A. S. Creswell  
 R. W. Mansfield  
 S. C. Weir  
 H. L. Downie  
 H. F. Mac Allister  
 F. J. Irvine  
 J. H. McCann  
 V. A. Barnes  
 E. W. Dunn  
 W. Wylie  
 W. J. Teeuwissen  
 D. L. McBride  
 H. M. Luce  
 W. W. Miller  
 H. D. McCalmont  
 A. B. Cleage

Elders present

Fred Froede  
 R. Wallinger  
 E. Madil  
 A. Sargenti  
 J. Schledorn  
 A. Heasty  
 C. Furst  
 L. Lucas  
 J. Vandersall  
 C. Oaks  
 K. Collins  
 J. Earl

The Clerk read the minutes of the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for items requiring referral to various committees and presentation of minutes of session.

The following churches reported elders ordained and installed: Military Avenue, Wm. McCamy, Kenneth Collins; Drayton Plains, Vern Green, Elmer Boadway, Gerald Rustem; Outer Drive, William Ferris.

The Moderator appointed the following committee for the review of minutes of session: H. D. McCalmont, chairman, H. M. Luce, V. A. Barnes, F. Froede, R. Wallinger, A. Sargenti. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in April 1951, consisting of the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn, moderator, to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Royal Oak, Michigan, April 18, 1951

The Committee of Missions of Detroit Presbytery was named by Presbytery as a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Oak Congregation, and was directed to meet at the adjournment of

Presbytery for Constitution. The Reverend Ernest Dunn was named as Moderator of the Commission.

This Commission consists of the following persons: Ministers - Ernest Dunn, Ralph Mansfield, Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann; Elders - Harold Detweilre, L. H. Lucas, Earl Young, Jr.

Upon adjournment of Presbytery this Commission was called to order by the Moderator, and by him was constituted with prayer.

Upon motion J. Harvey McCann was elected as Clerk.

Motion was made that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator.

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The Commission was dismissed with prayer.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

✓ The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery April 1, 1951, consisting of the Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn, Moderator, to handle the establishment of the mission work among the negroes were read, adopted and is as follows:

"The Wayne United Presbyterian Church

April 18, 1951

Presbytery named the Committee of Missions to serve as a Commission of Presbytery in planning for the work of the new mission at Twelfth and Atkinson Streets.

This Commission met at the direction of Presbytery at the close of the meeting of Presbytery and was constituted by the Moderator, Rev. Ernest W. Dunn.

J. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk.

Members of the Commission were requested to suggest names of elders who would be available to serve as members of Provisional Session for this new organization. The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Dr. Irvine closed the meeting with prayer.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk

The following men were named a Provisional Session: Rev. Albert Cleage, Moderator John Anderson, Calvin Church, William Boad, Cherry Hill, Jas. A. Moffet, Broad Street, C. W. Stephens, Littlefield Blvd., Earl B. Young, Jr., Cherry Hill."

"July 1, 1951

The Commission of Presbytery (composed of the members of the Committee of Missions) appointed to plan for the new mission at Twelfth and Atkinson Streets met at the call of the Moderator in the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit at 4:00 P.M.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Ernest Dunn. Present: Ministers - Dunn, Mansfield, Irvine, McCann; Elders - Moffatt and Young.

Rev. Albert B. Cleage met with the Commission.

Dr. Mansfield moved that Mr. Cleage be received into the Presbytery of Detroit upon receipt of a letter from the Congregational Church and upon his signing of the Ministerial Covenant. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Moderator then read the Ministerial Covenant, required by the General Assembly of ministers coming from another denomination, and this covenant was signed by Mr. Cleage in the presence of the commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Mansfield that Mr. Cleage be appointed Stated Supply of the new St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church for a period of one year, beginning July 1st, 1951. Motion carried.

Mr. Cleage spoke of the plans for the organization of the Church during the week of July 22.

Mr. Irvine moved that, contingent upon receiving an application from the people of the proposed congregation for the organization of a church, the Commission proceed in plans for the organization of such a church on July 22 at 7:30 P.M.; and also that we delegate to the Provisional Session the responsibility of receiving new members into the congregation. The motion was seconded and prevailed.

"Upon motion by Frank Irvine the Commission adjourned. Prayer was offered by Dr. Mansfield.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"The Commission of Presbytery appointed to plan for the new Mission at Twelfth and Atkinson met at the call of the Moderator on Sabbath evening July 22 at 7:30 P.M. in the church at this location. Present: Ministers Dunn, Mansfield, Irvine, McCann; Elders, Lucas and Detweilre.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by Dr. Mansfield.

A petition to Detroit Presbytery by a group of people asking that they be organized into the St. Mark's Community Church, United Presbyterian, was presented, and upon motion by Dr. Mansfield, seconded by Mr. Detweilre was approved. The Commission voted to proceed with the formal organization of the congregation.

Upon motion by McCann, seconded by Detweilre, that adjournment would be taken at the close of the evening service with the benediction, and that the commission should meet at the call of the moderator. Motion carried.

Rev. Mr. Dunn presided at the service of worship, following the meeting of the commission. Dr. Irvine read the Scripture lesson for the evening from Philippians 2:1-8, and led the congregation in prayer. Dr. Mansfield preached from the text, Matthew 16:18, "And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church." Following the sermon Mr. Dunn led in the service of the formal organization of the church, and the welcome into the membership of the church of a group of almost one hundred charter members. These people had been received by the provisional session into church membership. The choir of the church led in the praise service in a most acceptable and pleasing manner.

The benediction by the Stated Supply, Mr. Cleage, concluded this meeting of the Commission.

S// Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The minutes of the commission appointed by Presbytery April 1951, consisting of the Committee on Students, plus W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., John Haslet and John Purdy with H. M. Luce, moderator, met to hear specimen of progress of Andrew Creswell, and accept prospective students under the care of Presbytery, were read, adopted and is as follows:

"April 17, 1951

The Commission on Students, appointed by Detroit Presbytery, met at the Wayne Church at the close of the meeting of Presbytery. Prayer was made by Chairman Luce.

Present were: Ministers: Luce, McCalmont, Miller, and Teeuwissen. Elders: Purdy and Hazlett.

Elder Hazlett of Drayton Plains was appointed clerk.

No other business being on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S// John H. Hazlett, Clerk  
Harvey M. Luce, Moderator"

"June 12, 1951, 7:30 P.M. Southfield United Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery's Commission on "Training young men" was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Present were: Rev. Harvey Luce, Rev. W. Miller, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Elder John Purdy. Absent was Elder John Hazlett and Rev. Howard McCalmont, D.D.

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., was appointed clerk, pro tem.

Andrew Creswell Jr.,

It was decided to hear Andrew Creswell Jr. in a trial sermon for licensure on Sept. 9 at a church of his choosing. He is requested to submit in writing and/or preach an exegetical and expository sermon.

"Francis Wm. Palmer, 9885 Yorkshire Rd., Detroit 24, Mich.

There appeared before the Commission one Francis William Palmer, a member of Calvin Church and a freshman student at Wayne University. Bill was introduced to the Commission by Mr. Teeuwissen. Bill told of his growing sense of conviction to enter the gospel ministry, and his commitment to the cause which was made for the first time at the Muskingum Youth Conference. He was questioned as to his acceptance of the doctrinal standards and the form of government of our church. After having given satisfactory answers, a motion was made by Rev. W. Miller and seconded by John Purdy that Wm. Palmer be taken under care of Presbytery.

Harvey Beach

Harvey Beach of Drayton Plains congregation and a half year Junior at Sterling College appeared before the Commission. He was introduced by his pastor who explained that Harvey was recommended by the Session of his home church, that his Christian character and devotion are known, that mark him as a suitable candidate for the gospel ministry.

Harvey recounted in his own words convictions determining his intentions to enter the ministry. After having given satisfactory reply to the question of his acceptance and form of government of our church, a motion was made by Rev. W. Miller and seconded by John Purdy that he be taken under care of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Roy Lindahl, Jr.,

Roy Lindahl, Jr. was the third young man to appear before Presbytery's Commission. He is a member of the Drayton Plains congregation and a sophomore at Monmouth College. Roy was introduced to the Commission by his pastor. He also was recommended to the Presbytery by Session action. He also gave an account of his call to the gospel ministry indicating his support of the doctrinal standards and the form of government of our church. A motion was made by W. Miller and seconded by W. J. Teeuwissen that Roy be received under care of Presbytery as a student of Theology. The Moderator of the Commission was to notify Pittsburgh-Xenia of this action. The three young men were instructed of their responsibility viva vis the Presbytery, e.g. having their grades submitted, keeping in contact with the Presbytery, feeling free to consult with any members of Presbytery's Committee at any time.

W. Miller made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with prayer by W. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Clerk, pro tem  
S// Harvey M. Luce, Moderator"

"Sept. 9, 1951

The Commission on Students of Detroit Presbytery convened at the Oakland Ave. Church at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of examining Andrew W. Creswell for licensure to preach the Gospel.

Present were: Harvey Luce, Howard McCalmont, Wade Miller, W. J. Teeuwissen, Elders Purdy and Hazlett.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Dr. McCalmont.

Mr. Creswell's grades at the Fuller Theological Seminary were presented by Chairman Luce and accepted as satisfactory. These have been submitted to Pittsburgh-Xenia where Andrew has been accepted as a student.

It was moved by Mr. Teeuwissen, seconded by Dr. McCalmont that Mr. Creswell's trial specimen be accepted. The motion carried.

Dr. McCalmont moved that the Commission be dismissed with the closing Benediction, Mr. Teeuwissen seconding. The motion was carried.

The Commission then returned to the Sanctuary where the questions for licensure were asked of the candidate, according to the articles contained in the Book of Government and Worship, after affirmative answers Chairman Luce pronounced Mr. Creswell a licensed preacher of the Gospel and led in prayer.

"Mr. Wade Miller closed the service with a Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

S// John Hazlett

S// Harvey M. Luce, Moderator"

The Financial Agent gave a report for the first five months of his <sup>the church year.</sup> term, the report being on file. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the report of the books of the Financial Agent. Moved and seconded that the audit be placed on record. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on the Synodical Superintendent, Dr. Mansfield, relative to his contacts with Rev. Grenfel and Rev. McVey. Dr. Mansfield had written registered letters to each which were returned to him and all possible means have been exhausted for discovering the whereabouts of these men. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery drop these men from the roll. Motion carried.

The Committee on Schedule of Meetings of Presbytery submitted its report. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. A substitute motion was offered and seconded that the Presbytery approve the stated meetings of Presbytery be the second Tuesday of February, the second Tuesday of June, the second Tuesday of October; that the time for convening Presbytery in formal session be 7 P.M. for all the above mentioned dates; that a dinner and fellowship time be a part of the February and October meeting, convening for dinner at 6 P.M. and that the Moderator appoint a committee to deal with details of officer election, committee appointments and general revision of the by-laws. The substitute motion carried, thereby nullifying the former motion.

The Committee on Presbyterian Prayer Retreat offered their report with expense account for Dr. McKnight, and other expenses and requested Presbytery's action regarding honorarium for Dr. McKnight. Moved that in addition to the expenses that a \$25.00 honorarium be granted Dr. McKnight. Motion carried.

There was no report regarding the Seminary relocation fund.

Presbytery stood in recess for committee meetings and dinner.

At 7:30 P.M. Presbytery reconvened, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The delegates to the 1951 General Assembly, Mr. C. W. Stevens, Mr. Franklin McKay, Rev. Mr. H. Mac Allister and Rev. Mr. H. L. Downie, reported concerning the work and activities of the General Assembly. It was moved and seconded that the report of the delegates to General Assembly be accepted. Motion carried.

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to read announcements of ministerial and alternate delegates to the 1952 General Assembly which is as follows: The Principals, F. J. Irvine and W. Wylie; alternates A. S. Creswell and S. C. Weir. Congregational principals, Broadstreet and Cherry Hill; alternates, Military Avenue and Auburn Heights.

The informal Overture, submitted by the General Assembly, was presented to Presbytery for its consideration and vote. The following is the vote on each of the four questions:

1. Do you favor further consideration of the general Presbyterian reunion?  
24 yes, 4 no; 28 present and voting.
2. Do you favor continuance of negotiations with the Southern Presbyterian Church, and Northern Presbyterian Church on a realistic basis looking toward union?  
28 present; 28 voting; 25 yes, 3 no.
3. Is your primary interest in union with the Southern Presbyterian Church?  
28 present; 2 not voting; 9 yes, 17 no.
4. Is your primary interest in union with the Northern Presbyterian Church?  
28 present; 4 not voting; 10 yes, 14 no.

The Clerk of Presbytery was instructed to certify the vote on this overture to the Clerk of General Assembly.

The Committee of Missions submitted its report through E. W. Dunn. This will be on file when delivered in writing. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted as given. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, W. J. Teeuwissen, chairman, submitted its report which will be on file when delivered in writing. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted as given. Motion carried.

The Committee on Evangelism E. W. Dunn, chairman, submitted its report which will be on file when received in writing. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, H. M. Luce, chairman, submitted its report in writing which is on file. The committee recommended that Presbytery take under its care as a prospective student of Theology, Phillip G. Germaine, a member of the Calvin Church. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and that Mr. Germaine be taken under the care of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Students requested the opinion of Presbytery regarding the taking of High School students under the care of Presbytery. It was moved and seconded, that Presbytery authorize the committee to proceed with examining such students. Motion carried. Rev. V. A. Barnes presented the name of a young man of his congregation who has already left for college who has not been taken under the care of Presbytery but who would like the authority to permit him to pursue his studies uninterrupted. It was moved and seconded that the Committee on Students, plus J. Hazlett and C. Oaks, be constituted as a Commission to examine James Rhassa at his earliest convenience and to receive him under the care of Presbytery if approved.

An amendment was offered to the motion and seconded, that Presbytery request Dr. H. A. Kelsey, Dr. Wm. M. McCreery and Rev. Mr. A. Spotts, to act as a committee for the Presbytery of Detroit in examining James Rhassa at Sterling College as to his fitness for the Gospel ministry, and upon their recommendation be taken under the care of Presbytery by our commission. The amendment was carried. The original motion as amended was carried.

The committee on Review of Session Records, H. D. McCalmont, chairman, submitted its report in writing which is on file. The committee noted some irregularities in the keeping of session records and suggested corrections for same. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Finance, W. Wylie, chairman, submitted its report in writing which is as follows:

"The Finance Comm. recommend the payment of following from Presbytery

Fund		
To E. W. Dunn, S.M. expense		\$12.45
H. L. Downie, Clerk "		5.15
H. L. Downie, Retreat "		11.07
W. J. Harper McKnight expense and hon.		55.62
H. M. Luce, expense to Y.B.C.U. convention		45.50
H. M. Luce, expense for book postage		2.50
H.M. Luce, for Retreat organist		12.50
Total		<u>144.79</u>

Respectfully submitted

Albert Heasty

F. M. McAllister

Willard Wylie, Com."

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

There was no report from the Committee on Social Service.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Students, plus Elders Hazlett and Oaks with H. M. Luce Moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization to receive James Rhassa under the care of Presbytery upon recommendation from the committee consisting of Dr. Kelsey, Dr. McCreery and Rev. Mr. Spotts. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this appointment. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator, as a commission to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak and the St. Marks churches, to meet at this meeting of Presbytery for organization. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.



The Moderator appointed the following committee to deal with the revision of the by-laws and agenda of Presbytery: R. Mansfield, H. Downie, W. Wylie and F. Irvine. Moved and seconded that the appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we express our appreciation to the Oakland Avenue church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation extended by Calvin church for the next meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this meeting of Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. J. Teeuwissen* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

*Approved by Ohio Synod  
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*E. W. Welch - Clerk*

September 18, 1951

The Presbytery of Detroit convened in special session at the call of the Moderator on the above date, during the annual meeting of the Synod of Ohio, at the First United Presbyterian Church, Steubenville, Ohio. Rev. Mr. Harvey Luce acted as clerk in the absence of the clerk.

The meeting was called by the Moderator who constituted Presbytery with prayer. The roll of Presbytery was called and is as follows:

Ministers: Present

- R. W. Mansfield
- H. F. Mac Allister
- J. H. McCann
- E. W. Dunn
- W. Wylie
- F. J. Irvine
- H. M. Luce
- W. J. Teeuwissen
- H. D. McCalmont
- W. W. Miller

Elders Present

- Chris Andersen
- Alfred Heastey
- Gerald Bevis
- Richard Chowen
- Alfred Hutchinson

The clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of business.

The purpose of this special meeting was announced by the Moderator, to secure the action of Presbytery in empowering the Commission established by Presbytery in September 1951, consisting of the Committee on Students, and Elders Hazlett and Oaks, to take under the care of Presbytery Mr. Lowell Conyers of our Military Avenue church, who is a student at Sterling College, and that the three-man committee requested to examine James Rhaesa be our examining committee to report to this commission. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery empower the Commission consisting of the Committee on Students, plus Hazlett and Oaks, to receive Mr. Lowell Conyers

under the care of Detroit Presbytery upon recommendation of the committee consisting of Dr. Kelsey, Dr. McCreery and Rev. Mr. A. Spotts. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this special meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer by H. D. McCalmont.

*W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.* Moderator

..... Clerk pro tem  
*Herbert L. Downie, Clerk*

February 12, 1952

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Calvin church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Reverend Mr. W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr., at 7:00 P. M. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and led in prayer, constituting Presbytery.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers present:

A. S. Creswell  
R. W. Mansfield  
S. C. Weir  
H. L. Downie  
H. F. MacAllister  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
V. A. Barnes  
E. W. Dunn  
W. Wylie  
W. J. Teeuwissen  
D. L. McBride  
H. M. Luce  
W. W. Miller  
H. D. McCalmont  
A. B. Cleage

Elders present:

Roy Dancey  
  
Raymond Address  
William Ferris  
Harold Kline  
Everett Martin  
Joseph Schledorn  
Jim E. Beck  
John Perry  
J. W. Williams  
Harold Detwiller  
  
Ray Reid  
Weldon Conyers  
Earl B. Young, Sr.  
J. H. Young

The Clerk reported each congregation represented by a minister and elder

The Minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting were read by the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the present by-laws of Presbytery be temporarily set aside and that the revised by-laws be considered operative for one year as the governing of presbyterial order of business. Motion carried.

The following churches reported on elders elected, ordained and installed:  
Southfield - Charles Frantz, Paul Merivirta, Alexander Goodall, Walter Veighey  
Oakland Ave. - Howard Webb, W. J. MacGillivray, reelected  
Littlefield Blvd. - James Johnson, James Johnston, Wilbur Klein, Samuel Krainbrink, John Piper, Harvey Smith, Murrill Woolford, Russell Chowen, George Marble, Loyal Osborn, Lloyd Shoemaker, Robert Westenberg.  
First - Clyde T. Williams, Earl B. Young, William J. Warren, reelected  
Wayne - Jim E. Beck, Gerald Coleman  
Cherry Hill - Herschel Bennett, Michael Savage, Lawrence Mitchell, reelected  
Joslyn Ave. - Denzil Lougheed, Clinton Passage  
Outer Drive - Frank Gibbs, Frank Caddy  
Drayton Ave. - Death of Elder Alfred Hutchinson.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in September 1951, to receive James Rhaesa and Lowell Conyers under the care of Presbytery, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery to consider the request of James Rhaesa to be taken under care of Presbytery, met at the close of Presbytery meeting on Sept. 11, 1951, in the Oakland Avenue Church, for organization.

"Present were Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Rev. W. W. Miller, Rev. H. M. Luce and Elder Clarence Oak. Absent, Elder John Hazlett.  
The meeting was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, H. M. Luce.  
Elder Hazlett was elected the clerk.  
Meeting was adjourned, the Commission to meet at the call of the Moderator.  
Closed with prayer by Dr. McCalmont.

The Commission met at the Southfield Church on October 18, 1951.  
Present were Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Rev. W. W. Miller, Rev. H. M. Luce, and Elder Clarence Oak. Absent Elder John Hazlett.  
The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. McCalmont.  
The Commission took note of the addition of the name of Lowell Conyers for its consideration, action taken at the called meeting of Presbytery at Steubenville, Ohio, on Sept. 18.  
The Moderator read the letter from the Rev. Alfred L. Spotts which is attached hereto:  
W. W. Miller moved that on the basis of the examination and recommendation of Dr. Kelsey and Rev. Spotts, we take Lowell Conyers and James Rhaesa under care of Presbytery. Supported by C. Oak. Motion carried.  
H. D. McCalmont moved that the Moderator of the Commission write to both young men to inform them of the action of the Commission and to instruct them to proceed to register in the Seminary without delay. Supported by C. Oak. Motion carried.  
Meeting was adjourned, since there was no other business to come before the commission.  
Closed with prayer by W. W. Miller.

S// Harvey M. Luce  
Moderator & Acting Clerk"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in September 1951, to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak and St. Marks churches were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission of Presbytery appointed to deal with matters in relation to Royal Oak and St. Marks churches, consisting of Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator, met at the close of meeting of Presbytery on Sept. 11, 1951.

Those present were:

Ministers: E. Dunn, R. W. Mansfield, F. Irvine, JH. McCann

Elders: Mr. Lucas and Mr. Detwiller

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Harvey McCann was named Clerk.

The matter for consideration was the ordination and installation of the newly elected elders of the St. Mark's Church. The Commission asked that the Provisional Session meet with the elders elect on Friday, Sept. 21, for examination and their acceptance of the office of elder. The Provisional Session will then name the date for the ordination and installation of these men. In case September 21 is an unsatisfactory date for the persons concerned, then Tues. night, Sept. 25, is selected as an alternate date.

Dr. Irvine moved that the provisional session of the St. Mark's Church be enlarged by the addition of these newly elected members upon their ordination and installation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lucas, and prevailed.

The resignation of Grant Graham as a member of the Provisional Session of the Royal Oak Church was read. The Commission requested Mr. Graham to remain a member of this Session stating that he should be excused whenever his other duties made it impenvenient for him to attend the meetings of the Session.

The Commission authorized the Royal Oak Congregation to elect a Board of Trustees with power to act in all matters ordinarily the responsibility of such a Board.

Mr. Irvine moved that we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator. Mr. Irvine led in the closing prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk

The Commission appointed to take care of matters pertaining to the work of the St. Mark's Community U. P. Church and Royal Oak Church, met at the call of the Moderator, Ernest Dunn, at Outer Drive Church on February 11, 1952.

In the absence of the Moderator Rev. Frank Irvine was chosen to preside. Present, Ministers, Irvine, Mansfield, McCann; Elders, Detweiler and Lucas.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Harvey McCann.

Mr. Detweiler moved that this Commission be reconstituted by Presbytery. Motion carried.

The provisional session of the Royal Oak congregation requested that permission be granted to the congregation to elect two or three elders from the membership of the congregation and that these should be placed on the Provisional Session. Upon motion of Dr. Mansfield, seconded by Mr. McCann the request was granted.

Mr. Detweiler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas, that we direct the Provisional Session to take steps to have the congregation revise the By-laws to provide for a rotary system of election of elders, and that this matter be attended to before the election of elders by the congregation. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lucas that we request Presbytery to reconstitute the Committee of Missions as a Commission to oversee the work of the Royal Oak Church. Carried.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Mansfield.

S// Frank J. Irvine, Moderator pro tem  
S// J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The Moderator then called on the Committee on By-laws to present the revision for discussion. Following the reading of the By-laws, and various corrections, it was moved and seconded that these by-laws stand as the operating by-laws for one year, as corrected. Motion carried. (Copy of the corrected by-laws are on file with the clerk)

The Moderator then called for the Clerk to present his annual report on the congregational statistics. This report was presented in mimeograph form for all present, a copy of which is on file in the clerk's records.

The Moderator called for the Financial Agent to present his annual report of receipts and disbursements from the congregations and all other sources. These are in mimeograph form and are on file in the clerk's records. The Financial Agent also presented a copy of the audit of his books by Mr. Ernest G. Ball. It was moved and seconded that the report and the audit be accepted. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for the clerk to give the report of nominations of Commissioners to the 1952 General Assembly. The following were the nominations:

Ministerial delegates- Frank J. Irvine, Willard Wylie

Alternates - Andrew Creswell, Samuel C. Weir

Elder delegates - Broadstreet church, J. A. Moffet; Alternate - J. R. Lemon

Cherry Hill - Ralph Smallman; Alternate - Henry Lewis.

It was moved and seconded that these nominees be our commissioners to the 1952 assembly. The motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following nominations to the General Assembly: for Financial Agent, Willard Wylie; for Superintendent of Missions, Ernest W. Dunn; for Chairman of Christian Education, Walter J. Teeuwissen, Jr. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these nominations. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions, through its Chairman E. W. Dunn, presented a report concerning the general work of the committee in endeavoring to start the new work at Birmingham, outlining some of the difficulties, but also some of the prospects and possibilities in that area.

The Committee presented the following applications for assistance from the American Board of Missions for the coming year. These were voted on by ballot and the count is recorded: 1. Wayne, \$1200.00, 30 voting, 30 yes. 2. St. Marks, \$2100.00, 30 voting, 30 yes. 3. Royal Oak, \$750.00, 30 voting, 30 yes. 4. Presbyterial missionary, \$2500.00, 30 voting, 30 yes. 5. New work in Birmingham, \$3000.00, 30 voting, 30 yes.

The Committee proposed the following Stated Supplies for congregations for the year beginning July 1st:

Wayne, Rev. V. A. Barnes

St. Marks, Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr.

Royal Oak, Rev. Bernard Quick.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these appointments. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery recommend to the American Board that a seminary student be provided for the new church location in the Pontiac Lake School in Waterford Township for the summer. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery appropriate \$200.00 from the Home Mission funds to be designated to the Detroit Council of Churches toward the Director of Comity, and that this be for this one year only. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, through its Chairman W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., gave a very interesting summary of the year's activities and service rendered. The report is quite lengthy and is on file with the clerk for future reference. It was moved and seconded that the report as a whole be received. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, H. M. Luce, chairman, presented the following report: Edward King and Robert Butou of Littlefield Blvd. Church met with the committee. The committee examined them concerning their Christian faith and experience and the motives which led them to feel they were called to the gospel ministry. The committee recommended that they be taken under the care of Presbytery. Peter Peterson also met with the committee and was examined as to his motives regarding his Christian faith and experience and reason he feels called to the gospel ministry. The committee recommended he be taken under the care of Presbytery with the provision that because of his youth, he meet with the committee within one year. The committee received the transfer of David McCalmont from the Arkansas Valley Presbytery to the Detroit Presbytery. The committee recommended that he be taken under the care of Presbytery of Detroit. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the report be received and its recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget, Dr. D. L. McBride chairman, presented the report in mimeograph form, of the anticipated giving to the Missionary budget for the church year of 1952. The total from the congregations was \$42,643. with 398 tithers listed. This amount represents an increase of a little over \$5300 from the previous year. Moved and seconded that the report be received. Motion carried.

The Committee on Pensions and Relief, H. F. Mac Allister, chairman, presented a report concerning the participation of the congregations in the pension plan. Thirteen of the congregations of Presbytery are participating by both minister and congregation. Royal Oak and St. Mark's churches are reported as not participating. Moved and seconded that the report be received. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the following expenses be paid from Presbyterial funds:

Expense account of Financial Agent	\$9.52
Expense account of Superintendent of Missions	7.00
Bond for Financial Agent	5.00
Audit of the Financial Agent's books	15.00
Expense account of Chairman of Christian Education	17.00
Michigan Council of Churches, donation for year	100.00

Motion carried.

The question of travel expense for delegates to the 1952 General Assembly was presented. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery assume the responsibility for meal costs not to exceed six days. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the delegates to the General Assembly be granted the privilege to file their anticipated expenses with the clerk, who would authorize the Financial Agent to advance this amount to each delegate prior to his leaving for the Assembly. Motion carried.

Rev. H. D. McCalmont presented a letter written to the Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of Congress, regarding the Universal Military Training program. It was moved and seconded that the Clerk send copies of this letter, with Presbytery's recommendation, to the members of the Military Affairs Committee and to our Senators and Representatives. Motion carried.

Dr. S. C. Weir spoke to Presbytery concerning his action as Moderator of Ohio Synod in requesting favorable approval of the Board of American Missions on the reappointment of Dr. Ralph W. Mansfield as synodical superintendent.

W. W. Miller made an announcement to Presbytery concerning the 50th anniversary of the Military Avenue church to be held March 30th and April 1st, and inviting members of Presbytery and their congregations to join with the Military church.

H. D. McCalmont, at the request of the Moderator, gave a summation of the status of First church property at the present time. First church is still waiting to hear the decision rendered by the Supreme Court which is anticipated within sixty days.

Appreciation to the Calvin Church and to their women for the dinner was expressed by the Moderator.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Southfield church for the June meeting. Since the June meeting would fall in the middle of the Women's General Missionary Society convention in Detroit, it was moved and seconded that the Clerk and the Moderator decide on an alternate date for the June meeting. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Students, plus elders Detwiler and Lyons as a Commission to plan and carry out the ordination of Bernard Quick upon his arrival within the bounds of Presbytery. This Commission to meet following this meeting of Presbytery, for organization, with H. M. Luce as moderator. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Clerk be granted the power to issue a certificate of transfer for Mr. Andrew Creswell to another presbytery upon recommendation from the Committee on Students. The motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Missions as a Commission to deal with matters in relation to the St. Mark's and Royal Oak churches. This commission to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization with E. W. Dunn as moderator. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting of Presbytery be adjourned. Motion carried. The Moderator led in the closing prayer and benediction.

*W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

May 18, 1952

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Southfield church on Sunday, May 18, 1952 at 4:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

Ministers	Church	Elder
S. C. Weir	Oakland	MacAllister
H. L. Downie	Littlefield	Andress
H. F. MacAllister	Outer Drive	
F. J. Irvine	Joselyn	Kline
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	Lewis
V. A. Barnes	Auburn	Aisanhart
E. W. Dunn	Wayne	Beck
	Calvin	Nicholas
	Broadstreet	Moffett
W. J. Teeuwissen	Drayton	Bowday
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Goodall
	Military	Conyers
	First	Warren
R. W. Mansfield		

The clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business of Presbytery.

The statement of the purpose of the meeting is as follows: "The purpose of this meeting is for the making of arrangements for trials for ordination for Mr. Charles Gensheimer, and if sustained, his ordination to the Gospel ministry."

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Students, plus elders Detweiler and Lyon as a Commission, to carry out the trials and plan for the ordination of Mr. Charles Gensheimer.

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of the commission be confirmed. An amendment was proposed and seconded, that Elder Lewis of Cherry Hill Church be added to the Commission. The amendment was carried and the original motion as amended was carried. This commission to have as its moderator Rev. H. M. Luce and is to meet following the special meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Mansfield.

*W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

June 17, 1952

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Southfield church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., at 7:00 P.M., when he lead in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The chairman of the Committee on Students, Rev. H. M. Luce, moved that the regular order of business be temporarily set aside and that Presbytery hear David McCalmont in his specimen of progress. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. McCalmont read from Acts 20, and preached a sermon on the text Acts 20:32 under the theme "Commended unto the care of God."

Following an excellent presentation of the sermon, it was recommended that Presbytery sustain him in his specimen of progress and commend him in his work for another year, *and advance to 2nd year student.*

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
S. C. Weir	Oakland Avenue	F. Froede
H. L. Downie	Littlefield	Wm. Boothe
H. F. MacAllister	Outer Drive	Wm. Ferris
F. J. Irvine	Joselyn	H. Brown
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	R. Smallman
V. A. Barnes	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
E. W. Dunn	Wayne	T. Hicks
W. Wylie	Calvin	
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Broadstreet	L. Lucas
H. M. Luce	Drayton Plains	R. Maybee
W. W. Miller	Southfield	P. Merivirta
H. D. McCalmont	Military	S. Gould
A. B. Cleage, Jr.	First	W. Warren
C. J. Gensheimer	St. Mark's	A. J. Stallworth
	Cherry Hill	
	Royal Oak	Jas. Hicks

Guests

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Quick

The Minutes of the last special meeting and the regular meeting were read by the clerk and it was Moved and seconded that the minutes, as corrected, be adopted. Motion carried.

The clerk reported on receiving letters from Dr. A. S. Creswell and Dr. R. Mansfield asking to be excused from the meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that these requests be granted. Motion carried.

The clerk also reported concerning the discharge of his duties during the interim between Presbytery meetings; record of these are on file. Moved and seconded that the clerk be sustained in his action. Motion carried.

The Presbytery proceeded to the election of a Moderator, the name of Rev. H. M. Luce was presented. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast the ballot for Rev. Harvey M. Luce as moderator. Motion carried. The clerk cast the ballot.

The name of Rev. Wade W. Miller was placed in nomination for vice moderator. Moved that nominations be closed and the clerk instructed to cast the ballot. Motion carried and the clerk cast the ballot.

The Nominating Committee reported on the suggestion and the nomination for Clerk. The name of Rev. Herbert L. Downie was suggested for a two year term. Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the Moderator instructed to cast the ballot. Motion carried and the moderator cast the ballot.

✓ The Minutes of the Presbytery commission of Feb. 12, 1952, consisting of the Committee on Students, plus Elders Detweiler, Lyons and Rev. Harvey M. Luce as moderator, to arrange for trials and ordination of Mr. B. J. Quick, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to handle matters pertaining to the ordination of BERNARD QUICK, stated supply for the Royal Oak congregation, convened for organization at Calvin Church following the meeting of Presbytery on February 12th, 1952. .

Commission was constituted with prayer the Rev. Harvey M. Luce, Moderator.  
Present were:

Ministers: Harvey M. Luce, W. Wade Miller, Howard D. McCalmont, D.D.  
Elders: Harold Detweiler

Elder Ward Lyons, also named a member of the Commission, was not present. Elder Harold Detweiler was elected secretary for the Commission.

The Moderator, the Rev. Harvey M. Luce, agreed to conduct all preliminary correspondence for the Commission.

Commission adjourned, to meet at the call of the chairman, closing with prayer by the Rev. W. Wade Miller.

S// Moderator, Harvey M. Luce  
Secretary Harold Detweiler

✓ The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to handle matters pertaining to the ordination of Bernard Quick, convened on the call of the Moderator at the Southfield Church on Thursday evening, May 15th, 1952, at 7:30 o'clock.

Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. Wade Miller. .

Present were:

Ministers: Harvey M. Luce, W. Wade Miller  
Elders: Harold Detweiler

By general agreement the Commission set the following requirements concerning the two sermons: one to be preached before the Commission, the other to be presented in outline.

For the ordination service agreement was reached on participation as follows:

Preside: Moderator  
Scripture: H. F. MacAllister  
Prayer: W. Wade Miller  
Sermon: H. D. McCalmont  
Charge to Minister: H. L. Downie  
Remarks to congregation: F. J. Irvine  
Ordination Prayer: R. W. Mansfield



Commission adjourned, closing with prayer by the Rev. H. M. Luce.

Moderator Harvey M. Luce  
Secretary Harold Detweiler"

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to handle matters pertaining to THE ORDINATION OF BERNARD QUICK met on call of the Moderator at Cherry Hill Church on Sabbath evening, June 15th, 1952, at 9:25 o'clock.

Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Howard D. McCalmont.

Present were:

Ministers: Harvey M. Luce, W. Wade Miller, Howard D. McCalmont, D.D.

Elders: Ward Lyons, Harold Detweiler

W. Wade Miller moved that the trials and examinations for ordination be held at the Drayton Plains Church on Sabbath evening, June 22nd, 1952, at 7:15 o'clock. Howard D. McCalmont seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ward Lyons moved that the service of ordination be held at the Royal Oak Church of Sabbath evening, July 13th, 1952, at 8 o'clock. W. Wade Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commission adjourned, closing with prayer by Elder Lyons.

Moderator S/Harvey M. Luce  
Secretary S/Harold Detweiler"

"The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery May 18, 1952, consisting of the Committee on Students, plus elders Detweiler, Lyons and Lewis, with Rev. H. M. Luce as Moderator to arrange for trials and ordination for Mr. Charles Gensheimer, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Minutes of Commission Meeting, May 18, 1952

A meeting of the Commission, appointed by the Presbytery, for the Trials and Ordination of Charles Gensheimer, was held at the Southfield Church on Sunday, May 18, 1952 at 4:45 p.m.

Present were Moderator Luce, Elders Detweiler and Lewis and Candidate Gensheimer. Absent were Rev. Miller, Dr. McCalmont and Elder Lyon.

The meeting was called to order with prayer by the moderator.

Nominations were in order for a clerk of the Commission. Elder Detweiler nominated Elder Lewis. Elder Lewis seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Elder Lewis was declared Clerk of the Commission.

Elder Detweiler moved, seconded by Elder Lewis, that the Commission next meet upon call of the Moderator. Motion carried.

Elder Lewis moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Elder Detweiler.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Elder Detweiler at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Henry S. Lewis  
Henry S. Lewis,  
Clerk of Commission  
S/ Harvey M. Luce, Moderator"

"Minutes of Commission Meeting June 8, 1952

A meeting of the Trials and Ordination Commission for Charles Gensheimer was held at the Military United Presbyterian Church on June 8, 1952.

Present were: Moderator Luce, Elders Detweiler, Lyon, Lewis:

Rev. Miller, Dr. McCalmont and Candidate Gensheimer.

The meeting was called to order, with prayer, by the Moderator, at 7:15 p.m.

The order of services for the evening were reviewed before adjourning to the Chapel for the evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Following the services, in which Candidate Gensheimer preached, the meeting again convened at 8:45 p.m.

Candidate Gensheimer was duly questioned and his Doctorate and Exegetical reviewed. He also presented an outline for a second sermon.

Dr. McCalmont moved, seconded by Elder Lyon, that all the necessary requirements having been met and evidence of preparation for the ministry having been fulfilled that Charles Gensheimer be accepted into the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church and that the Commission proceed with plans for his Ordination and Installation. Motion carried.

"Rev. Miller moved, seconded by Elder Detweiler, that the Ordination and Installation of Charles Gensheimer be held at the Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 15, 1952 at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The following program was agreed upon:

To preside and ask the Constitutional questions

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Preach

Charge to Minister

Ordination Prayer

Moderator Teeuwissen

Rev. W. W. Miller

Dr. Howard D. McCalmont

Rev. Robert D. Sharpe

Rev. S. C. Weir

Dr. Frank J. Irvine

Elder Detweiler moved, seconded by Dr. McCalmont that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Miller at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

S/ Henry S. Lewis

Clerk of Commission

S/ Harvey M. Luce

Moderator"

"Minutes of Commission Meeting, June 15, 1952

A meeting of the Trials and Ordination Commission for Charles Gensheimer was held at the Cherry Hill Church on June 15, 1952.

Present were: Moderator Luce, Rev. Miller, Dr. McCalmont, Rev. Sharpe, Rev. Teeuwissen, Charles Gensheimer, and Elders Detweiler, Lyon and Lewis.

The meeting was called to order, with prayer, by the Moderator at 7:45 p.m.

The Moderator presented a letter from Peter Pascoe, Clerk of the New York Presbytery, in reference to the church membership and necessary credentials of Charles Gensheimer. (Letter attached)

A review of the procedure for the Ordination ceremony was presented by the Moderator.

Rev. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. McCalmont that the meeting be adjourned with the pronouncement of the benediction following the Ordination services. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Charles Gensheimer at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Henry S. Lewis

Clerk of Commission

S/Harvey M. Luce, Moderator

"The Presbytery of New York of the United Presbyterian Church of North America June 10, 1952

The Rev. Harvey M. Luce  
21575 West Ten Mile Road  
Detroit 19, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I just arrived back from the General Assembly. This is my first day in the church office and I hasten to answer your letter.

You may use this communication as a statement concerning Mr. Charles Gensheimer's relationship to this Presbytery. The formal certificate of transfer will be forwarded to you as authorized by New York Presbytery when it meets on June 19th.

Mr. Gensheimer is a student under care of New York Presbytery and is in good and regular standing. He has regularly submitted to Presbytery

specimens of his progress toward his preparation for the Christian Ministry and Presbytery has received satisfactory reports of his scholastic records from college and seminary.

Cordially,  
S/ Peter Pascoe  
Clerk"

✓ The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 12, 1952, consisting of the Committee of Missions with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, to deal with matters in relation to St. Mark's and the Royal Oak churches, were read and adopted as corrected, and are as follows:

"February 12, 1952

The Committee of Missions, appointed a Commission to deal with matters concerning the Royal Oak and St. Mark's Churches met at Calvin Church as directed by Presbytery, at the adjournment of Presbytery. The Commission was called to order by the Moderator, Ernest Dunn and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

J. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned, to meet upon call of the Moderator. Dr. Mansfield closed with prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk

"Southfield United Presbyterian Church

May 18, 1952

The Commission met at the call of the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by Rev. Frank Irvine.

Present: Ministers, Dunn, Mansfield, Irvine, McCann  
Elders, Lucas, Young, Detweiler

Harold Detweiler reported the election of three elders in the Royal Oak Church, Eugene A. Blevins, James H. Hicks, Leland C. Morrison.

Mr. Detweiler moved that these three elders, upon their ordination and installation, should be made members of the Provisional Session of the Royal Oak Church. Motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Dr. Mansfield closed the meeting with prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

✓ At this point the Moderator called for presentation of expense accounts and any other matters requiring referral. The expense accounts were referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit. The Drayton Plains Church, through the Clerk of Session, Harold Detweiler, reported ordination and installation of the following elders April 6, 1952: John Bougine, Orrie Butler, Theodore Cleveland, Keith Morgan.

The Superintendent of Missions, E. W. Dunn, presented his annual report for the year from July 1, 1951. The report and its recommendations were adopted and are as follows:

"Report of the Committee of Missions

The Committee of Missions is happy to report that there are no vacancies in the Presbytery and that all phases of the work are proceeding well.

In reference to Royal Oak we report the departure of Dr. D. L. McBride and the coming of Mr. Bernard Quick as Stated Supply. Mr. Quick, a recent graduate of Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, will be ordained on July 13. He has already assumed his responsibility and we feel confident that the work will prosper under his leadership. We are happy also to report that under the guidance of a very efficient provisional Session the Royal Oak Congregation has elected several members to the Session and Board of Trustees. This is a healthy sign of progress for which we are grateful.

We offer our sincere prayers for the continued spirit of good-will and cooperation.

The work of St. Mark's Church continues to prosper under the leadership of Rev. Albert Cleage. A varied and energetic program has been responsible for a fine record of accessions to this youngest congregation.

We congratulate the Drayton Plains Minister and Session for the fine effort in establishing the Pontiac Lake Mission. At present this work is under the leadership of Mr. Frank Thom, who will be a senior in our Seminary this fall. This mission looks like a promising field and the committee hopes that it will grow to the extent of becoming a permanent work with a full time man in charge. In connection with this work during the summer the Committee of Missions has recommended that the salary by the Board of American Missions be supplemented by \$35.00 a month.

The Committee also recommended, and the recommendation has been carried out, that a sum of \$250 be given Miss Lois Copeland, Presbyterian Missionary, to help in the purchase of a car to be used in her work. This sum as well as the supplemental salary for Mr. Thom, comes out of the Home Mission Fund.

Your committee brings to your attention that the Board of American Missions has changed its fiscal year to coincide with the church year. Therefore it will be necessary to make new applications for aid at the October meeting of Presbytery.

The S.M. and Dr. Irvine, representing Presbytery in Comity, have been in consultation with Rev. Howard McCalmont concerning the re-location of First Church. At present a committee of Comity is seeking to work out some details which may result in a location on Beech Rd. and Six Mile. Another possibility is a proposed working agreement with the Presbyterian Church in which property on Six Mile, about a mile from the above site, in connection with a Presbyterian Old Folks Home, may be made available. It is our sincere hope that First Church may soon be re-located and a more permanent work begun.

The Committee recommends that reimbursement be made to Rev. Walter Teeuwissen for travel expenses in connection with the work at Pontiac Lake Mission.

The committee recommended that the Presbytery dissolve the Provisional Session of the St. Mark's Church with expression of thanks of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted  
S/ Ernest W. Dunn  
S.M."

The Committee on Students, Rev. Harvey M. Luce, chairman, presented its annual report which was adopted and is as follows:

"Report of the Committee on Training Young Men June 17, 1952

The following young men, looking forward to the ministry of the Gospel, are under the care of Detroit Presbytery:-

Two are in the Seminary -- David McCalmont, First Church, and Herbert Schreiner, Calvin Church, both of whom have completed one year in the Seminary. Grades have been received from the Registrar of Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary and these two young men are doing satisfactory work.

The ten others are still preparing for entrance upon their work in Pittsburgh-Xenia --

Francis William Palmer, Calvin Church, is at Wayne. (Sophomore)  
Phillip G. Germaine, Calvin Church, a Senior at Wayne  
Harvey Beach, Drayton Plains Church, is a Senior at Sterling.  
Roy E. Lindahl, Jr., Drayton Plains Church, is a Junior at Monmouth.

Dale Stewart, Littlefield Boulevard Church, is a Senior at Muskingum.

Lowell Conyers, Military Avenue Church, a Sophomore at Sterling.  
 James Rhaesa, Wayne Church, a Sophomore at Sterling.  
 Edward King, Littlefield Boulevard Church, a Sophomore at  
 Dearborn Junior College.  
 Robert Bertouille, Littlefield Boulevard Church, who is at  
 present working but will enter Muskingum College in the Fall.  
 Peter Peterson, Outer Drive Church, a Senior at Farmington  
 High School.

Mr. Andrew Creswell was transferred to Arkansas Valley Presbytery at his own request and will be ordained there to take up his work in the Congregation at Mineola, Kansas.

The members of the Committee have served on a Commission appointed for the trials, examination and ordination of Mr. Charles Gensheimer, graduate of Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary in 1952, and Transferred from New York Presbytery.

The members of the Committee have also served on a Commission appointed to make preparation for the trials, examination and ordination of Mr. Bernard E. Quick, graduate from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary in 1952, and to be transferred from Colorado Presbytery.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Mr. David McCalmont be heard at this meeting in his specimen of progress.
2. That a Commission be appointed to hear a specimen of progress of Mr. Herbert Schreiner.
3. That a Commission be appointed to proceed with the trials, examination and ordination of Mr. Bernard E. Quick and that an Elder from the Royal Oak Church be included as a member of this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Luce  
 H. D. McCalmont  
 W. W. Miller"

The permanent committee on Evangelism, Rev. E. W. Dunn, made a final report of this committee and the report was adopted and due to the length of statistics is on file with the clerk.

At this point the Commissioners to General Assembly, Elders Moffet and Smallman and Ministers F. J. Irvine and W. Wylie, presented a very interesting and informative reports concerning the work of the General Assembly, giving us some of the high points of the Assembly.

It was moved and seconded that the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator called on Rev. F. J. Irvine to report on the matter of change of Presbytery's procedure, necessitated by General Assembly's action. Moved and seconded that the Committee of Missions and the Clerk work out whatever procedure was necessary to conform with the General Assembly's action. Motion carried.

At this point the Financial Agent W. Wylie read a letter from the St. Mark's Church expressing appreciation for the generous assistance of the various churches in the presbytery. The Financial Agent also presented a summary of receipts and disbursements through May 1952. This report is on file with the clerk.

The Finance and Audit Committee through its chairman W. Wylie presented its report which was adopted and is as follows:

"To the Presbytery of Detroit

June 17, 1952

Your Finance Committee recommends the following

1. That the expense accounts of Frank J. Irvine, Willard Wylie, Ralph Smallman and Jos. A. Moffet, Commissioners to the General Assembly at Albany Oregon, amounting to \$285.85 be allowed. \$60.00 has already been advanced to each one.

"2. That the attached expense accounts of the Officers of Presbytery to the Amount of 37.88 be paid. Of this amount 22.80 to be paid from Home Missions Fund.

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., mileage	22.80
W. Wylie, F.A.	3.54
H. L. Downie, Clerk	<u>11.54</u>
	<u>37.88</u>

3. That the assessment for Presbytery's Fund be 10¢ per member reported to the 1952 General Assembly. This assessment to be paid when requested by the F. A.

4. That the compensation to the Clerk, Supt. of Missions and the Financial Agent for services rendered be \$35.00 per year and that the same be paid during the last quarter of the year.

Respectfully submitted

S/ W. Wade Miller

Russell Maybee

H. F. MacAllister

Paul W. Merivirta

Willard Wylie, Chairman"

The committee on Nominations, S. C. Weir, D.D. chairman, presented its report which was adopted and is as follows:

"Report of Nominating Committee

Committee of Missions

E. W. Dunn	H. Detweiler
F. J. Irvine	E. Young, Jr.
J. H. McCann	L. Lucas
R. W. Mansfield	

Committee on Evangelism

H. L. Downie      Willard Wylie      George Cunningham      Herald Kuykendall

Committee on Students

H. D. McCalmont      W. W. Miller      F. J. Irvine      E. W. Dunn

Committee of Christian Education

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.      Lois Copeland      Harvey Luce      V. A. Barnes

Committee on Pensions

R. W. Mansfield      Russell Maybee

Committee on Missionary Budget

W. W. Miller      Donald Paxton      William Tait

Committee on Social Service

H. D. McCalmont      J. H. Bevis      John Anderson

Committee on Council of Churches

Willard Wylie      H. M. Luce      S. C. Weir

Committee on Prayer Retreat

William Warren      H. F. MacAllister      Albert Cleage      Ralph Smallman

Members Board of Trustees

Donald Quaife      Eldon Powley      Clarence Oak      Clerk, Herbert L. Downie"

At this point the Moderator-elect Harvey M. Luce, presented his appointments for the Standing committees which are as follows:

"Committee on Finance and Audit:

H. F. MacAllister      V. A. Barnes      A. J. Stallsworth (elder)

Willard Wylie, F. A. (ex-officio)

Committee on nominations:

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.,      J. H. McCann      Alex MacAllister (elder)"

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm his appointments. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to convey in writing, the sincere congratulations of the Presbytery to the local committee that handled the W.G.M.S. convention in Detroit. Motion carried.

At this point a letter was read by Rev. E. W. Dunn concerning displaced persons from the Council of Churches. No action was taken.

Announcement was also made by Rev. H. D. McCalmont of the Social Service projects; no action was taken.

\*\* Due to the fact that the fine print was not thoroughly read, it was moved and seconded that the presentation of nominations by the Nominating committee be adjusted by the committee to include an elder on each committee and that the new Moderator, Harvey M. Luce be given authority to confirm these. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk write a letter to Mrs. D. L. McBride and to Dr. McBride, assuring them of our sympathy and prayers in their behalf. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to convey to Dr. A. S. Creswell the assurance of our prayers of Presbytery in behalf of his recovery. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Southfield Church for the privilege of meeting with them.

The Drayton Plains Church extended an invitation to meet with them for the October meeting.

Rev. W. Wade Miller made announcement concerning the elders meeting which would be sponsored through the Synod. Further announcement will follow.

The Moderator appointed the following commissioners to act for Presbytery in the interim between the meetings.

1. Committee of Missions with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, to meet at the close of this meeting of Presbytery for organization, to deal with matters in relationship to the Royal Oak Church.

2. Committee on Students, plus Rev. H. M. Luce and elders Detwiler, Lyons and James Hicks, with Rev. H. M. Luce as moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization to deal with matters in relation to hearing the specimen of progress of Herbert Schreiner and the completion of trials and ordination of Mr. Bernard E. Quick.

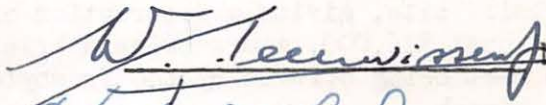
Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's appointments. Motion carried.

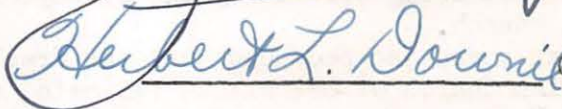
At this point the Moderator-elect Rev. H. M. Luce was inducted into the office of Moderator of the Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that the meeting of Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the new Moderator, Rev. H. M. Luce.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Moderator

  
Clerk

\*\* The committee on Nominations presented the following changes which were approved by previous motion.

Committee on Students

Elder Glenn Stewart to replace Rev. F. J. Irvine

Committee of Christian Education

Elder Ralph Nicholas to replace Rev. V. A. Barnes

Committee on Detroit Council of Churches

Elder William Warren to replace Rev. S. C. Weir

July 10, 1952

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan on Thursday, July 10, 1952, at 7:40 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. H. M. Luce, who read a Scripture from Romans 8 and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Glenn Stewart
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	Donald Quaife
H. F. MacAllister	Joselyn	
V. A. Barnes	Wayne	Jim Beck
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	L. Lucos
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	V. Green
H. M. Luce	Southfield	C. Frantz
W. W. Miller	Military	H. Kuykendall
H. D. McCalmont	First	Wm. Warren

The clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the business of this special meeting.

The statement of the purpose of this meeting was read by the Moderator and is as follows:

- "1. To seek permission for the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit to relocate, and approval of Presbytery on the proposed property.
- "2. To act on a proposed plan of cooperation with the Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. in establishing the church on the property of the Presbyterian Home, 25300 West McNichols, Detroit, Michigan.
- "3. Any other details and arrangements that pertain thereto."

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Presbytery proceeded to the business of the meeting.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont presented the information concerning First church seeking for a building site, giving a description of a piece of property on Beech Road that would have cost \$15,000, and showing a brief sketch and map of a tract of land 300 x 500 feet being offered by the Presbyterian Home of Detroit, as a building site for First church.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery grant permission to the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit to relocate, and approval of the location on the property of the Presbyterian Home. The motion carried.

The proposed plan of cooperation between the First United Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. was presented and is as follows:

- "Proposed Plan of Cooperation - 1. The First United Presbyterian Church will endeavor to serve the families in the community and in the Home for the Aged who are receptive to a Presbyterian ministry.
- "2. The Presbytery of Detroit, of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., will promote the growth and welfare of the First United Presbyterian Church as it would one of its own congregations.
- "3. The Presbytery of Detroit (U.S.A.) will welcome the minister and elders of the First U. P. Church to, and they will undertake to attend all its meetings as fraternal delegates.
- "4. The session and leadership of First Church will seek opportunity to promote the interest and participation of the congregation in Presbyterian missions and institutions."

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the proposed plan of cooperation with the Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Motion carried.



It was moved and seconded that Presbytery give approval to the general idea of cooperation with the Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in establishing the First church on the property of the Presbyterian Home and that a Commission be appointed to act for Presbytery in all matters pertaining thereto. Motion carried.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following commission with Willard Wylie, D.D. as moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization, to deal with all matters pertaining to the relocation of the First church on the property of the Presbyterian Home: Rev. Willard Wylie, Rev. V. A. Barnes, Donald Quaife, Ralph Smallman.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's appointment. Motion carried.

At this point the suggestion was offered that our Presbytery meet informally with the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for its closing adjournment.

Moved and seconded that this special meeting of Presbytery be adjourned following the informal meeting with the Presbyterian Presbytery. Motion carried.

Our Presbytery then united with the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and actions of both Presbyteries were discussed before the joint meeting. There was a general fine spirit of complete accord in this cooperative movement with the thought that real history was being made in this movement.

The meeting was closed with a devotional service and prayer by the Rev. William Molbon, moderator of Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

*Harvey M. Luce* Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

*Approved by Synod  
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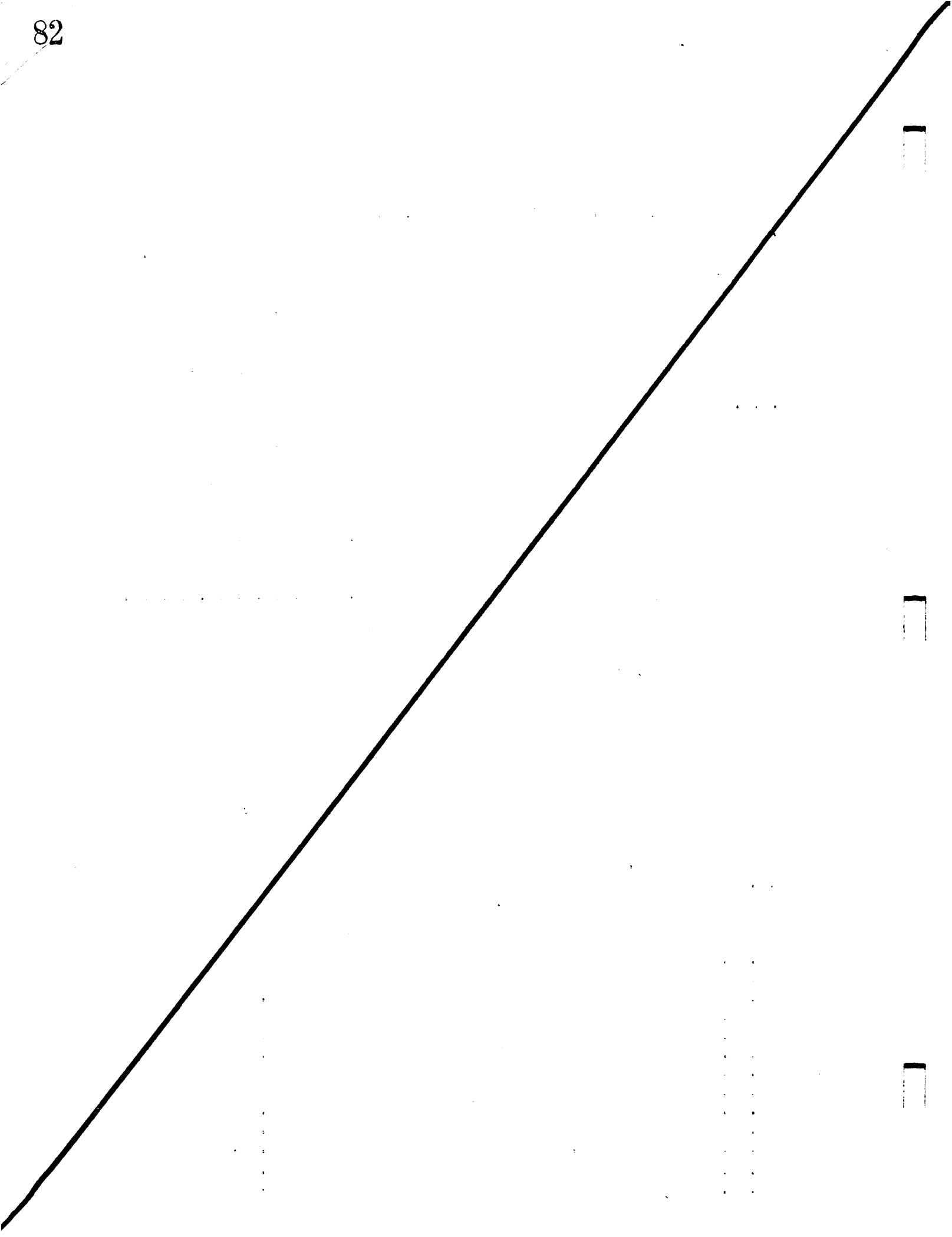
*E. W. Welch - Clerk*

October 14, 1952

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Drayton Plains Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H.M. Luce at 7:00 P.M. who lead in a devotional service reading from Galatians, the 5th Chapter and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
A. S. Creswell	Oakland Avenue	Alex MacAllister
R. W. Mansfield		
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	W. Booth
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	Donald Quaife
H. F. MacAllister	Joselyn	H. Brown
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	C. Chapman
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Leon Hall
V. A. Barnes	Wayne	Harvey Gehring
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	R. Nicholas
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	R. Pile
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	L. G. Rowley
H. M. Luce	Southfield	C. Oak
W. W. Miller	Military	H. Kuykendal



<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
H. D. McCalmont	First	F. McKay
A. B. Cleage, Jr.	St. Mark's	A. Stallworth
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	
B. E. Quick	Royal Oak	Leland Morrison

recording D. L. McBride as being absent.

The minutes of the June meeting and the special meeting were read by the Clerk. It was moved and seconded that the minutes as corrected be adopted. The motion carried.

The Moderator then reported on the discharge of his duties since the last stated meeting of Presbytery. He reported on the request of Mr. Stewart to be replaced on the Committee of Students. The Moderator had appointed Mr. William Ferris from the Outer Drive Church as a member of this committee. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

At this point, the Clerk reported on the discharge of his duties in the interim by the Presbytery meetings. This report is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following committee as a Committee for Reviewing the minutes of session:

W.W. Miller, Chairman, B. Quick, W. Booth, C. Oak

Moved and seconded that the committee be approved. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in June, 1952, consisting of the Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn as Moderator, to deal with matters in relation to the Royal Oak Church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Southfield United Presbyterian Church  
June 17, 1952"

"The Committee of Missions of the Presbytery was named as a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to the Royal Oak Church, with Ernest Dunn as Moderator, and instructed to meet for organization at the conclusion of the meeting of Presbytery.

This Commission was called together by the Moderator and was by him constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers, Dunn, Irvine, McCann; Elders, Detweiler and Lucas.

Upon motion by Frank Irvine, Harvey McCann was elected as Clerk.

Mr. Lucas moved that the Commission be adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Led in prayer by Mr. Detweiler."

Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator

J. Harvey McCann, Clerk

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June, 1952 consisting of the new Committees of Students plus H. M. Luce and Elders Detweiler, Lyons and Hicks to deal with matters in relation to hearing the specimen of progress of Herbert Schreiner and completion of trial and ordination of Bernard E. Quick were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America for the purpose of proceeding with the trials, examination and ordination of Bernard E. Quick and to hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner met at the Southfield Church at the close of the meeting of Presbytery on June 17, 1952. Present were:

Ministers: H. M. Luce (Moderator), W. W. Miller, H. D. McCalmont  
Elders: James H. Hicks

Absent were Elders Detweiler, Lyons and Stewart, and Rev. E. W. Dunn.

Commission was consittuted with prayer by the Moderator.

W. W. Miller moved that Elder Detweiler be continued as Clerk. Elder Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 7:15 P.M. at the Drayton Plains Church on June 22nd for the trials and examination of Bernard E. Quick.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. McCalmont."

Moderator Harvey M. Luce

Clerk Harold Detweiler

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America for the purpose of proceeding with the trials, examination and ordination of Bernard E. Quick and to hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner met at the Drayton Plains Church on Sabbath evening, June 22nd, 1952, at 7:20 o'clock. Present were:

Ministers: H.M. Luce (Moderator), E. W. Dunn, H.D. McCalmont  
 Elders: Ward Lyons, James H. Hicks, Glen Stewart, Harold Detweiler  
 Absent: Rev. W. W. Miller

Meeting with the Commission was Bernard E. Quick, candidate. Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Submitted by the candidate for examination were as follows:

A Critical Exegesis on Romans 8: 12-17  
 A Doctrinal Thesis on "The Contribution of the Mystical Experience in the Process of Becoming a Christian"

The candidate preached before the Commission at the regular Evening Worship of the church, basing his sermon on Acts 3: 19-20.

Also presented to the Commission in outline was an expository sermon on Acts 2:1-41.

Comments and criticisms were offered by members of the Commission.

The candidate was examined by the Moderator and by other members of the Commission as to his personal religion, his motives for entering the ministry, and his knowledge of and adherence to the doctrines, government and discipline of the United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McCalmont moved that the Commission accept the sermon, outline and papers presented, and proceed to the ordination of Bernard E. Quick at Royal Oak Church on July 13th, 1952, at 8:00 O'clock in the evening. E. W. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. McCalmont moved that the Commission hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner at the Oakland Avenue Church at the Evening Worship on July 20th, 1952. Elder Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commission adjourned to meet at 8:00 P.M. on July 13th, 1952 at the Royal Oak Church for the ordination of Bernard E. Quick.

The Rev. E. W. Dunn closed the meeting with prayer."

Moderator Harvey M. Luce

Clerk Harold Detweiler

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America for the purpose of proceeding with the trials, examination and ordination of Bernard E. Quick and to hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner met at the Royal Oak Church on Sabbath evening, July 13th, 1952, at 8:00 o'clock. Present were:

Ministers: H.M. Luce (Moderator), H. D. McCalmont  
 Elders: Glen Stewart, Ward Lyons, Harold Detweiler, James H. Hicks.  
 Absent: Rev. E. W. Dunn and Rev. W. W. Miller

Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Elder Stewart moved that the Commission proceed with the order of service as printed in the bulletin. Elder Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was moved by H. D. McCalmont and seconded by James H. Hicks that the Commission stand adjourned with the benediction, to meet at 7:15 P.M. at the Oakland Avenue Church on July 20th to hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner. The motion carried.

The Commission then proceeded with the following order of service:  
 Presiding - Rev. Harvey M. Luce

Prelude	
Praise No. 12	
Invocation	Rev. Charles J. Gensheimer
Scripture	Rev. Franklin MacAllister
Evening Prayer	Rev. Harvey M. Luce
Solo "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"	
	Mrs. Donald Maxstadt
Sermon	"Hold Not Thy Peace"
	Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, D.D.
Hymn of Petition No. 135 (1,2,3)	
Proceedings leading to this service	
Constitutional Questions	
Laying on of Hands	
Ordination Prayer	Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D.
Declaration of Ordination	
Charge to the Minister	Rev. Herbert Downie
Charge to the Congregation	Rev. Frank Irvine, D.D.
Hymn of Dedication No. 181	
Benediction	Rev. Bernard E. Quick

Moderator Harvey M. Luce

Clerk Harold Detweiler "

"The Commission appointed by Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America for the purpose of proceeding with the trials, examination and ordination of Bernard E. Quick and to hear the specimen of progress from Herbert Schreiner met at the Oakland Avenue Church at 7:30 P.M. on July 20th, 1952. Present were:

Ministers: H.M. Luce (Moderator), H.D. McCalmont, E. W. Dunn  
 Elders: Ward Lyons, James H. Hicks, Glen Stewart, Harold Detweiler  
 Absent: Rev. W. W. Miller

Meeting with the Commission was Herbert Schreiner, student  
 Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Before the Commission at the regular Evening Worship of the Oakland Avenue Church the student, Herbert Schreiner, preached from Acts 26: 19-32.

Members of the Commission offered comments and criticism.

E. W. Dunn moved that the Commission approve the specimen of progress submitted, and that the Commission recommend Herbert Schreiner for continuance of his work at the Seminary. Glen Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commission adjourned, closing with prayer by Dr. McCalmont."

Moderator Harvey M. Luce

Clerk Harold Detweiler "

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in ~~June~~ <sup>July</sup>, 1952 consisting of Willard Wylie, V. A. Barnes, Elders; Quaife and Smallman to act for Presbytery in all matters pertaining to Presbytery's approval and actions between First Church and the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. were read and revised and adopted as revised and are as follows:

"Report of Commission for First Church

Commission met, following Presbytery meeting on July 10. Members present: Willard Wylie, V. A. Barnes, Ralph Smallman and Don Quaife. After prayer by Moderator Wylie, V. A. Barnes was elected secretary. Commission adjourned with prayer by Barnes.

Sept. 20, at Southfield Church, Commission met, with members Wylie, Smallman and Barnes present. Following prayer by Barnes, Moderator Wylie stated that no information being available from First Church about the transaction the Commission has no further business at this time.. A motion by Smallman supported by Barnes, to adjourn the Commission, was carried.  
Dr. Wylie closed the meeting with prayer."

V. A. Barnes

The Moderator appointed the following persons as a Commission:

Willard Wylie, Moderator, V. A. Barnes

Elders Quaife and Smallman to act for Presbytery in all matters pertaining to Presbytery approval and actions between First Church and the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

At this point papers were presented and the following churches presented notations confirming elders ordained and installed:

Calvin: Alan Stevens ordained and installed Feb. 17, 1952; Philip Eckman deceased, July 18, 1952.

Wayne: James Evans & Harvey Gehring ordained & installed July 13, 1952.

The Financial Agent presented mimeographed copies of all his receipts for the nine month period through September 30th. Copies of the report are on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point, Dr. A. S. Creswell asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting and also asked for excuse from the February meeting. Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant this request. Motion carried.

Committee appointed by Presbytery at the June meeting consisting of the Committee of Missions and the Clerk to work out the procedure for applications to the American Board reported that there seemd to be nothing the Committee could do but carry through on estimated figures for this year leaving financial settlement to the American Board.

The Clerk read the nominations of ministeral delegates to the 1953 General Assembly and the congregations eligible to send elder delegates.

" Oct. 14, 1952

Presbytery of Detroit,

Nominations by the clerk for the principals, alternates and congregations eligible to send elder delegates to the 1953 General Assembly:

Ministers: Principals: A.S. Creswell  
S. C. Weir  
Alternates: W. J. Teeuwissen  
D. L. McBride

Congregations:  
Principals: Military Avenue  
Auburn Heights  
Alternates: Oakland Ave.  
Outer Drive

Herbert L. Downie, Clerk"

It was suggested that since our roll of Presbytery now contained 18 ministers, we might be entitled to another delegate by the minister and elder to this General Assembly.

It was suggested that the Clerk check on this matter.

The report of the Committee on the prayer retreat by Mr. William Warren was read by the Clerk and is on file with the Clerk with the financial statement involved. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the report and the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Dr. Ramsey. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the balance of \$43.95, from the prayer retreat, be placed in the Home Missions fund of the Presbytery. Motion carried.

The report of the Committee on Social Service, H. D. McCalmont, Chairman, was read and is on file with the Clerk. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted

and notations of its various services be sent to the pastor of the Presbytery. The motion carries.

The Committee on the Detroit Council of Churches, W. Wylie, Chairman, presented the following report: October 14, 1952

"To Detroit Presbytery:

Your Committee on the Detroit Council of Churches recommended the appointment of the following as our denominational representatives on the various boards of the Council for the year beginning January 1, 1953.

- General Board - E. W. Dunn
- Business Affairs - S. C. Weir
- Church Music - H. M. Luce
- Comity - E. W. Dunn, F. J. Irvine
- Evangelism - H. L. Downie
- Social Service - H. D. McCalmont
- Religious Education - Doris Hill
- Public Affairs - W. Wylie

Respectfully submitted

Willard Wylie  
Harvey M. Luce "

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

The report of the committee on Christian Education was read and adopted and is as follows:

"Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee of Christian Education wishes to report the following proposed program for the fall and winter months:

1. Youth Activity: under the direction of the S.Y.W. H. Luce. A full program was set up at the Fall Planning Retreat held in Sept. at Youth Island and it includes the following agenda:

Fall Rally, Sun. Oct. 19 at Outer Drive Church, Rev. R. Kempes, speaker.

Spring Rally, March 7, 1953, 3 P.M. Cherry Hill Church, speaker not yet designated.

Bible Reading Contest, Sun., May 17 at 3 P.M. Royal Oak Church.

Y. P. Picnic, Sat. June 6, 2 P.M. Kensington Recreation area.

"SOC" Project Rally, Southfield Church, date to be determined.

Fall Retreat, 2nd week in September.

Executive Board Meeting, Nov. 17, Broadstreet Church, 7:30 P.M. and alternate months thereafter.

Three Commissions are established as follows: Recreation: South-end churches, Worship: North-end Churches, Service: Middle-area churches.

2. Children's Work: Miss Lois Copeland in charge.

A survey has been projected of activity and needs in this area to be followed up by specific recommendations and suggestions to the congregations.

3. Workshops.

a. Audio-visual workshop at the Southfield Church with Rev. Orville Kuhn. Oct. 28, 2 P.M.

b. For ushers and trustees, probable date Dec. 4. Specific areas to be covered "Ushering" and "Property Management as Related to Church and Parsonage" under the direction of Mr. Ralph Nicholas, lay member of the Committee.

- c. Recreation workshop, March 14, the place to be designated. Under the direction of Rev. Lester Case or Miss Wilma Minter. Calvin
- d. Possible Junior-Intermediate Workshop. Time and place to be designated for North-end churches."

The report of the Committee on Missionary Budget, relative to plans for budget promotion, was read by W. W. Miller. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted and is on file with the Clerk. Motion carried. W. W. Miller announced concerning use of film strip for the promotion work, also concerning the School of Christian Living, November 11th - 13th by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The report of this committee of Missions was read by the Chairman, E. W. Dunn and is as follows:

"REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee of Missions met in the Outer Drive Church on Monday evening October 13, 1952 at 7:30 o'clock.

Present: Elders Detweiler, Young; Ministers Irvine, Mansfield, McCann, and Dunn. Elder Lucas was absent.

Prayer was offered by the Chairman E. W. Dunn.

Delegations from First Church, Royal Oak, Wayne, and St. Mark's congregations were present and these presented applications for aid from the Board of American Missions. The delegations were heard separately and the applications were carefully considered. The committee's recommendation for Presbytery's consideration and approval is as follows:

A. That, due to the unusual situation of First Church, while considered an established congregation it is entering into a field which in a measure places it in spirit as a home missions project, we would recommend asking the Board of American Missions for a gift of \$10,000 and a loan of \$10,000.

B. That the Royal Oak congregation contribute \$2670 for salary and that Presbytery ask from the Board of American Missions the sum of \$630.

C. Wayne: \$2100 from the congregation and \$1200 from the Board.

D. St. Mark's: \$1200 from the congregation and \$2100 from the Board.

E. The Committee recommends to the Presbytery the appointment of the following men as Stated Supplies: for the calendar year of 1953: Rev. Bernard Quick at the Royal Oak Church; Rev. Virgil Barnes at the Wayne Church; Rev. Albert Cleage at St. Mark's Church.

F. That Presbytery make application to the American Board for the sum of \$2500 for the salary of our Presbyterial Missionary.

G. That we make application for salary aid and house for a S.S. to begin permanent work in the Pontiac Lake Mission about June 1.

H. That the bonds from the sale of the Erskine property, which are not in a designated fund, be transferred to the Home Missions Fund.

I. That in view of the fact that First Church will be in the category of a home missions congregation for at least a year we recommend the use of the Presbyterial Missionary in that field for a portion of time.

J. That congregations give a great deal of consideration to contributions to the Home Missions Fund. At present this fund is being drawn upon to assist in the work at the Pontiac Lake mission, which is being conducted by Richard Smith, under the direction of the Drayton Plains Church. The amount being contributed by Presbytery is \$75.00 a month. The committee feels that this work, which was carried on by student Frank Thom during the summer, merited continuation through the winter months, looking toward a permanent work in the spring. With this in mind the committee at a special meeting voted the above mentioned \$75.00. So this Home Mission Fund is not dormant. It is in use and consequently will be drained.

We would also remind Presbytery that we have a commitment to the Comity Department of \$200 for a full time director of Research and church planning. This will be a continuing project and in subsequent years our share will be greater. So a very earnest plea is made that in making up budgets concern be given to the contributions for the Home Missions Fund.

Respectfully submitted  
E. W. Dunn, S.M. "

of Feb 12, 1952



The Committee of Missions presented in detail the request for aid from the American Board of Missions:

1. First Church: a loan of \$10,000, a grant of \$10,000. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present, 31 voting, 31 yes.
2. Royal Oak: \$630. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present 31 voting, 31 yes.
3. Wayne: \$1200. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present, 31 voting, 31 yes.
4. St. Mark's: \$2100. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present, 31 voting, 31 yes.
5. Presbyterial Missionary: \$2500. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present, 31 voting, 31 yes.
6. Pontiac Lake: Salary and manse. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 31 present, 31 voting, 31 yes.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of Mission's report as a whole be adopted. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that congregations of Presbytery be encouraged to write into their annual budgets and amount equal to 5% of the total budget for the Home Mission Fund of Presbytery. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery vote on the two overtures from General Assembly and the report on the Membership Covenant at the February meeting at 9:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The Committee on Revision, W. W. Miller, Chairman, reported as follows:

"This Committee on Revision examined the minutes of the session of the following churches of Presbytery:

Auburn Heights, Joselyn Ave., Southfield, Littlefield Blvd., First Church, Military Ave., Oakland Ave., Cherry Hill, Outer Drive, Calvin, Royal Oak, Wayne, Drayton Plains, st. Mark's.

The minutes of Broadstreet were missing. The minutes were found to be correct with the exception of the fact that in some cases the meetings were not opened or closed with prayer. These omissions have been noted in the minutes involved."

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

At this point, the Clerk brought to the attention of Presbytery, a correction on the Committee of Revision that the minutes of the St. Mark's Church had not been completed in a permanent record book. The minutes were available but not organized or completely filed. It was moved and seconded that St. Marks Church be instructed to complete all minutes in a permanent record book and submit for approval at the February meeting. Motion carried.

At this point, the Vice Moderator took the chair. H. M. Luce then reported a request relative to Westminister Fellowship at Wayne University, reporting that there were 67 United Presbyterian students at Wayne, telling something of the work of the Westminister Fellowship. Since there seemed to be insufficient information and some question, it was moved and seconded that the secretary of young people's work represent our Presbytery to that group and bring in a more adequate report at the February meeting. Motion carried. The Moderator then resumed the chair.

C. J. Gansheimer expressed appreciation to the Drayton Plains Church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining the Presbytery. Moved and seconded to accept the invitation of the Joselyn Ave. Church for the February meeting. Motion carried.

The following announcement were made:

Presbytery Youth Rally, October 19th at Outer Drive Church; Reformation Festival, October 26h, Masonic Temple; 25th Anniversary of Broadstreet Church, December 14, 15, & 16th.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. R. W. Mansfield.

.....*Harvey M. Luce*.....Moderator  
 (Harvey M. Luce)  
 .....*Herbert L. Downie*.....Clerk

February 10, 1953

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Joselyn Avenue church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harvey M. Luce at 7:00 P.M. The Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
	Oakland Avenue	William MacGillivray
R. W. Mansfield		
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Harry Lutey
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	William Ferris
H. F. MacAllister	Joselyn	Clinton Passage
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Bernard McCall
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Ray Isanhart
	Wayne	Emil Anderson
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Allen Stevens
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	Albert Forrestor
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	Elmer Boodway
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Walter Veighey
W. W. Miller	Military	Seward Gould
H. D. McCalmont	First	Dale Haribson
A. B. Cleage, Jr.	St. Mark's	Henry Marsh
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	
B. E. Quick	Royal Oak	Lomb Morrison
D. L. McBride		

Immediately following the roll call the moderator of Presbytery's Commission, Dr. W. Wylie asked that two additional elders might be added to the commission since the previous ones were not there. The Moderator appointed elders McCall and Veighey.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of these elders be confirmed. Motion carried.

The clerk read the Minutes of the October meeting. Moved and seconded that the Minutes as corrected, be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator reported on his activities in the interim, between the meetings of Presbytery, and these are on file with the clerk. He also welcomed Mr. Hubert Stewart who is temporarily supplying Oakland Avenue church.

The clerk also gave a report concerning his activities and request for excuse of Andrew Creswell from this meeting. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the two reports be approved. Motion carried.

The following congregations reported concerning elders elected, ordained and installed:

Ordained and installed Nov. 9, 1952 at Littlefield Blvd. Murray F. Osborn, R. O. Prouse, Walter W. Jud and George A. Belding. The following were installed the same date: Lloyd Shoemaker, James B. Johnson, R. Vard Martin.

Ordained and installed Dec. 7, 1952 at Outer Drive, Herbert H. Neely, Willard H. Parsons, William Berridge, Jr., and T. Eugene Jensen.

Ordained and installed Feb. 8, 1953 at Auburn Heights, Gordon Hamilton.

Ordained and installed Nov. 9, 1952 at Broadstreet, Albert C. Forster.

Ordained and installed Feb. 8, 1953 at Joslyn Avenue, Robert Nelson.

Installed Jan. 25, 1953 at Wayne, Donald L. Paxton.

Ordained and installed Feb. 8, 1953 at Cherry Hill, William M. Hardin, Clifford T. Honess, Charles T. Langley. Installed Feb. 8, 1953, Francis V.

Baad, Hagbard J. Berg, W. Frank Davis, Fred R. Johnson, Jonathan Parsons, Anthony J. Sargenti, Ralph H. Smallman, C. Kenneth Warren, Earl B. Young, Jr.

The Presbytery then turned to consideration of the By-laws that have been operative for one year. The following changes were proposed: Article II Section I, Moved and seconded that the meetings of Presbytery be the second Tuesday of February and third Tuesday of June and October.

An amendment to this motion was proposed and seconded that the "stated meetings be the third Tuesday of February, June and October." The amendment was carried and the motion as amended was carried.

Article IV section III-A: Moved and seconded that the sentence "this committee also shall audit the books of the Superintendent of Missions" be stricken from the By-laws. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that section IV-C of Article IV have added to it "and Christian Education," also the phrase "where applicable." Motion carried.

Article V section V: Moved and seconded that this complete section be stricken from the By-laws. Motion carried.

Article VI section II: Moved and seconded that expense accounts might be made at any regular meetings." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the By-laws as amended become the By-laws of our Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the amended By-laws be mimeographed and distributed to the various congregations and pastors and that we operate with these for one year before final printing. Motion carried.

The question regarding the minutes of St. Mark's church and the review of the minutes was brought to the attention of Presbytery as per the motion of October 1952. It was reported by the pastor of St. Mark's that the minutes were not completed.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant authority to the clerk to review and approve these minutes when they have been submitted to him. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator requested the Vice Moderator W. W. Miller, to take the chair.

The Vice Moderator called on Rev. H. M. Luce, secretary of Young People's Work for a report of Westminster Fellowship at Wayne University. Mr. Luce gave quite a lengthy discussion on the work, problems and methods of Westminster Fellowship, stating it was quite a possibility that the Evangelical and Reformed and the Reformed Church of America would join in this cooperative effort on the Wayne campus. Moved and seconded that Mr. Luce serve on the Advisory Committee of Westminster Fellowship at Wayne for our Presbytery for one year, and that a grant of \$100.00 from our Presbytery be given for the support of this work. Motion carried.

The Moderator, Rev. H. M. Luce resumed the chair.

At this point the minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in October 1952, consisting of Dr. W. Wylie, moderator, Rev. V. A. Barnes, D. Quaife, R. Smallman, plus the addition of Elders B. McCall, W. Veighey, to deal with all matters pertaining to Presbytery's approval and actions between the First church and the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Oct. 14, 1952 Drayton Plains

The Commission appointed relative to First Ch. matters (Wylie, Barnes, Quaife, and Dr. McCalmont as a consultant member) met at the close of Presbytery. Dr. Wylie led in prayer, Barnes was elected clerk, and commission adjourned with prayer by Barnes to meet at the call of the Moderator.

S/ V. A. Barnes, Clerk"

"November 10, 1952

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to act in all matters pertaining to the re-location of the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit met at the call of the Moderator at 8:00 P.M. on the above date at the Cherry Hill Church, Dearborn, Mich. Members present were Willard Wylie, Minister: R. H. Smallman and Donald Quaife, Elders. Dr. Howard D. McCalmont, pastor of the First Church was present as a consultative member. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Moderator. In the absence of the clerk, V. A. Barnes, Donald Quaife was appointed clerk pro tem. Dr. Wylie reviewed the background leading up to the meeting. Dr. McCalmont reported that the attorney for First Church felt that the deed for the property in question was in conformity

"with the required Trust Clause required by the Board of American Missions. General discussion followed concerning the form of the deed and the expected trust clause. Donald Quaife was requested to contact the attorney for the First Church for clarification of the problems involved in the papers. It was further agreed that the papers in question be submitted to the Board of American Missions for their study and approval. The commission adjourned with prayer by Elder R. H. Smallman. The Commission to re-convene at the call of the Moderator.

Donald L. Quaife, Clerk pro tem."

"February 10, 1953

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to act in all matters pertaining to the re-location of the First United Presbyterian Church of Detroit re-convened at the call of the Moderator on Feb. 10, at 8:00 P.M. in the Joslyn Ave. Church, Pontiac, Mich.

Members present: Wylie and Barnes. In absence of Quaife and Smallman, Moderator Luce appointed Walter D. Veighey of Southfield and Bernard L. McCall of Cherry Hill to act in their places.

The meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Wylie.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Donald Quaife had reported to the Moderator that after conversation with the attorney of the Presbyterian Presby. of Detroit it was thought best to refer the matter to Bd. of Am. Miss. for their approval.

Dr. McCalmont reported that he had forwarded the copies of the deeds and the Agreement adopted by the Presbyterian U.S.A. Presbytery of Detroit and the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit at the special meetings held by these Presbyteries at Fort Street Presbyterian Church on July 10, 1952. He also reported that these papers were accepted by the Board of American Missions on the advice of their attorney as being in keeping with the requirements of the Board and the Trustees of the General Assembly. On the basis of this approval the Commission recommends that Presbytery give final approval to the following papers which are submitted with these minutes:

1. A photostatic copy of the deed transferring the property involved from The Presbyterian Home of Detroit, Inc., to the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit.
  2. A photostatic copy of the deed transferring the property involved from the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit to the First United Presbyterian Congregation of Detroit.
  3. A typed copy of agreement adopted by both Presbyteries at their meetings on July 10, 1952 at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church.
- The Commission further recommends approval of the removal of the First United Presbyterian Church from 4100 Grand River to 25360 W. Six Mile, Detroit 19, Mich.

With this approval goes the best wishes and earnest prayers of the Presbytery for a successful ministry in this field. We also wish to express our congratulations on the rapid progress being made in the erection of their House of Worship.

The Commission adjourned with prayer by Barnes.

S/ V. A. Barnes, Clerk."

Photostatic copies of the deed transferring the property from the Presbyterian Home of Detroit to the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension and photostatic copy of the deed transferring the property from the Presbyterian Board of Extension to the First United Presbyterian Church, and copy of the agreement adopted by both Presbyteries July 10, 1952 are on file with the clerk.

The Clerk presented his annual report of congregational statistics in mimeographed form which is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

The annual report of the Financial Agent was presented in mimeograph form and is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the following bills be approved for payment:

Financial Agent's expense	\$9.59
Bond for Financial Agent	5.00
Michigan Council of Churches	100.00
Lois Copeland for Young People's expense	5.00
Rev. H. M. Luce for flowers	15.00
Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. for Christian Education expense	10.00
Audit of books of Financial Agent	15.00

Motion carried.

The annual Audit of the books of the Financial Agent was read and is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the audit, as given, be accepted. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to read nominations of Commissioners to the 1953 General Assembly. The following nominations were offered:

Ministerial Principals	Ministerial Alternates
Rev. A. S. Creswell	Rev. D. L. McBride
Rev. S. C. Weir	Rev. J. H. McCann
Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Rev. R. W. Mansfield

Elder nominees from: Military Avenue, Herl Kuykendal, principal, Seward Gould, alternate: Auburn Heights, Gordon Hamilton, principal, Henry Rose, alternate: Oakland Avenue, William MacGillivray, principal, Alex McAllister, alternate.

Moved and seconded that these nominees be our elected commissioners to the 1953 General Assembly. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator turned to the discussion of the Overtures from General Assembly.

Overture No. 1, copies of which had been distributed to the Presbytery, was read by the clerk. Moved and seconded that the Overture be approved. Following lengthy discussion and questions and referral to the Book of Government, the clerk called the roll. 31 present, 30 No, 1 not voting. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the Presbytery of Detroit memorialize the 1953 General Assembly to re-study the questions presented in Overture No. 1, in the light of the various sections of the Book of Government and present a plan more in keeping with the Presbyterian form of government. Motion carried.

The Clerk read Overture No. 2 concerning the matter that Trustees of a congregation should be members in full communion of the church, except by permission of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the Overture be approved. The clerk called the roll, 31 present, 31 Yes, Overture approved.

The proposed Membership Covenant, as submitted by General Assembly for study and report, came for next discussion. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the proposed Covenant. An amendment to the motion was proposed and seconded that a voice vote on each individual point following discussion be taken, and then a vote finally on the Covenant as a whole by roll call of the clerk. Amendment carried.

Proceeded to point one. Moved and seconded that point one of the Covenant be amended that in place of "the infallible and supreme rule of faith and practice" the following change "the only infallible rule of faith and practice." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that point two of the Covenant be approved as stated. Motion carried.

Point three, Moved and seconded to approve as written. Motion to amend point three with the addition of "confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God" and this would be inserted to read as follows: "Do you confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God and your need of salvation against same?" The amendment was carried. The motion as amended was carried.

Moved and seconded that point four as written be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that point five as written be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that point six as written be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that point seven as written be approved. Motion carried.

The original motion as amended called for the question. The clerk called the roll, 30 present, 30 voting, 30 Yes, and the Covenant, as amended was approved.

At this point the Committee on Nominations submitted the following names as our nominations to the General Assembly.

Financial Agent, Rev. Willard Wylie; Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Ernest W. Dunn; Chairman of Christian Education, Rev. H. M. Luce.

Moved and seconded that these nominations be confirmed to the General Assembly. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn, chairman, reported through J. H. McCann the following report.

"The Committee of Missions wishes to report that its activity since last meeting of Presbytery has centered in matters dealing with St. Mark's congregation.

In a new work which has developed rapidly some problems have arisen which have called for the attention of the Committee of Missions. On November 11, a group from St. Mark's church appeared before the Committee to present certain conditions which they thought were not in the best interests of the congregation. After these matters were presented the committee felt that it should meet with the Pastor and session of St. Mark's in an effort to clear the air in respect to this whole situation. A meeting was called on December 1, 1952 at Broadstreet church. All members but one of the Committee and the Pastor and entire Session of St. Mark's were present.

After a very careful consideration the Committee voted to support the Session with the hope that it would fulfill its obligations as a Session in the spirit of "Forbearance in Love."

Developments since that time indicate the desirability of further discussion of the local situation and since the General Secretary of the Board of American Missions has expressed concern he has asked for a meeting with a responsible group of Presbytery. The committee suggests that a commission be appointed to represent Presbytery in this conference.

Chairman, Ernie Dunn  
J. N. M."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education presented its report through the chairman, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget presented its report through the chairman, Rev. W. W. Miller, in mimeograph form. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point a request came that Presbytery might release Rev. Virgil A. Barnes from his duties as stated supply of the Wayne congregation. Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant the release to Mr. Barnes. The Moderator then called Mr. Barnes and read to him a Call from the Slippery Rock congregation in the presbytery of Butler. The Call was presented to Mr. Barnes and by him accepted. Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Detroit to the Presbytery of Butler for Rev. Virgil A. Barnes. Following some excellent tributes paid to him, the motion was carried.

Appreciation to the Joslyn church for their gracious hospitality was expressed by Rev. B. E. Quick. Moved and seconded that the June meeting of presbytery be at First church. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the clerk be authorized to issue a certificate of transfer for Dr. R. W. Mansfield as, if and when he so desires.

Words of tribute were spoken for his excellent years of service in this presbytery and synod. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Missions, with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, Rev. J. H. McCann as temporary moderator, to meet following this meeting of presbytery for organization as a commission to meet with a representative of the American Board of Missions and to act in all matters regarding the St. Mark's congregation.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of this commission be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this meeting of Presbytery be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction by Rev. Virgil A. Barnes.

*Harvey M. Luce* Moderator <sup>Luce</sup>  
*Herbert Downie* Clerk

June 22, 1953

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Broadstreet Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. H. M. Luce, at 4:37 P. M. The Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
A. S. Creswell	Oakland Avenue	Orville Robb
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Ralph Osborn
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	W. P. Ferris
H. F. MacAllister	Joselyn	Denziel Loughheed
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Wm. Hardin
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Gordon Hamilton-A
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Ervin Derry
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	P. Soule
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	V. Greene
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Alex Goodall
W. W. Miller	Military	Ivan Hamel
H. D. McCalmont	First	Clyde Williams
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	
B. E. Quick	Royal Oak	
J. M. Rock	Wayne	Harvey Gehringer
	St. Mark's	Richard Cleage

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes, as read, be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. Wilson Moore of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. be granted the privilege of the floor of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Dr. Brice, temporary minister at St. Marks, be granted the privilege of the floor of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. John M. Rock be granted the courtesy of the floor of Presbytery. It was further moved that Mr. John M. Rock be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery on receipt of his transfer from the Presbytery of Cleveland. Motion carried.

Rev. Wilson Moore made request that his membership be transferred from the Presbyterian Church in U.S. to Detroit Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that this matter be placed in the hands of a committee appointed by the Moderator, this committee to report at the evening session. The committee consisted of Dr. Samuel C. Weir, Dr. Howard D. McCalmont, Mr. Ervin Derry. *Motion Carried.*

The Moderator then reported concerning his activities in the interim between the meetings of Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the Moderator's changing of the date and time of presbytery meeting. *Motion carried.*

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the appointment of Dr. Willard Wylie as an additional member to the commission dealing with St. Mark's church. *Motion carried.*

Moved and seconded that the Presbytery approve the permission given the Presbytery of Cleveland for the ordination of John Rock. *Motion carried.*

Moved and seconded that Presbytery concur in the planning of a presbytery-wide missionary meeting October 2, 1953, to be addressed by Dr. Glenn Reed, meeting to be at Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church. *Motion carried.*

Other items of the moderator's report are on file with the clerk.

The Clerk then gave a report of the carrying out of his duties in the interim between meetings of Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that both the Moderator's and the Clerk's reports be approved. *Motion carried.* Both reports are on file with the clerk.

Expense accounts for various officers of presbytery and delegates to the 1953 General Assembly were presented and referred to the Finance and Audit Committee.

The following elders were recorded as being elected, ordained and installed in the various churches:

Calvin Church, Mr. Harold Dingel      January 1953

Military Ave. Church, Mr. Ivan R. Hamel, Mr. John B. Kuhnle, Jr., Feb. 22, 1953

The Moderator, H. M. Luce then expressed appropriate words conveying not only recognition of the high honor conferred upon Dr. Samuel C. Weir, but also extending our congratulations and pledge of support to him during this year.

Dr. Weir graciously responded in a few words to the presbytery.

Because of lack of time, the question arose concerning the hearing of both candidates for licensure.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery proceed to hear the trial for licensure of David McCalmont and then recess for dinner. *Motion carried.*

David McCalmont then gave testimony of his conviction of faith and call to the gospel ministry and preached a sermon from Luke 5:37-42. Following the sermon it was Moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain him in his trials for licensure and proceed to license David McCalmont ~~for licensure~~ <sup>as probationer</sup> under the care of Presbytery. Various helpful comments were offered by members of presbytery. The roll was called by the clerk, 23 present and 23 <sup>yes</sup> voting to sustain. *Motion carried.*

At this point the Moderator declared that Presbytery should stand in recess until 7 P.M. Rev. E. W. Dunn led in prayer.

Presbytery reconvened at 7 P.M. and was led in prayer by Rev. C. J. Gensheimer.

The Committee on Students presented Herbert Schreiner in his trial for licensure. Mr. Schreiner also gave testimony of his conviction of faith and call to the gospel ministry and preached a sermon from Colossians 2:6-8.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain Herbert Schreiner in his trials for licensure and that the presbytery proceed to license him as a probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit. Following favorable comments by many of the members the clerk called the roll: 29 voting, 29 yes to sustain. *Motion carried.*

Moderator Harvey M. Luce then proposed the questions for licensure first to David McCalmont then to Herbert Schreiner and upon their affirmation, made declaration of their licensure under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit. Appropriate words were then expressed by the moderator to the two students who had just been licensed.

The question of certificates of licensure was brought to the attention of Presbytery. The clerk informed the moderator and presbytery he had always, in his term of office, given such certificate to each men licensed by the presbytery.



However, there were no printed certificates of licensure.

Moved and seconded that the clerk have printed appropriate certificates of licensure to be given to any of our students as they are licensed. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students further presented its annual report concerning the status of all the men under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried. The report is on file with the clerk.

A question arose concerning one man, Peter Peterson of Outer Drive church whose name did not appear in the report. The committee was instructed to contact Peter Peterson and report at the next meeting of presbytery.

The Moderator called for the election of a new moderator. The name of Rev. Wade W. Miller was presented.

Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Wade W. Miller. The clerk cast the ballot.

The name of Dr. Howard D. McCalmont was offered as vice moderator.

Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Howard D. McCalmont. The clerk cast the ballot.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1953, consisting of the Committee of Missions with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, to act on all matters regarding the St. Marks church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Minutes of Commission dealing with St. Mark's Church, 1953"

"Joslyn Avenue United Presbyterian Church  
February 10, 1953"

"The Committee of Missions, named by Presbytery as a Commission to meet with the Secretary of the Board of American Missions and to have oversight of the St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church in matters pertaining to the welfare of the congregation, met as directed by Presbytery at the close of the evening meeting of Presbytery, and was constituted by Harvey McCann, presiding in the place of the Moderator appointed by Presbytery, Ernest Dunn. Upon motion by Frank Irvine, Harvey McCann was named as the Clerk of the Commission.

The Commission, by unanimous agreement, is asking the Moderator of Presbytery to name an additional member to serve upon the Commission, in view of the early removal of Dr. Mansfield from the Presbytery, and also requests the Moderator of Presbytery to attend its meetings. (Note - Mod. appointed Wylie to serve on this commission).

Upon motion by Dr. Mansfield, seconded by Frank Irvine, the commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Ralph Mansfield led in prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"March 2, 1953"

"The Commission named by Presbytery on February 10, 1953 to meet with the Secretary of the Board of American Missions and to have oversight of the St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church in matters pertaining to the welfare of the congregation met at the call of the Moderator in the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church on March 2nd at 3:30 P.M.

Present were, Ministers Ernest Dunn, Ralph Mansfield, Frank Irvine, Willard Wylie, Harvey McCann; elders, Lucas, Detweiler, Young. Also present were Dr. A. K. Stewart of the Board of American Missions, and Rev. Harvey Luce, Moderator of Presbytery.

Ralph Mansfield led in prayer.

The Moderator reviewed the history of the St. Mark's congregation and the difficulties and dissensions that have arisen.

Dr. Stewart spoke of the relations of Rev. Albert Cleage with the Board as unsatisfactory.

The matter of the advisability of continuing the Rev. Albert Cleage as Stated Supply at St. Mark's was discussed at length, and it was the expressed opinion

"of the members present that it would be wise that his relationship with the work there should be concluded at an early date.

Mr. Detweiler moved that the action of Presbytery in naming Albert Cleage as Stated Supply of the St. Mark's Church for the calendar year of 1953 be rescinded. The motion was seconded by Frank Irvine and was carried unanimously.

Dr. Irvine made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas, that the appointment of the Rev. Albert Cleage be terminated at the close of the services on March 15th, 1953, and that the Board's portion of the salary and manse privileges be continued for a maximum of ninety days thereafter. Motion carried.

These minutes were read and approved.

Upon motion by Dr. Wylie the commission adjourned to meet March 10, 8:30 P.M. at the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Stewart led in the closing prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"March 10, 1953

The Commission of Presbytery, appointed to have oversight of the St. Mark's Church, met according to adjournment at the Outer Drive Church on Tuesday Evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend Frank Irvine.

Present were Moderator Dunn, Irvine, Wylie, McCann; elders, Lucas, Detweiler, Young. Also meeting with the commission was Harvey Luce, the Moderator of the Presbytery.

At the request of the commission Rev. Albert Cleage was present.

The Moderator stated to Mr. Cleage and the Commission the action of the Commission on March 2nd, - namely that the relationship of Mr. Cleage as Stated Supply of the St. Mark's Church be terminated at the close of the services on March 15th, and that the salary from the Board of American Missions be continued, and the use of the parsonage be permitted, to Mr. Cleage for a maximum of ninety days thereafter. The situation was discussed with Mr. Cleage at length.

It was agreed that the Commission meet with the session of the St. Mark's Church on Monday evening, March 16th at 8:30 o'clock at the Broadstreet church to plan for the continuation of the work of the St. Mark's Church. Upon motion by Dr. Wylie the Commission adjourned to meet March 16th. Prayer by Harvey Luce.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S. J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"Broadstreet Church

March 16, 1953

"The Commission met on Monday evening, 8:30 P.M., in the Broadstreet Church.

Present: Ministers, - Dunn, Irvine, Wylie, McCann;

Elders, - Young, Detweiler, Lucas.

Also by request of the Commission the Moderator of the Presbytery Rev. Harvey Luce was present.

Prayer was offered by Harvey McCann

The members of the Session of the St. Mark's Church had been requested to be present at this meeting to plan for the continuation of the work there. Three elders were present, - Messrs. Jones, Marsh, Stalworth.

These men reported that at the service on March 15th a plan had been presented for the congregation to withdraw membership from the St. Mark's Church and organize an independent church under the leadership of the Rev. Albert Cleage, and that a large portion of the congregation had expressed their willingness to do this.

Mr. Dunn gave a full review of the Commission's action in terminating the ministry of Mr. Cleage as Stated Supply at St. Mark's Church and the reasons for so doing.

"The elders from St. Mark's stated that they had not been correctly informed about these matters, and that the congregation had acted under these false impressions.

It was decided that the reasons for the termination of the ministry of the Stated Supply should be mimeographed and made available, to any members of the congregation interested in receiving them.

A very fine spirit was manifested by the members of the St. Mark's session who were present. These men expressed an interest in continuing the work there and gave assurance of their cooperation in that work. Plans were discussed for the services of the church, care of the building, etc.

Dr. Wylie moved that Frank Irvine be requested to confer with Mr. Henry Cleage over matters of his relationship to the church.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Lucas moved that a committee, consisting of Luce, Irvine and Young, prepare a statement for the press, if such a statement is requested.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Wylie moved that we adjourn to meet at the St. Mark's Church on March 30th at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. Motion carried.

Earl Young closed the meeting with prayer.

Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"March 30, 1953

"The Commission met at St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church on Monday Evening at eight o'clock.

Rev. Ernest Dunn led in prayer.

Present - Ministers, - Dunn, Irvine, Wylie, McCann, also the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Harvey Luce.  
Elders, Detweiler, Young

From the St. Mark's Church were the elders, - Stalworth, Jones and Marsh, and Trustee Mr. Snead.

Members of the St. Mark's Church told of conditions in the church and of the work being carried on at the present time. Mr. Marsh announced that the pulpit was occupied on March 29 by Rev. Peters from Pittsburgh, and that Rev. Clinton Marsh of the Witherspoon Church in Indianapolis and also a member of the Board of American Missions, would be present to minister to the congregation for a period of time up to ninety days if needed. Rev. Mr. Marsh's coming was the result of the request the commission made of the Board of American Missions, - this request having been made at the March 16 meeting of the commission.

Dr. Irvine moved, seconded by Dr. Wylie, that Presbytery recognize as the present session of the church, elders, Stalworth, Jones and Marsh. Motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Dr. Wylie, seconded by Dr. Irvine, that the session of the church along with Mr. Snead, be delegated by Presbytery to receive any property or records of the congregation from officers or departments in the church. Motion carried.

The Commission, upon motion, voted to give Rev. Clinton Marsh authority to act as Moderator of the Session on behalf of the Superintendent of Missions during his ministry at St. Mark's.

Minutes of the meetings of March 10, March 16 and March 30 were read and approved.

Upon motion by Dr. Wylie the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Dr. Wylie closed with prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"April 10, 1953

"The Commission met at the call of the Moderator on Friday, April 10th, at two o'clock in the study of the St. Mark's Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Dunn.

Present:- Ministers, Dunn, Irvine, Wylie, McCann and the Moderator of Presbytery, Luce. Elders present: Earl Young and Mr. Lucas.

Also present was Rev. Clinton Marsh who is supplying the church until plans for a permanent settlement can be arranged.

The situation at St. Mark's was carefully reviewed with Rev. Mr. Marsh and the needs of the church were carefully studied. Mr. Marsh explained his work as he had outlined it.

Dr. Wylie moved, seconded by Dr. Irvine, that the Commission extend a vote of thanks to the Witherspoon Church who have so generously loaned their pastor for a ministry to St. Mark's church during these weeks.

Motion carried.

Minutes of meetings of the Commission were read and approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Lucas the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Frank Irvine closed with prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The Clerk then read a letter from the Rev. Albert B. Cleage, Jr., dated March 23, 1953 and also a letter dated May 19, 1953 in which Rev. Mr. Cleage, Jr., requested that his name be removed from the roll of Detroit Presbytery and that of the United Presbyterian Church, effective March 16, 1953. Both these letters are on file with the clerk.

After some lengthy discussion to the request, it was Moved and seconded that in response to the request of the Rev. Albert B. Cleage, Jr., for termination of his status as a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and in light of the conduct of the Rev. Mr. Albert B. Cleage, Jr., subsequent to the termination of his service as Stated Supply of St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church, we remove his name from the roll of the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. After further lengthy discussion and report from the Commission members who had handled the St. Mark's situation, the motion was carried.

It was Moved and seconded that the Clerk notify Rev. Mr. Cleage by return registered mail of the action of the Presbytery of Detroit in removing him from the roll of Presbytery.

In response to question raised by Elder Marsh of the St. Mark's Church, it was Moved and seconded that the clerk supply a certified copy to the Session of St. Mark's Church of the Minutes of the commission that handled the St. Mark's situation and the removal of the Rev. Mr. Cleage, Jr., as Stated Supply of St. Mark's Church. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for the report of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, Dr. Samuel C. Weir, Dr. A. S. Creswell, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and elders Gordon Hamilton and Alex MacAllister. A written report was read by Rev. Wade W. Miller from Elder Kuykendal of the Military Avenue Church.

The Superintendent of Missions, E. W. Dunn, presented his annual report from July 1, 1952 to June 1953, of his services and activities for the year. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator presented the fact that he had appointed Elder Richard Cleage and Rev. B. E. Quick as additional members of the Finance and Audit Committee. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointments be confirmed. Motion carried. The Finance and Audit Committee, Rev. H. F. MacAllister, chairman, presented its report and is as follows:

"June 22, 1953

To the Members of Detroit Presbytery:  
Brethern:

Your Committee on Finance have received and examined the expense accounts of the following Commissioners to the meeting of the General Assembly,

"June 10-15, 1953:

1. A.S. Creswell	\$26.75	
2. S. C. Weir	27.50	
3. W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	27.25	
4. Alex MacAllister	26.75	
5. Herl Kuykendal		
6. Gordon Hamilton	26.75	135.00

We recommend the payment of the same.

We recommend the payment of the expense account of Commissioner Kuykendal when filed with the clerk.

The following expense accounts of officers and committees of Presbytery are also approved and payment recommended.

1. Lois Copeland	\$ 1.65	
2. Ernest Dunn	22.50	
3. Harvey Luce	2.46	26.61

In view of the increase in the number of commissioners attending the General Assembly we recommend that the assessment for Presbytery's Fund be set at 12¢ per member on the basis of the membership reported Dec. 31, 1952. The A & D assessment for this year was made 20¢ per member. The S & S assessment has not been determined as yet.

We recommend that assessments levied in case of St. Mark's Church be on a membership of 100 instead of 298 reported. Presbytery to assume balance due.

Bernard E. Quick  
Richard H. Cleage  
Frank MacAllister"

Moved and seconded that the report and its recommendations be adopted.  
Motion carried.

The Financial Agent then distributed copies of the accounting of receipts and disbursements of the Financial Agent from January 1953 to June 1953 and comments in relation to the same. The report is on file with the clerk.

The Nominating Committee, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., chairman, made its report which is as follows:

"Committee of Missions:

E.W. Dunn	W. Wylie	H. Detweiler
F.J. Irvine		E. Young, Jr.
J.H. McCann		L. Lucas

Committee on Evangelism:

H.L. Downie	J.H. McCann	Geo. Cunningham	Herl Kuykendal
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On Students:

H.D. McCalmont	F.J. Irvine	Wm. P. Ferris	E.W. Dunn
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Christian Education:

Harvey Luce CCE & SAW	Lois Copeland SCW
John Rock SAV	Chas. Gensheimer SYW

Pensions:

A.S. Creswell	Ervin Derry
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Missionary Budget:

B. Quick	W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Eldon Powley
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Social Service:

H.D. McCalmont	J.H. Bevis	John Anderson
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Council of Churches:

Willard Wylie	H.M. Luce	William Warren
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Prayer Retreat:

R. Cleage	H. Luce	Chas. Gensheimer	G. Hamilton
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Board of Trustees:

Donald Quaife	H. Marsh	Clarence Oak
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Clerk: H. L. Downie

Submitted by

S/ W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

S/ J.H. McCann "

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as our standing committees of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Question was proposed relative to Elder Glenn Stewart as to his former request to be relieved of that duty. The Moderator appointed William P. Ferris as the elder on the Committee of Students.

The committee, appointed by the Moderator, to report concerning the request of transfer of Rev. Wilson Moore, reported and is as follows:

"Concerning the request of Rev. Wilson W. Moore of Kanawha Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S. to be received as a member of Detroit presbytery, your committee has talked at length with Mr. Moore and presents the following recommendation: that Detroit presbytery appoint a commission to inquire concerning his credentials and past service in the Presbyterian Church U.S., with power to receive his transfer if his credentials are in order and his record of service is approved by Kanawha Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the report as presented be adopted and its recommendations carried out. Motion carried.

The question arose relative to the receiving of the transfer of Rev. Mark Caldwell and a possible ~~installation~~ <sup>induction</sup> service for him as an assistant at Littlefield Blvd. church.

Moved and seconded that the commission which would be appointed to handle the investigation concerning Rev. Wilson Moore also handle the matter of Rev. Mark Caldwell. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Broadstreet church for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining presbytery.

On invitation from First church it was moved that we accept their invitation to the October meeting. Motion carried.

Announcement was made concerning appointment of Richard Smith, a member of Drayton Plains church to short term service in the South Sudan.

The Moderator appointed a commission consisting of the Committee of Missions with Rev. E. W. Dum as moderator, to meet for organization at the close of this meeting of presbytery to deal with all matters in relation to the St. Mark's church.

The Moderator appointed a commission consisting of Rev. S. C. Weir, moderator, Rev. H.D. McCalmont, Rev. W. W. Miller, Elders Irvine Derry and William Hardin, to meet at the close of this meeting for organization to inquire concerning the credentials and past service of Rev. Wilson Moore, empowered to receive his transfer if his credentials are in order and his record of service approved and also with power to receive transfer of Rev. Mark Caldwell and arrange an ~~installation~~ <sup>induction</sup> service for him at Littlefield Blvd. church. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the appointment of these commissions. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator called for and inducted the Moderator-elect, Rev. W.W. Miller, into the office of moderatorship.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting of Presbytery closed with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. W. W. Miller.

*Henry M. Lucas* . . . . . Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* . . . . . Clerk

September 8, 1953

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Outer Drive Church on the above date at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. W. W. Miller who led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	R. Osborn
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	J. A. Valentine
H. F. MacAllister	Joselyn Ave.	D. Lougheed
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	F. Angline
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	A. Forster
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	
H. M. Luce	Southfield	
W. W. Miller	Military	
H. D. McCalmont	First	C. Williams
C. J. Gensheimer	(Assistant, Cherry Hill)	
B. E. Quick	Royal Oak	L. Morrison
J. M. Rock	Wayne	D. Paxton

The clerk reported a quorum present for the transaction of the special meeting.

The statement of purpose of this meeting is as follows:

1. To present a Call to the Rev. Mr. H. Franklin MacAllister of the Joselyn Avenue Church from the United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana and consider the request for release of the Rev. Mr. MacAllister from the pastorate of the Joselyn Avenue Church.

2. To grant the transfer of Rev. Mr. MacAllister from the Detroit Presbytery to the Presbytery of Indiana.

3. To deal with all matters pertaining to this dissolution.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk's authority in the absence of the Moderator be confirmed in calling this special meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator read the Call from the Bloomington, Indiana church for the Rev. Mr. MacAllister in the amount of \$3200. salary, plus expenses, plus 11% in pension payment and moving expenses; parsonage and one month vacation. The Call was presented to Rev. Mr. MacAllister and by him accepted.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Mr. MacAllister and the Joselyn Avenue congregation. The session of the Joselyn Avenue Church was represented and confirmed that the congregation had acquiesced to release Rev. Mr. MacAllister. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Elder Harold Brown, clerk of Joselyn Avenue Session be authorized to declare the pulpit vacant on September 13, 1953 at the Worship Service. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint Eugene Hoisington as correspondent for the congregation. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The special meeting of Presbytery was closed with prayer and the Benediction by the Rev. H. Franklin MacAllister.

.. W. Wade Miller .. Moderator

Herbert L. Downie .. Clerk

Note: An informal discussion followed this special meeting at which Rev. E. W. Dunn and Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. presented the matter of the purchase of a parsonage for the new work at Pontiac Lake. The request was for an informal vote of approval subject to formal approval at the October meeting of Presbytery. This action was necessitated that the Board of American Missions might act upon the request for assistance. The Presbytery voted informally in favor of this proposal.

Approved by Synod  
Sept. 22, 1953  
E. W. Webb - Clerk

October 20, 1953

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the First church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wade W. Miller at 7:17 p.m. The Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
A. S. Creswell	Oakland Avenue	E. F. Powley
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	W. F. Klein
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	W. E. Losie
F. J. Irvine	Joselyn Avenue	E. H. Hoisington
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	W. L. Mitchell
E. W. Dunn	Auburn Heights	Henry Rose
W. Wylie	Calvin	J. L. Smith
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Broadstreet	J. W. Williams
H. M. Luce	Drayton Plains	Jerald Rustem
W. W. Miller	Southfield	H. J. Moore
H. D. McCalmont	Military	Jay Kuhnle
C. J. Gensheimer	First	H. A. Cook
B. E. Quick	(Asst. Cherry Hill)	E. A. Blevins
J. M. Rock	Royal Oak	Rolf Batzer
J. E. Wadsworth	Wayne	A. J. Stallworth
M. Caldwell	St. Mark's	
W. Moore	(Asst. Littlefield)	

Moved and seconded that Dr. J. I. Moore, Synodical Field Secretary be granted the courtesies of the floor: Also Rev. Wilson Moore. Motion carried.

The clerk presented the transfer of Rev. James E. Wadsworth from the Presbytery of Tennessee and Rev. Roy F. Lambert from the Presbytery of Wheeling.

Moved and seconded that these transfers be received and these ministers welcomed into the Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator then reported concerning the discharge of his duties in the interim between meetings, which primarily concerned the sending of a telegram to Senator Potter. The report is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the report be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported concerning his activities in the interim between meetings. The report is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the report be approved with commendation. Motion carried.

The minutes of the commission, appointed by Presbytery in June 1953, consisting of the Committee of Missions with Rev. E. W. Dunn as moderator, to deal with matters in relation to St. Mark's church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Broadstreet United Presbyterian Church  
June 22, 1953

The Committee of Missions, named by Presbytery as a Commission to deal with all matters concerning the St. Mark's Church, met according to appointment at the close of Presbytery meeting.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Mr. Dunn.

Present - Ministers Dunn, Wylie, Irvine, McCann;

Elders Lucas, Young. Mr. Detweiler not present.

Harvey McCann was elected as clerk of the Commission.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Prayer by Mr. Dunn.

S// Ernest H. Dunn, Moderator

S// J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The minutes of the commission appointed by Presbytery in June 1953, consisting of Dr. S. C. Weir, moderator, Rev. H. D. McCalmont, Rev. W. W. Miller, Elders Derry and Hardin, to inquire concerning the credentials and past service of Rev. Wilson Moore



and to receive his transfer, if his credentials are in order, and his record of service approved. Also to receive the certificate of transfer of Rev. Mark Caldwell and to arrange an informal induction for him as assistant pastor of Littlefield Blvd. church, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Bro<sub>ad</sub>street Church

Detroit, June 22, 1953

Moderator of Presbytery of Detroit appointed S. C. Weir, D.D. as chairman, H.D. McCalmont, D.D., W. Wade Miller, William Hardin and Ervin Derry to form a Commission with authority to study the request of Rev. Wilson Moore for transfer from Kanawha Presbytery of Pres. Church of U.S. and to approve or reject the same.

The Commission is also authorized to receive Certificate of Transfer of Mark Caldwell and arrange for suitable induction as Assistant Pastor of Littlefield Boulevard Church. Ervin Derry was elected as clerk. At 11:00 P.M. the members of the Commission were summoned and constituted a court by prayer of the Chairman.

The Chairman briefed the members on the purpose of the Commission. There being no other business, motion was made to adjourn to the call of the Moderator. Motion approved. Adjourned by prayer of W. Wade Miller.

S/ Ervin C. Derry, Clerk  
S/ Samuel C. Weir, Moderator"

"Sept. 19, 1953

Littlefield Blvd. Church

Dearborn, Mich.

At 6:30 P.M. the Chairman called the Commission to order and its members were constituted a Court by Prayer of Dr. McCalmont.

Present were Dr. S. C. Weir, Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Elder William Hardin and Elder Ervin Derry.

Rev. W. Wade Miller was absent because of duties at his own church.

A Certificate of Transfer of Rev. Mark H. Caldwell from the Steubenvill Presbytery to the Detroit Presbytery was presented by Dr. Weir.

Motion made and approved that the Certificate of Transfer be received. Dr. Weir read correspondence concerning the acceptance of a Certificate of Transfer of the Rev. Wilson W. Moore from Kanawha Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S. to the United Pres. Church of N.A., Detroit Presbytery.

It was decided that information contained in the correspondence was not sufficient and that the Commission should wait for more information that has been requested.

Motion made and approved that the Court be adjourned with the prayer of Benediction of Rev. Mark H. Caldwell as Assistant Pastor of Littlefield Blvd. Church. Prayer of induction by Dr. S. C. Weir at 7:30 P.M.

S/ Ervin C. Derry, Clerk  
S/ Samuel C. Weir, Moderator"

"October 20, 1953

First U. P. Church

Detroit, Michigan

At 4:30 P.M. the chairman, Dr. S. C. Weir, called the Commission to order and the Commission was Constituted a Court through the prayer of Dr. H. D. McCalmont.

Present were Dr. Weir, Dr. McCalmont, Rev. Wade Miller, Elder Harder and Elder Derry.

Communications concerning the transfer of Rev. Wilson W. Moore from Kanawha Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church were read by Dr. Weir and reviewed. Rev. Wilson W. Moore was received at 5:15 P.M. and interviewed by the Commission.

Motion by Elder Harder prevailed that the Certificate of Transfer of Rev. Wilson W. Moore be received from the Kanawha Presbytery of the

"Presbyterian Church U. S. and that his name be added to the Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian of N.A. subject to the signing of the Ministerial Covenant by Rev. Moore. Rev. Moore then signed the Ministerial Covenant in the presence of the Commission.

Motion to adjourn carried and prayer offered by the Moderator at 7:30.

S/ Ervin C. Derry, Clerk  
S/ Samuel C. Weir, Moderator"

At this point papers requiring referral were presented. Record of elders ordained and installed is as follows:

Wayne church, Mr. Rolf Batzer, ordained July 19, 1953

Oakland Ave. church, ordained and installed Mr. Dallas Hann, William Cadman,

Marion Brown and installation of Fred Froede July 19, 1953

All expense accounts were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee of Review, Chairman C. J. Gensheimer, W. J. Teeuwissen, A. S. Cresswell, J. E. Wadsworth, J. M. Rock and Elders Powley, Cook and Kuhnle; the Nominating Committee, F. J. Irvine, chairman, H. D. McCalmont, Elder Derry; Finance Committee, H. M. Luce, chairman, Mark Caldwell, Elder Mitchel.

It was moved and seconded that the moderator's appointments of these committees be approved. Motion carried.

The Financial Agent presented mimeograph copies of his report for the first nine months of this year. This report and a corrected copy of same is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students reported relative to Peter Peterson: also a request from Edward King to be released. The Committee made no recommendations, merely reported the fact. No action was taken by Presbytery. *(What about that?)*

Moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen to speak relative to the Seminary completion. Following Mr. Teeuwissen's excellent challenge it was moved and seconded that the report and recommendation be adopted. The recommendation was that the whole committee that served for the Seminary Relocation Fund be reactivated to serve again. The recommendation was amended that a new committee be appointed by the Moderator to carry out the Seminary Completion Fund. The amendment was carried. The report and recommendation as amended was carried.

In the absence of Elder Richard Cleage, Chairman of the Prayer Retreat, the clerk read an excellent report from Mr. Cleage, relative to the Retreat held in September.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. The report is on file with the clerk. Motion carried.

The Committee on Social Service, H. D. McCalmont Chairman, submitted a report which is in writing and on file with the clerk. This concerns primarily the proposed building of a Catholic hospital in Livonia that was seeking to enlist Protestant support, but with no Protestant voice in the governing board.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on the Detroit Council of Churches, Dr. Willard Wylie, chairman reported nominations to the Detroit Council of Churches for the ensuing year which are as follows:

"Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 20, 1953

To Detroit Presbytery:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Council of Churches submits the following Nominations to the membership of the various Departments of the Detroit Council of Churches:

Board of Directors - E. W. Dunn	Business Affairs - S. C. Weir
Church Music - Mrs. Rachel MacKay	Comity - E. W. Dunn, W. W. Miller
Evangelism - H. L. Downie	Public Affairs - Willard Wylie
Social Service - H. D. MacCalmont	Religious Education - Doris Hill

Respectfully submitted,

Committee - Willard Wylie S/

S/ Harvey M. Luce

S/ Wm. J. Warren"

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, H. M. Luce Chairman, submitted its report concerning the spring and winter program on Christian Education, which is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

The Committee on ~~Ministerial~~ <sup>Missionary</sup> Budget, B. E. Quick, Chairman, gave a report relative to budget promotion which is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Revision, C. J. Gensheimer, Chairman, presented its report which is as follows:

"Meeting of the Committee on Revision at 7:00 p.m. to review the minutes of Sessions of Detroit Presbytery. After great deliberation and a cursory reading of each Session Record, the committee, being forebearing in love, found the minutes of Sessions to be acceptable and in order.

However, your committee would admonish the following churches concerning their records: Broadstreet, in whose minutes pencil corrections have been made, and whose records did not receive the clerk's stamp of approval in October '52. Royal Oak, in whose minute for October 5, 1952 omitted prayer in reopening a meeting of Session, and omitted closing with prayer for the meetings of Nov. 4, 1952 and Nov. 6 '52. There were also pencil corrections in the Royal Oak records. Joslyn Ave., in whose records there were pencil corrections, and whose minutes were very poorly typewritten. Wayne, whose records were rather poorly written, and found lacking in neatness. There were also some minutes of Session which were unsigned.

This is not by way of correction, but merely to be noted by the St. Mark's Session: The meetings in which the Rev. Mr. Marsh and the Rev. Mr. Bryce served as moderator of Session were unsigned.

Respectfully submitted  
The Committee on Revision"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and its recommendations carried out. Motion carried.

The Clerk announced the Ministerial delegates and alternates to the 1954 General Assembly and the congregations eligible to send Elder delegates and their alternates which are as follows:

Ministerial delegates:

Principals; D. L. McBride, J. H. McCann, H. M. Luce  
Alternates; W. W. Miller, H. D. MacCalmont, E. W. Dunn

Congregations:

Principals: Outer Drive, Drayton Plains, Wayne  
Alternates: Joselyn, Southfield, Calvin

The Committee of Missions submitted its written report which is as follows:

"The Committee of Missions met on Friday evening, October 16 in the Outer Drive Church at 7:30 p.m. Present were ministers Irvine, McCann, Wylie and Dunn; and Elder Detweiler. Dr. J. I. Moore, Synodical Field Secretary was also present.

We are happy to report that at present there are no vacancies in the Presbytery. The Joslyn Avenue congregation, recently made vacant by the resignation of Rev. H. J. MacAllister, has informally called the Rev. Edmund Watkins to be pastor. He has accepted this informal call and plans to be on the field in early December, pending the receipt of the formal call and release by his Presbytery. We are most happy that a settlement for this congregation has been made so soon and we wish Joslyn Avenue continued success in the coming days.

There is also the note of rejoicing on behalf of the Royal Oak congregation who decided that it would not apply for aid this next year and thus assume self-support. We congratulate the pastor, Rev. Bernard Quick, and the officers and members of the congregation in taking this forward step. We hope that this is indicative of a future program of expanded activity.

"The St. Mark's congregation is getting its feet on solid ground again and under the leadership of Rev. James Wadsworth is looking forward to an advancing program. There is an optimism on the part of the pastor and the leaders which we feel will eventuate in definite accomplishment and justify the faith we have in this work.

The Wayne congregation, under the leadership of Rev. John Rock, is moving forward with a well rounded program of activity. A fine spirit has been manifested by the officers and congregation. Sights are being set for an expansion program in connection with the congregation's tenth anniversary in 1954. We are happy to report this encouraging work.

Finally we are proud to announce the new work of the Presbytery - the Pontiac Lake Mission. This work which has been before us on several occasions as a good possibility, is now coming into reality. A manse has been purchased and the Rev. Roy Lambert and his family plan to occupy it the last week of this month. Mr. Lambert will begin his services on Sabbath November 1. It is encouraging to see another work begin within the bounds of Detroit Presbytery. We express our gratitude to the Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, pastor of Drayton Plains, his Session and Congregation, for the beginnings of this work and for the consecrated interest and service they have given to it all along the way. We are certain that as close neighbors they will continue their sincere endeavors.

In respect to the office of Presbyterial Missionary the Committee voted to ask the American Board for only the first quarter salary. With most of our work fairly well established the committee felt it was not justified in asking the Board for the support of a full time missionary.

The congregations of St. Mark's and Wayne presented their applications for aid. These will be voted upon at Presbytery meeting.

The Committee recommends that the Commission dealing with St. Mark's congregation not be reappointed.

It further recommends that the following men be appointed Stated Supply for one year: Rev. James Wadsworth, St. Mark's, Rev. John Rock, Wayne, Rev. Roy Lambert, Pontiac Lake, Rev. Bernard Quick, Royal Oak.

Respectfully submitted  
Willard Wylie  
Frank J. Irvine  
J. Harvey McCann"  
Ernest W. Dunn"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

✓ The Committee of Missions presented the following applications for aid from the American Board of Missions:

1. St. Marks - \$2100. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request.

32 voting, 32 yes, Motion carried.

2. Wayne - \$600. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request.

32 voting, 32 yes, Motion carried.

3. Pontiac Lake - \$3300. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request.

32 voting, 32 yes, Motion carried.

4. Presbyterial Missionary - one quarter year salary. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. 32 voting, 32 yes, Motion carried.

✓ The Committee on Finance submitted its report which is as follows:

"Report of Finance Committee:

Recommend approval of the payment of the Expense Account of the SYW for the National Youth Convention in the amount of \$42.90.

Recommend payment of the following expense accounts:

E. W. Dunn, Supt. of Missions	\$16.00
Lois E. Copeland, S.C.W.	3.36
H. L. Downie, Clerk	8.48
W. W. Miller, Moderator	1.89

Recommend payment of compensation as follows:

"Financial Agent	\$75.00
Clerk	75.00
Supt. of Missions	75.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mark Caldwell  
 W. L. Mitchell  
 Harvey M. Luce, Chm."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

W. J. Teeuwissen introduced Mr. Jack Spencer from the Pontiac Lake Mission and gave a report concerning the progress of the work there and the anticipation of Roy F. Lambert being on the field by November 1st.

The matter of payment to Comity for the Detroit Council of Churches in the amount of \$200 previously approved by Presbytery, was discussed. ✓

Moved and seconded that Presbytery disburse to the Detroit Council of Churches for the Department of Planning and Research, the \$200 promised in 1952, that Presbytery authorize the Committee of Missions to order further necessary payment in 1953 from the Home Missions Fund for this project and that the Committee on Missions be made responsible for the promotion of support for the Home Missions Fund to the end that adequate funds be provided in 1954 for the Department of Planning and Research, the Pontiac Lake Mission and any other projects that may appear. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the informal action of Presbytery on September 8, 1953 relative to the purchase of a parsonage at Pontiac Lake be confirmed. Motion carried.

The suggestion was offered that an Induction Service for new men who come into our Presbytery on the status of Stated Supply, be arranged by the Committee of Missions.

Moved and seconded that this suggestion be adopted. Motion carried.

Dr. Creswell announced that Dr. Albert Kelly will be at the Oakland Avenue Church and asked if any of the ministers would like to have a luncheon with him to discuss the matter of Evangelism.

Moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Committee on Evangelism. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed the appreciation of Presbytery to the First Church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining Presbytery. Elder Willis E. Losie extended an invitation to meet in February at the Outer Drive Church.

Moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

E. W. Dunn made announcement concerning the Protestant Reformation Festival and the Billy Graham Crusade in Briggs Stadium Sunday, October 25th.

C. J. Gensheimer made announcement of a Youth Rally at Littlefield Blvd. Church November 8th.

The Moderator proposed the following committee for the Seminary Relocation Completion Fund: Ward Lyons, Chairman, Willard Wylie, and L. G. Rowley.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Moderator and to preside H. M. Luce to address the minister, J. H. McCann to address the congregation, Elder Hearld Brown to read the Edict, to meet for organization at the close of this meeting of Presbytery to receive the Certificate of Rev. Edmund Watkins and to install him as pastor of the Joslyn Avenue Church. John Watkins, father of Rev. Watkins was made an honorary member of the commission.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointment of this commission. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission consisting of the Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn, Moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization to deal with all matters in relation to the organization of the Pontiac Lake Mission as a United Presbyterian Church. Moved and seconded that the Presbytery confirm the Moderator's appointment. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting of Presbytery was closed with prayer by F. J. Irvine.

W. Wade Mills Moderator  
 Albert L. Downie Clerk

February 16, 1954

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Outer Drive Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. W. W. Miller at 7:10 P.M. The Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Elders</u>
H. L. Downie	Oakland Avenue	Gerald Schultz
F. J. Irvine	Littlefield	Melvin Auch
J. H. McCann	Outer Drive	William Berridge
E. W. Dunn	Cherry Hill	Michael Savage
W. Wylie	Auburn Heights	Ray Isanhart
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Calvin	Harold Dingel
H. M. Luce	Broadstreet	Leslie Lucas
W. W. Miller	Drayton Plains	John Baugine
H. D. McCalmont	Southfield	Earl Groves
B. E. Quick	Military Avenue	H. Kuhkendall
C. J. Gensheimer	First	John Earl
J. M. Rock	Royal Oak	Lowell Brown
M. H. Caldwell	(Asst. Cherry Hill)	Don Paxton
R. F. Lambert	Wayne	T. T. Jones
E. I. Watkins	(Asst. Littlefield)	Harold Kline
W. W. Moore	St. Mark's	
	Joslyn	

The clerk presented requests for excuse from Samuel C. Weir, James C. Wadsworth and Andrew S. Creswell.

Moved and seconded that requests be granted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the minutes of the October meeting. It was suggested that a correction of minutes, to include the revision of Article 5, Section 2 of the By-laws be included.

Moved and seconded that the minutes, as corrected, be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Dr. J. I. Moore Synodical Field Secretary and all other elders who were there as visitors or guests. Motion carried.

The Moderator made a report concerning the carrying out of his duties between Presbytery meetings.

The clerk reported on his duties between Presbytery and this is on file with the clerk.

Expense statements and audit of the Financial Agent's books were referred to the Finance committee. Elder Savage was asked to replace Elder Mitchell on the Finance committee.

The following churches presented notations of elders elected, ordained and installed in the various congregations:

Ordained and installed at the Royal Oak church, Lowell Brown and Lyle Simmons.

Installed to succeed himself at Joslyn Ave. Jan. 12, 1954, Harold Kline.

Ordained and installed at the Calvin church Dec. 6, 1953, Mr. Homer Jennings and Dr. Curtis Waldon.

Ordained and installed at Broadstreet church Nov. 8, 1953, James R. Wilson and James A. Gilmore.

Ordained and installed at Cherry Hill church Feb. 7, 1954, J. Murray Decker,

Clarence W. Kremer, Carl H. Roth, John H. Sherf. Installed Feb. 7, 1954

Earl B. Young, Jr., and installed Feb. 14, 1954, Clifford T. Honess.

Ordained and installed at Drayton Plains church, Harold McAllister, Loyal McMillin Gerald Shell, and installed, Roy Lindahl, Sr.

Outer Drive, ordained and installed Nov. 22, 1953, J. Frank Roberts, John Hintze, George Timson; installed William P. Ferris and Dr. L. Faunt Jones.

First church ordained and installed Harry A. Cook and Clyde T. Williams, Jr.

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in October 1953, consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., moderator, Harvey M. Luce, J. H. McCann and Elder Brown, to receive the certificate of transfer of Rev. Edmond I. Watkins, and install him as pastor of the Joslyn Avenue church were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed to receive the certificate of transfer of Rev. Mr. Edmond I. Watkins and install him as pastor of Joslyn Avenue Church met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery on Oct. 20, 1953 at First Church. Present were W. J. Teeuwissen; Moderator, H. M. Luce, J. H. McCann and Elder Brown.

The meeting was constituted by prayer by the Moderator. A motion was made and seconded that H. M. Luce be the Clerk. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer by J. H. McCann.

The Commission met at the call of the Moderator on Dec. 9 at the Joslyn Avenue Church. Present were W. J. Teeuwissen, Moderator, H. M. Luce, J. H. McCann, The Rev. C. J. Sutton of Wheeling Presbytery, Elder Brown, Elder John Watkins, and the Rev. Edmond I. Watkins. The meeting was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

Elder Brown reported that the Edict had been read as required.

Upon report that the transfer of Mr. Watkins from Big Spring Presbytery had been received by the Clerk of Presbytery, a motion was made that Mr. Watkins be received into Detroit Presbytery. Motion seconded and passed.

The Call from the Joslyn Avenue for the Rev. Mr. Watkins was reviewed and the provisions noted - Annual salary of \$3380. Manse furnished free to the pastor, participation in the Pension Fund and one month vacation each year. Motion was made that the call be sustained as regular. Motion seconded and passed.

The call was then presented to the Rev. Mr. Watkins and he accepted it.

Motion made and seconded that the Commission adjourn with the Benediction at the close of the Service. Passed.

The Commission then proceeded to the public Service of Installation. Moderator Teeuwissen presided, and asked the Constitutional questions, the Rev. C. J. Sutton preached, The Rev. J. H. McCann addressed the Congregation, the Rev. H. M. Luce addressed the Pastor, the Rev. Mark Caldwell led in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by the newly installed pastor.

S/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

W. J. Teeuwissen, Moderator

S/ H. M. Luce

H. M. Luce, Clerk"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery October 1953, consisting of the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator to deal with matters in relation to the Pontiac Lake mission were read, adopted and are as follows:

"First United Presbyterian Church - Detroit  
October 20, 1953

The Committee of Missions appointed by Presbytery to take care of all matters relating to the organization of the Pontiac Lake Church met at the adjournment of Presbytery with Rev. Ernest Dunn as the Moderator.

Meeting was constituted with prayer by Mr. Dunn.

Present - Ernest Dunn, Willard Wylie, Frank Irvine, Harvey McCann.

McCann was elected Clerk.

Upon motion by Willard Wylie the commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Frank Irvine closed the meeting with prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator

S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The Committee on Missions had no report to make concerning the induction service for ministers serving as Stated Supplies. It is the request of Presbytery that this be given at the June meeting.

The question in regard to the formal release of Peter Peterson and Edward King from the care of this presbytery was then noted. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery grant the release of these two young men from the care of Presbytery and that they be notified. Motion carried.

The committee on the Seminary Completion Fund presented a report which in essence consisted of reporting favorably on the continuation, by most of the churches of the presbytery, toward the final completion. In the absence of Mr. Lyons, the chairman, Dr. Wylie read the report which is on file with the clerk.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the report and continue the committee. Motion carried.

At this point the clerk read the nominations for Commissioners to the 1954 General Assembly which are as follows:

Ministerial Commissioners:

Principal: Dr. D. L. McBride, J. H. McCann, Harvey M. Luce

Alternate: Wade W. Miller, Dr. H. D. McCalmont, E. W. Dunn

Elder Commissioners:

Principal Congregations: Outer Drive

Principal Delegate: J. Frank Roberts

Alternate: Robert E. Hayes

Principal Congregation: Drayton Plains

Principal Delegate: Elmer Boardway: Alternate: Glenn Featherston

Principal Congregation: Wayne

Principal Delegate: Thomas Hicks: Alternate: Donald Paxton

Moved and seconded that these be our commissioners to the 1954 General Assembly meeting in Akron. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations for officers to be nominated to General Assembly: Financial Agent, Jerald H. Bevis (22472 Beech Street, Dearborn); Superintendent of Missions, Rev. E. W. Dunn; Chairman of Christian Education Rev. Harvey M. Luce. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these nominations to the General Assembly. Motion carried.

The Clerk then presented the annual statistical report on membership and general finances from all the congregations of presbytery. Mimeographed copies were distributed to all and the clerk made some explanation of facts and figures. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Financial Agent presented his report in mimeograph form and made explanation relative to it. This is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report and express to Dr. Wylie our deep appreciation and gratitude for his fine work as financial agent. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee, H. M. Luce as chairman, presented its report which is as follows:

"The Finance Committee met on Feb. 16 at the Outer Drive Church and makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following expense accounts and bills be approved for payment:

Ernest G. Ball for auditing service	\$15.00
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Financial Agent for supplies and postage	7.87
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Supt. of Missions for phone calls, postage and travel	14.30
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Secretary of Children's Work for postage	1.90
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2. That the amount of \$5.00 be paid to the Board of Administration for the Financial Agent's Bond.

3. That the annual contribution of \$100.00 be paid to the Michigan Council of Churches.



4. That the Presbytery pay \$100 on the travel expenses, and the registration, room and board at the Convention to the SYW for his attendance at the National Youth Fellowship Convention at Long Beach, Calif., and that this amount be made available prior to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Caldwell  
Michael Savage  
Harvey Luce, Chm."

Moved and seconded that the recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee also presented the annual audit of the Financial Agent's books. Moved and seconded that the audit be accepted and its recommendations for action by individual church treasurers be carried out. Notation of this recommendation to be sent to each church treasurer by the present financial agent, Dr. Wylie. The motion carried.

The question was then presented to Presbytery relative to the length of time necessary to keep papers and remittance sheets on file by the financial agent; also relative to other matters kept by the clerk.

Moved and seconded that other than permanent records all attached papers might be destroyed after three years by the Financial Agent, and other than permanent records all attached papers and correspondence of the Clerk might be destroyed after two years. Motion carried.

The Committee on Revision of Article 5 Section 2 of the By-laws of Presbytery, F. J. Irvine chairman, presented the following proposed revision.

"Section 2: The Elder delegates shall be elected from the Presbytery in the following manner: at the October meeting of Presbytery the clerk shall give notification to the proper number of congregations eligible to send elder delegates to the General Assembly. He shall also notify an equal number of congregations next in line of eligibility to provide alternate delegates in the event the first designated congregations are unable to provide a delegate. By January 15th of each year these eligible Congregations shall notify the Clerk of Presbytery in writing of their intent to provide an elder delegate. If an eligible congregation is unable to give assurance of its intent to provide an elder by January 15th, that congregation shall drop to the foot of the congregational listing. If a congregation notifies the clerk of intent to provide an elder delegate by January 15th and later discovers it is unable to serve in that capacity that congregation shall go to the foot of the congregational listing. The clerk shall immediately thereafter seek to secure from the next Congregation in line the assurance that they can provide an elder delegate. If that congregation is unable to give notice of their intent to provide an elder delegate by March 15th they shall be removed to the foot of the congregational listing. In the event that it is required further to seek an elder delegate after March 15th, any congregation unable to supply a delegate after that date shall not be penalized by losing its place on the roll. The Elder delegates shall be elected at the February meeting if possible, and report in person or in writing to the June meeting. All supplementary travel expense, within reason, shall be paid by the Presbytery from its funds."

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt this revised Article V Section 2 of the By-laws. Motion carried.

A request was presented that Mr. Herbert Schreiner might be ordained by the Presbytery of Detroit following his graduation from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. Mr. Schreiner has a Call to the Queen Anne Church of Seattle. The Clerk had written the Clerk of Puget Sound Presbytery asking for the courtesy of ordaining Mr. Schreiner in Detroit Presbytery. Moved and seconded that Presbytery concur in the request and that a Commission be appointed by the Moderator to examine and proceed with the ordination. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the Committee of Students, Dr. H. D. McCalmont, moderator, F. J. Irvine, E. W. Dunn, Elders William P. Ferris and Harold Dingel as a Commission to arrange for examination of Herbert Schreiner and arrange for all details of his ordination, and to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization. Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of this commission be confirmed. Motion carried.

At this point a communication from Dr. Samuel C. Weir, General Assembly moderator was read relative to a special service on March 14th. The revision of plans of this meeting seemed to be to make it as a general meeting at the First Presbyterian Church the evening of Sunday, March 14th with Dr. Weir and Dr. Frank Price (moderator of the Presbyterian Church U.S.) speaking and also the presentation of Davidson College Choir. This rally would include not only United Presbyterians who might be available but also all the Presbyterians in this area.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery support the Rally and plan to attend on the date noted. Motion carried.

The Outer Drive Church presented a request relative to possible exchange of music within the presbytery from one church to another as a music exchange. After some discussion it was Moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Music Director of Outer Drive Church for coordination and that interested churches submit the names of their music director to the clerk. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget presented in mimeographed form the report of contributions for last year and the amount pledged for 1954 which showed an increase of approximately twenty-five percent over 1953. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

There was no report from the Pensions Committee, A. S. Creswell chairman.

The Committee on Christian Education presented the report concerning the statistics of the Church during 1953 and its work which is on file with the clerk. Also the following recommendations:

"1. We recommend that this year an individual be named for each of the positions on the Committee of Christian Education as outlined by the denomination. Chairman of Christian Education, Secretary of Children's Work, Secretary of Youth work, Secretary of Adult work, Secretary of Audio Visual Education.

2. We recommend that a definite amount be set aside in the budget of the presbytery for the work of this committee to cover the necessary expenses in the functioning of the committee and such items as expenses of guests who participate in institutes, etc.

3. We recommend that someone be named by presbytery to complete the year as secretary of Youth work in place of Miss Copeland who is moving from the presbytery."

Moved and seconded that recommendation No. 1 be referred to the Nominating committee. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that \$100 be made available out of the budget of Presbytery to the Committee of Christian Education. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the third recommendation regarding a replacement for Miss Copeland, be named by the Nominating committee at the June meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

Harvey M. Luce presented a report regarding the Westminster Fellowship of Wayne University. This report is on file with the clerk, with the following recommendations:

1. That the cooperative work of the Westminster Fellowship on the Wayne campus become a permanent part of the work of this presbytery.

2. That as members of the Committee of Christian Education a minister and a layman be elected to serve as the United Presbyterian representatives on the advisory committee of the Westminster Fellowship of Wayne University.

3. That the Presbytery give financial support to the budget of this work.

4. That the Moderator be empowered to appoint members to the proposed committee to raise capital funds for the building project.

Moved and seconded that recommendation No. 1, relative to permanent cooperative work be approved. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 2 - relative to representatives - Moved and seconded that this be referred to the Nominating committee and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that presbytery allocate \$75.00 for the Spring term of Westminster Fellowship and that this matter be referred to the Finance committee for recommendation to the June meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that recommendation No. 4 be approved. Motion amended to state the moderator in consultation with the committee on Christian Education be empowered to appoint the members. The amendment was carried. The motion as amended was carried.

Moved and seconded that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, Howard D. McCalmont chairman, submitted its report which is on file with the clerk, relative to the grades for seminary students, and then a request from the committee that Mr. Harold Hunt, a member of St. Mark's Church be taken under the care of presbytery with the expectation of preparation for the Gospel ministry. Mr. Hunt is a first year student at Detroit Technical Institute.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery take Mr. Harold Hunt under the care of Presbytery and approve the report of the committee. Motion carried.

The clerk presented a request for the Committee on Evangelism relative to an Evangelistic Training Program on March 6th at the First Presbyterian Church to which all United Presbyterian churches and their evangelistic committees were invited.

Moved and seconded that presbytery express appreciation for the invitation to share in this program.

The Committee of Missions presented its report relative to the work and progress of the following churches: St. Mark's, Wayne and Pontiac Lake. The committee also made note of the termination of services of Rev. Bernard Quick from the Royal Oak Church in order that he and Mrs. Quick might accept appointment to the Foreign Board.

Moved and seconded that the report, which is on file with the clerk, be accepted. Motion carried.

The moderator appointed a Commission, consisting of the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization, to deal with all matters in relation to the organization of Pontiac Lake Mission as a United Presbyterian congregation.

Moved and seconded that the moderator's appointment of this commission be confirmed. Motion carried.

The moderator appointed a Commission, consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, C. J. Gensheimer, J. E. Wadsworth, Elders Lowell Brown and Earl Grove, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization, to deal with all matters in relation to the commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Bernard E. Quick as missionaries to the Foreign field. Moved and seconded that the moderator's appointment of this commission be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee to arrange for a Moditorial dinner for Dr. Samuel C. Weir, some time after Easter. Motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committee: H. D. McCalmont, chairman, F. J. Irvine, Mark Caldwell, W. W. Miller, Elders Melvin Auch, Gerald Schultz.

The Southfield church made request to Presbytery for approval to borrow \$40,000 from the Board of Foreign Missions for a building program.

Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

At this point Dr. J. I. Moore, synodical Field secretary gave brief but encouraging remarks.

Announcement was made regarding the dedication of the Drayton Plains educational unit and the Youth Rally with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heinz, March 14, at the Drayton Plains church.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Auburn Heights church for the June meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned with prayer by W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

*W. Wade Mills* .. Moderator  
*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

June 15, 1954

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Auburn Heights church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator W. Wade Miller at 7:06 p.m. He led in a brief service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

A special request by the Committee on Students that students Harvey Beach, Dale Stewart, Phillip Germaine be heard in their specimen of progress sermon and that Presbytery release the Moderator from his obligation to preach a sermon.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request. Motion carried.

Presbytery heard, with profit, Phillip Germaine preaching on the text from I Cor. 11:27-28; Dale Stewart from I Timothy 4:12; Harvey Beach from I Cor. 2:1,2. Following the preaching of the three students, it was Moved and seconded to approve them and to recommend that each be advanced to Midler year. Motion carried.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Elder</u>
S. C. Weir	Oakland Avenue	Leon Venvey
H. L. Downie	Littlefield	George Craige
F. J. Irvine	Outer Drive	Robert Hayes
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	Murray Decker
E. W. Dunn	Auburn Heights	Ray Stephens
W. Wylie	Calvin	George Cunningham
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Broadstreet	Joseph Moffet
H. M. Luce	Drayton Plains	Orie Butler
W. W. Miller	Southfield	John Purdy
H. D. McCalmont	Military Avenue	Ivan Hammel
	First	William Warren
	Royal Oak	James Hicks
C. J. Gensheimer		
J. M. Rock	Wayne	Jim Huff
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth	St. Mark's	Richard Cleage
R. F. Lambert		Leland Johnson
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn	Harold Brown
W. W. Moore		

At this point the Moderator requested Presbytery to stand and be led in prayer by W. J. Teeuwissen in behalf of Dr. Andrew Creswell.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery extend the courtesies of the floor to the students who had preached, plus additional students Lawson, Lindahl, Copeland and various elders from churches in the Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted, as read. Motion carried.

The Moderator then gave a report of his activities and service since the February meeting and also the Clerk gave a report of the carrying out of his duties. These are on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant the requests of D. L. McBride, A. S. Creswell and B. E. Quick to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The following churches presented notations of elders elected, ordained and installed in the various congregations: First Church, Wayne, Ronald C. Haskell, James Huff; March 7, 1954: Jack Spencer, Leland Johnson, at Pontiac Lake Church, (ordained) Feb. 18, 1954: Outer Drive church Dr. John Kitzmiller, May 2, 1954: Littlefield Blvd. church William Cravens, Lambert Hadley, Olin LaForge (ordained) Wilbur Klein, Harvey Smith, C. Warner Stephens, Harold Young.

Expense statements were referred to the Finance committee. Moved and seconded that Presbytery express appreciation to Dr. McBride for his attending General Assembly at his own expense. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed Elder Murray Decker to replace Elder Savage as a member of the Finance Committee. At this point the Finance committee requested the opportunity to leave the meeting in order to carry out their committee work. Request granted.

The Financial Agent presented his report from January 1st to June 1st, of his receipts. Mimeographed sheets were passed out carrying this, and this is on file with the clerk. His report was referred to the Finance committee.

The Moderator then called for the election of a moderator for the ensuing year. The name of H. D. McCalmont was placed in nomination. Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast the unanimous ballot. Nominations were closed and the ballot cast. Motion carried.

The name of C. J. Gensheimer was placed in nomination for vice moderator. Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the clerk cast the unanimous ballot. Motion carried and the clerk cast the ballot.

The Nominating Committee reported on the suggestion and nomination for clerk for a two year term. The name of Herbert L. Downie was suggested for an additional two years. Moved and seconded that the unanimous ballot be cast by the Moderator. Motion carried. The Moderator cast the ballot.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1954, consisting of the Committee of Students, H. D. McCalmont, moderator, to arrange for ordination and installation of Herbert Schreiner to the Gospel ministry, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Following a meeting of Presbytery at the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church, a Commission for the Ordination of Mr. Herbert Schreiner was constituted on February 16, 1954. Present were Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Rev. E. W. Dunn, Dr. F. J. Irvine, Elder H. J. Dingel. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Irvine. Dr. McCalmont was appointed Moderator and Elder W. P. Ferris, not present, was appointed clerk. It was decided to have the first meeting of the commission at the Outer Drive Church on March 25, 1954. S// W.P.Ferris, Clerk"

"The Commission for the Ordination of Mr. Herbert Schreiner, Jr. held it's first meeting at the Outer Drive Church on March 25th, 1954 at 8:30 P.M. Present were Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Moderator; Rev. E. W. Dunn; Dr. F. J. Irvine; Elder H. J. Dingel. Meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. McCalmont. With the absence of Elder Ferris, Elder Dingel was named acting clerk. Moved and seconded to have Elder Dingel prepare and read the required Edict on two Sabbaths, May 9th and 16th, 1954. Motion carried. Dr. McCalmont to secure a critical exegesis and a doctrinal thesis from Herbert Schreiner for examination by the commission prior to the Ordination. Moved and seconded to proceed with plans for the Ordination Service at Calvin Church on Sabbath, May 23rd, 1954, at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried. Hymn Selections to be made by Rev. E. W. Dunn, Vows of Ordination by Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. H. Luce, Sermon to be preached by Dr. S. C. Weir, Ordination prayer by Rev. E. W. Dunn. Tentatively agreed to have Herbert Schreiner deliver his trial sermon before the combined Young Peoples groups prior to Ordination service. It was agreed to invite all ministers present to take part in the Ordination service. Meeting closed with prayer by Dr. F. J. Irvine at 9:15 P.M. Respectfully, Harold J. Dingel, Clerk pro tem"

"The Commission for the Ordination of Herbert Schreiner, Jr. met at the Calvin U.P. church at 7:00 P.M. Sunday, May 23, 1954. Present were Mr. Schreiner, Dr. McCalmont, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Dingel and Mr. Ferris. Mr. Schreiner preached an Ordination sermon before the youth group, relatives and friends. Following the preaching of the Ordination sermon there was a meeting of the Commission. The meeting was opened by prayer by Mr. Dunn. Upon agreement of the Commission that Mr. Schreiner had satisfactorily completed his academic work and had delivered the four requirements established by the Commission it was moved that we proceed with the Ordination service. The Commission stood adjourned with the benediction. At an 8:00 P.M. service in the sanctuary Mr. Schreiner was ordained. S/ W. P. Ferris, Clerk"

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February, 1954, consisting of the Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn, moderator, to deal with all matters in relation to the Pontiac Lake Mission as a congregation, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church, February 16, 1954

The Committee of Missions, appointed by Presbytery to serve as a Commission of Presbytery to organize the Congregation of the Pontiac Lake Church, met as directed upon the adjournment of the meeting of Presbytery with Rev. E. W. Dunn as the Moderator. Present were, Ministers, E. W. Dunn, Willard Wylie, Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann, and Elder Leslie Lucas. Elders Young and Detweiler were absent. Rev. Roy Lambert of the Pontiac Lake Mission met with the Commission. The Commission was constituted with prayer by Mr. Lucas. Harvey McCann was elected Clerk. Plans were made for the organization of this congregation on the evening of February 18 at eight o'clock in the Pontiac Lake School. The program of the evening's services was reviewed. The Commission decided that the new congregation should have a Provisional Session consisting of two elders to be elected from the new congregation and three elders from neighboring United Presbyterian Churches, namely, Orval Robb of the Oakland Avenue Church, Harold Detweiler of the Drayton Plains Church, and Denzil Lougheed of the Joslyn Avenue Church. Upon motion by Dr. Wylie, seconded by Elder Lucas the Commission recessed to meet at the Pontiac Lake School on February 18th at 7:45 P.M. The Commission was dismissed with prayer by Dr. Irvine. S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator, J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"Pontiac Lake School, Thursday Evening, February 18, 1954

The Commission met and was constituted with prayer by Mr. Harold Detweiler. Members present - Ministers, E. W. Dunn, Willard Wylie, Frank Irvine, J. Harvey McCann; Elders, Leslie Lucas and Harold Detweiler. Mr. Dunn read the names of the people who were applicants for membership in the church. The list is as follows: (This is on file with the clerk). Upon motion by Dr. Irvine; supported by Dr. Wylie, these people were received into the fellowship of the church. The Commission joined the congregation in the auditorium for a worship service and formal organization of the new congregation. Rev. Ernest Dunn presided at this service. The worship service was introduced with the singing of the hymn, Come Thou Almighty King, followed by the Invocation by Mr. Lucas. The Responsive Reading from John 15 was led by Mr. McCann. After another hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign" Mr. Detweiler gave the Scripture Reading from Matthew 16:13-20 and Rev. Frank Irvine led in prayer. The sermon was preached by Rev. Willard Wylie from the words, "Upon this rock I will build My Church" (Mt. 16:18)

A public welcome was extended to the new members, - charter members of the new congregation. Baptism was administered to the following adults: Mrs. Vera Ellen Nelsey, Mr. Harold Weil, Mrs. Gertrude Ray Weil, Mrs. Barbara Ann Richardson. All the new members came forward and took the vows of the Membership Covenant and were publicly welcomed into the fellowship of the church. The people thus received entered into a covenant with each other and with God that they would walk together as an organized congregation, on the principles of the faith and order of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and that they would seek the peace, purity and enlargement of the whole body. The Moderator, Mr. Dunn, then pronounced and declared them to be constituted a congregation according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The new congregation proceeded to the election of two elders, Jack Spencer and Leland Johnson. Dr. Wylie made a motion that these two men, along with the three elders named by the Commission from neighboring churches (Orval Robb, Harold Detweiler and Denzil Lougheed) shall become the Provisional Session for the Congregation with Rev. Roy Lambert as Moderator. After the congregation was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Walter Teuwissen, the Commission held a brief meeting with the new Session. The Commission named Harold Detweiler as Clerk of the Session, upon motion by Mr. Lucas. Mr. Irvine moved that the pastor be empowered to convene this session at a convenient time. Dr. Wylie made a motion that Presbytery provide out of its Home Mission Funds the cost of Congregational and Session Record books for the new congregation. Upon motion by Dr. Wylie the Commission adjourned. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Harvey McCann. S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator, S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

Minutes of the Special Commission, appointed by Presbytery February 1954, consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, C. J. Gensheimer, J. E. Wadsworth (ministers) and Lowell Brown and Earl Grove, to deal with matters pertaining to the commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Bernard E. Quick as missionaries to the Foreign field, were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The commission appointed to supervise the service for commissioning the Rev. Bernard Quick into career Missionary Service met following the Presbytery meeting on Feb. 16, 1954 at Outer Drive Church. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. H. M. Luce. Mr. Lowell Brown was elected to serve as clerk. Those present were Rev. H. M. Luce, Elder Earl Groves, Rev. Charles Gensheimer, and Elder Lowell Brown. Rev. James Wadsworth was absent. A tentative date of April 14 was selected for the commissioning service. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Charles Gensheimer. S/ Lowell Brown, Clerk, S/ Harvey M. Luce, Moderator."

"The commission met on April 14 prior to the evening service for which the commissioning service was planned. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Wadsworth. Those present were Rev. James Wadsworth, Rev. H. M. Luce, Rev. Charles Gensheimer and Elder Lowell Brown. The details of the commissioning service were explained and the procedure of the program outlined. The commissioning service was then opened by the Rev. H. M. Luce. The commissioning to Missionary Service prayer was offered by the Rev. Charles Gensheimer. The charge to the Missionary was delivered by the Rev. James Wadsworth. The Sermon was preached by Dr. Gordon Jackson, Professor at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. H. M. Luce. S/ Lowell Brown, Clerk, S/ Harvey M. Luce, Moderator."

It was suggested that the hearing of the reports of the commissioners to General Assembly be deferred until the Finance committee returned to the floor.

The Committee of Missions reported concerning the induction service for Stated Supplies in the Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the service, as presented, be adopted. Motion carried. (A copy of this service is on file with the clerk).

There was no report from the Seminary Completion Fund Committee, but a request that we might have a report for the October meeting.

The Superintendent of Missions presented his annual report of activities and service for the year. Moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt the report which is on file with the clerk. Motion carried.

A Call from the Royal Oak church for the ministry of Rev. J. Rodney Beal, was presented with the following stipulations: Annual Salary \$3600; Payment of 8% of the Pension program; Free Manse; One month vacation. Moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain the call as regular. Motion carried.

A Call from the Oakland Avenue church for an associate minister in the person of Theodore Allebach, with the following stipulations was received: \$3700 Annual Salary; Free Parsonage; 8% payment to the Pension program. There was no mention of vacation privilege. Moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular. An amendment was proposed and seconded, that one month vacation be inserted in the Call. The amendment carried. The motion, as amended, to sustain the Call was carried. Rev. J. H. McCann was to complete the entry of this detail in the Call.

The Clerk read a letter requesting the transfer of Herbert E. Schreiner from Detroit Presbytery to the Presbytery of Puget Sound. Moved and seconded that the transfer be forwarded. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a letter of request from Lake Presbytery asking the courtesy of ordaining Mr. Theodore Allebach by that presbytery. Moved and seconded that the courtesy be granted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, Rev. H. D. McCalmont, chairman, presented its report concerning the students under the care of Presbytery. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a request from Mr. David McCalmont, asking that he be transferred to the Presbytery of Des Moines. Moved and seconded that the Presbytery grant the request and transfer him. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee presented its report of nominations. They presented three recommendations which are as follows:

"Recommendations from Nominating Committee - June 15, 1954

1. With reference to the composition of the Committee on Christian Education, That Article IV, Section 4 (d) be amended to substitute "five" for "four" with reference to committee membership, and that the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph -- "One member shall be designated by the chairman as Secretary of Audio-Visual Work (S.A.V.W.) who shall have responsibility in this area at the presbyterial level."

2. With reference to the Committee on Detroit Council of Churches, which we recommend be eliminated to reduce the number of officers or committees making appointments, the following amendments would be required: Delete the present (h) paragraph in Article IV, Section 4 - In Article IV, Section 3 (b) make (III) read "At the October meeting, offer nominations of denominational representatives to the various departments and committees of the Detroit Council of Churches, these to be named from churches in the metropolitan Detroit area." In same Article and Section, make (IV) read "such other nominations as shall be required by Presbytery."

3. With reference to the Westminster Fellowship, the action of Presbytery last February in approving recommendation No. 2 created a situation which prompts us, after discussing the matter with the Chairman of Christian Education and the Clerk, to recommend that the recommendation be amended to read as follows: "That a minister and a layman be elected to serve as the United Presbyterian representatives on the Advisory Committee of the Westminster Fellowship of Wayne University."

Moved and seconded that recommendation #1 be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that #2 recommendation, also a change of by-laws, be adopted. Motion carried.

Recommendation #3 was amended to read "that a minister and a layman be elected to serve as the United Presbyterian representatives on the Advisory Committee of the Westminster Fellowship of Wayne University." Moved and seconded that the recommendation, as amended be adopted. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee then presented a slate of nominations for the year beginning July 1, 1954 which are as follows:

"Report of Committee on Nominations - Presbytery of Detroit June 15, 1954

Stated Clerk - Herbert L. Downie (for term of 2 years, ineligible to succeed himself)  
 Committee of Missions: E. W. Dunn, W. Wylie, J. H. McCann, S. C. Weir, Harold Detwiler, Leslie Lucas, Clarence Oak  
 Committee on Evangelism - W. Wylie, H. L. Downie, V. N. Floyd - Committee on Students - W. W. Miller, M. Caldwell, A. S. Creswell, Wm. Ferris - Committee of Christian Education: Chairman of Christian Education (CCE) H. M. Luce Secretary of Youth Work (SYW) C. J. Gensheimer  
 Secretary of Children's Work (SCW) Doris Hill, Secretary of Adult Work (SAW) E. I. Watkins, Secretary of Audio-Visual Work (SAVW) John Rock - Committee on Pensions and Relief; J. H. McCann, James Hicks, (Royal Oak) Committee on Missionary Budget: W. J. Teeuwissen, F. J. Irvine, Theodore Jones, Committee on Social Service: H. D. McCalmont, J. E. Wadsworth, Melvin Auch Committee on Annual Prayer Retreat: John Rock, R. F. Lambert, Ivan Hamel, and George Cunningham  
 Members of Board of Trustees: Wm. Warren, Grant Graham, Thomas Hicks."

The Committee on Evangelism presented a request and recommendation that special emphasis on Evangelism be given at the October meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education presented a matter concerning possible men's work and relationship to the Fall retreat, with a request for a union meeting with the Presbyterian men on October 2nd.



It was moved and seconded that Presbytery hold the Annual Fall Retreat, and that the matter concerning a Men's organization within the presbytery, and the participation with the Presbyterian men be referred to the Committee on Fall Retreat. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery authorize the Financial Agent Jerald Bevis to open an account in the name of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit with the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, and that one of the following signators be required on the checks, either the Financial Agent or the Clerk. Motion carried.

The clerk presented requests from the Wayne church for presbyterial authority to borrow \$10,000 from the Board of Foreign Missions. Also Military Avenue requesting approval of presbytery to borrow \$13,000 from the Board of Foreign Missions. Moved and seconded that these requests be approved. Motion carried.

The Superintendent of Missions presented a request from the Royal Oak church for a loan of \$4,500 from the Board of American Missions. Moved and seconded that presbytery approve the request. The roll was called by the clerk, 33 present, 33 yes, motion carried.

The general consensus of the presbytery was registered that congregations within the presbytery do not need to secure permission for loans except when these are secured from one of the Boards of the Church.

Moved and seconded that each congregation of Presbytery certify to the clerk of presbytery the assurance that the recorded deed or deeds of all church property of each congregation of presbytery, has written within that deed a Trust clause in favor of either the Board of American Missions or the Trustees of the General Assembly. Motion carried. It was requested that the clerk submit the form of Trust Clause to each congregation with a letter of request.

The Finance Committee presented its report which is as follows:

"June 15, 1954 Report of the Finance Committee:

1. We recommend the approval of the payment by the Financial Agent of the expenses for the Christian Education Institute.
2. We recommend the payment of the following expense accounts - Financial Agent \$2.75, Supt. of Missions \$36.32, Clerk \$7.36
3. We recommend the payment of the following expense accounts for the General Assembly: Donald L. Paxton \$34.00, J. Harvey McCann \$15.75, J. Frank Roberts \$32.65, Glenn Featherstone \$41.00, Harvey M. Luce \$46.40.
4. The matter of compensation to officers of Presbytery was discussed. We recommend that the period for which compensation is to be made be the period of holding office, July 1 to June 30. We recommend that the amount of \$37.50 be paid now to each - the Financial Agent, the Supt. of Missions and the Clerk - to cover the period Jan. 1, 1954 to June 30, 1954. We further recommend that the amount of \$75.00 be paid to each of these officers after Jan. 1, 1955, to cover the period July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955.
5. The Board of Christian Education has called a meeting of all C.C.E.'s at Pittsburgh, Pa. on Oct. 18-19. We recommend the payment of travel expenses for the C.C.E. of Detroit Pres. at General Assembly rates.
6. We recommend the payment of \$75. per semester for the 1954-55 College year for the cooperative Student Work at Wayne University.
7. We recommend that the assessment for Presbytery's Fund be set at 16¢ per member based on the membership as of Dec. 31, 1953.
8. We recommend the approval of the Financial Report of Dr. Willard Wylie and that the monies and records of the Financial Agent be transferred to the Financial Agent-elect, Gerald Bevis, at this meeting. We commend Dr. Willard Wylie for his faithful service as Financial Agent and recommend that the Presbytery express its gratitude by a rising vote of thanks. Respectfully submitted, S/ Murray Decker, Mark Caldwell, Harvey M. Luce, Chrm.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted, and its recommendations. Motion carried.

The clerk presented the matter of the procedure for vote on the Overture of Union and also the revised Membership Covenant. Moved and seconded that Presbytery discuss and vote upon the revised membership covenant at the October 1954 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the appointment of a committee to study the Plan of Union be referred to the Nominating Committee with a report at the October meeting and that the Study committee established in October then recommend a date for the vote on the Overture of Union. Motion carried.

The Moderator-elect presented his appointments for the Finance and Nominations committees which are as follows:

"Finance: Robert Hayes, George Cunningham, Richard Cleage, Jerald Bevis, ex-officio  
Nominations: Willard Wylie, W. J. Teeuwissen, James Hicks."

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointments. Motion carried.

At this point the Elder and Ministerial Commissioners to the General Assembly made verbal or written reports of the General Assembly. Moved and seconded that the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission, consisting of Rev. F. J. Irvine, moderator, R. F. Lambert, J. H. McCann, Elders Orville Robb and Harold Detweiler, to meet for organization following this meeting of presbytery to deal with all matters related to the installation of Theo. Allebach as associate pastor of Oakland Avenue church.

*with A. S. Creswell - ex officio member*

The Moderator appointed a Commission consisting of Dr. S. C. Weir, moderator, H. M. Luce, W. Wylie, James Hicks, Harold Brown, to meet following this meeting of presbytery for organization to deal with all matters in relation to the installation of J. Rodney Beal as pastor of the Royal Oak church. Moved and second that the Presbytery confirm the moderator's appointments of these commissions. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Auburn Heights church for their kindness in entertaining Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Littlefield Blvd. church for the October meeting. An amendment was proposed and seconded that Presbytery convene at 4 o'clock for the October meeting. The amendment was carried, the motion as amended was carried.

The Moderator then proceeded to induct the Moderator-elect, Dr. H. D. McCalmont into the office of moderator.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction by H. D. McCalmont at 11:35 P.M.

*W. W. Adams, Milly* . . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Dawnie* Clerk

*Approved by Synod  
September 21, 1954  
E. H. Webb - clerk*

June 30, 1954

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Oakland Avenue church Wednesday, June 30, 1954, at the call of the Moderator.

In the absence of the Stated Clerk the Moderator reported the meeting to the clerk by telephone.

No roll of Presbytery was taken but there were elders and ministers present sufficient for a quorum.

The meeting was opened by the moderator, H. D. McCalmont, with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to present a Memorial on the passing of Dr. Andrew S. Creswell, pastor of Oakland Avenue church.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator's authority in calling the special meeting be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to approve the appointment of ~~Dr.~~ S. C. Weir and F. J. Irvine as a committee for drawing up a resolution. Motion carried. The resolution is as follows:

"Andrew S. Creswell has labored for almost thirty-four years as a faithful member of the Presbytery of Detroit. As we think in retrospect of these years of service, we are conscious that he was "a workman who needed not to be ashamed".

As the undershepherd of a congregation of God's people he was such a workman. With devotion he broke the Bread of Life to a generation of Pontiac families and found a great place in many hearts and homes. It was never his desire to build one large United Presbyterian congregation in the Pontiac area. Instead, due in large measure to his missionary vision, there have come to be five fine, vigorous churches.

As a presbyter Dr. Creswell was a faithful workman, always taking his full place in administering the work of the Church at that level. For two decades he carried the responsibilities of the office of Clerk of Presbytery with poise and dignity. To him the office of clerk was far more than the performance of mechanical routines. He had a vital interest in the program and in the personalities whom it involved. Every man who came to labor within the bounds of Presbytery found in the clerk a personal friend.

The sense of kinship among the ministers of Detroit Presbytery has had as one of its expressions a covenant of Saturday evening prayer for each other, and Dr. Creswell always delighted in acquainting new men with this fellowship of prayer.

His was a spiritual ministry in all of its aspects. We, the members of the Presbytery of Detroit, are part of a great host of witnesses who bear testimony that he was truly one who "studied to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth".

It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution and that the Moderator read same at the funeral services that day and that a copy be sent to the United Presbyterian and to Mrs. Creswell. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer by F. J. Irvine.

*Howard D. McCalmont* Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

September 22, 1954

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session during the meeting of Ohio Synod in Canton, Ohio on the above date at the call of the moderator, Dr. H. D. McCalmont.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the moderator, H. D. McCalmont.

The following ministers were present:

J. H. McCann, H. M. Luce, E. I. Watkins, J. M. Rock, J. E. Wadsworth,  
M. H. Caldwell, C. J. Gensheimer, S. C. Weir, W. Wylie, R. F. Lambert,  
F. J. Irvine, D. L. McBride, H. L. Downie.

Elders present were: Messrs. McKay, Lucas, Thomas Hicks, Jones, Robb, Neely, Goodall, Nelson.

There were sufficient ministers and elders present for a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Moderator presented the matter of the change of time and hour for the meeting of Presbytery in October, to be October 25th, beginning at 3 p.m.

Moved and seconded to approve the moderator's calling of Presbytery at that time. Motion carried.

Announcement was made concerning the installation of Rev. Theodore Allebach as associate pastor of the Oakland Avenue church October 6th at 7:30 p.m.

The Nominating Committee, W. Wylie, chairman, presented nominations for the committee to study church union, consisting of F. J. Irvine, H. M. Luce, Elder Lance Smith.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the nominations. Motion carried.

In connection with the meeting of presbytery on October 25th, the Moderator announced that Dr. Kelly would be here and suggested that he had arranged for a dinner for the Moderator of the General Assembly. The committee he had appointed consisted of Charles Gensheimer, M. H. Caldwell, Elder Mel Auch.

Moved and seconded that the moderator's appointment of this committee be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported that he had sent a floral tribute to the late Dr. Andrew S. Creswell and he had paid for same.

Moved and seconded that members of presbytery reimburse the moderator. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer by student Harvey Beach.

*Howard W. McCalmont* . . . . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* . . . . . Clerk

October 25, 1954

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit met on the above date at the Littlefield Blvd. Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, H. D. McCalmont at 3:08 P.M. The Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Elders</u>
S. C. Weir	Oakland Avenue	O. Robb
H. L. Downie	Littlefield	O. LaForge
F. J. Irvine	Outer Drive	H. H. Neely
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	H. J. Berg
E. W. Dunn	Auburn Heights	G. Hamilton
W. Wylie	Calvin	Roy Utley
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Broadstreet	James R. Wilson
H. M. Luce	Drayton Plains	Keith Morgan
W. W. Miller	Southfield	Clarence Oak
H. D. McCalmont	Military Ave.	Clyde Williams
C. J. Gensheimer	First	Ronald Haskell
J. M. Rock	Wayne	Theo. Jones
M. H. Caldwell	St. Mark's	Jack Spencer
J. E. Wadsworth	Lakeland	
R. F. Lambert	Oakland Avenue	
T. R. Allebach		

The Moderator reported on the request of Edmond Watkins to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that this excuse be granted. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read. Moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt these. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery extend the privilege of the floor to Dr. Albert E. Kelly and Dr. J. I. Moore and visiting elders that were with us. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported orally concerning the discharge of his duties, among them being extending of greetings to the Fiftieth anniversary of the W. G. M. S. Presbyterial at Cherry Hill. Motion to approve the action of the moderator. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on the discharge of his duties in the interim, between meetings of Presbytery and the report is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the clerk's action in endorsing the application for aid for Mr. Dale Stewart and Mr. Philip Germain be approved. Motion carried.

The Clerk asked the will of Presbytery concerning the Reverend B. E. Quick and his status on our roll. It was suggested that the clerk continue to send notices to Mr. Quick and undoubtedly he would transfer to Egypt or tell us of his wishes in regard to our Presbytery.

At this point expense statements by the officers of Presbytery were presented for referral to the Committee on Finance; also a communication from the Committee on Christian Education was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Clerk presented four letters.

A communication from the General Assembly was referred to the Committee on Students.

The matter of Pulpit Exchange, as suggested by S. C. Weir, It was moved and seconded that this matter be left to the individual ministers to act upon. Motion lost. Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint two persons as a clearing house for the pulpit exchange if desired. Motion carried.

The Moderator called on Mr. Ward Lyons, chairman of the Seminary Completion Fund who gave a report concerning the work that that committee has done. The report contained the information that the churches of Presbytery had pledged an additional \$9625 to the fund of which amount his report showed \$2259.55 as paid. Moved and seconded that Presbytery express their thanks to the committee for their work and discharge the committee. Motion carried.

The Financial Agent presented a summary of receipts and the balance of Presbytery's fund for the first nine months of 1954. This report is on file with the clerk.

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in June 1954, consisting of F. J. Irvine, moderator and Messrs Lambert, McCann, Robb and Detweiler, to deal with matters in relation to installation of the Reverend Theodore Allebach as associate pastor of the Oakland Avenue church were read and adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission of Presbytery appointed to oversee the installation of The Rev. Theodore Allebach met following Presbytery on June 15, 1954. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, The Rev. Frank Irvine. Present were The Rev. Frank Irvine, The Rev. J. Harvey McCann, and The Rev. Roy F. Lambert. After the election of Mr. Lambert as Clerk, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. The meeting was closed with prayer by The Rev. J. Harvey McCann. Respectfully submitted, S/ Roy F. Lambert, The Rev. Roy F. Lambert, Clerk"

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to oversee the installation of The Rev. Theodore Allebach met at the call of the Moderator in the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church on October 6, 1954 at 7:15 P.M. Present were Elders Harold Detweiler, Orval Robb, and Ministers, J. Harvey McCann, Howard D. McCalmont, Frank J. Irvine, Theodore Allebach and Roy F. Lambert. The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator. By motion the action of the Moderator and Clerk in setting the date for the Service of Installation and issuing the edict regarding the same, was approved. Elder Robb reported that the edict had been read before the congregation on the two Sabbaths prior to the service in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Government and Worship. A certified copy was filed with the Clerk. Objections were called for. There were none. It was moved that the certificate of transfer from Lake Presbytery be accepted and that Mr. Allebach's name be added to the roll of Presbytery.

The call to be Associate Pastor of the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church was then presented to Mr. Allebach together with an interpretation through letter written by the Moderator of the Commission and dated September 15, 1954.

The call and interpretation having been accepted, it was moved to proceed with the installation service as planned continuing afterward as a Commission for the purpose of reading the minutes and adjournment.

The service was as follows:

Opened at 7:30 P.M. with statement of purpose by the Moderator.

Hymn

Invocation by The Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Responsive Reading led by The Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Choir Selection

Sermon by The Rev. Roy F. Lambert, "The Attributes of The Church"

Narration of Events leading up to the Installation by The Rev. Frank J. Irvine

Questions to Minister-elect

Questions to Congregation

Pronouncement of Installation

Charge to the Pastor by The Rev. Howard D. McCalmont

Charge to the Congregation by The Rev. J. Harvey McCann

Prayer by The Rev. J. Harvey McCann

Hymn

Benediction by the new Pastor, The Rev. Theodore Allebach.

Following the service, the commission met and was adjourned with prayer by The Rev. Howard D. McCalmont.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ Roy F. Lambert, Clerk  
Moderator"

The commission, appointed by Presbytery in June 1954 consisting of S. C. Weir, moderator, Messrs H. Luce, W. Wylie, J. Hicks and H. Brown, to deal with matters relating to the installation of The Rev. Rodney Beal as pastor of the Royal Oak church, reported that the commission had met for installation after the June meeting of Presbytery but that due to unforeseen circumstances the commission had not carried out the installation of The Rev. Mr. Beal. However, Dr. Weir reported that Mr. Beal was on the field now and would be installed if Presbytery so desired. Moved and seconded that the Commission as named above be reappointed for the same purpose. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to confirm the action of the Moderator in appointing a Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, Messrs. McCalmont, McCann, Purdy and Kuykendal on September 8, 1954 to deal with all matters in relation to a Missionary Commissioning service for Miss Gene Purdy on September 12, 1954. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed for the commissioning service of Miss Gene Purdy were read and adopted and are as follows:

"Minutes of Commission for Miss Gene A. Purdy, Missionary - September 12, 1954 Meeting was held at the Southfield United Presbyterian Church prior to the Commissioning service opened with a prayer by the Moderator. All members of the commission were present consisting of the following: Rev. Harvey M. Luce, Moderator, Dr. Howard M. McCalmont, Rev. J. Harvey McCann, Elder John T. Purdy and Elder Hearl Kuykendall. Election of Clerk was held, Hearl Kuykendall was nominated by Rev. McCann seconded by Mr. Purdy a vote was taken and the motion carried.

A letter from Mrs. H. Ray Shear, Treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society was presented to the Commission by the Moderator. The letter granted the Detroit Presbytery permission to hold a commissioning service for Miss Purdy. The Moderator presented copies of the evening program to the Commission. Dr. McCalmont moved to adopt this program this motion was seconded by Rev. McCann. Motion carried. Instructions for the service were given to Miss Purdy. Rev. McCann moved to close the meeting of the Commission with the benediction of the evening service, seconded by Mr. Purdy the motion carried. Meeting was dismissed with a prayer led by Rev. McCann. S/ Hearl Kuykendall, clerk, Harvey M. Luce, moderator"

"Missionary Commissioning Service for Miss Gene A. Purdy, Under Appointment by the Women's General Missionary Society for Service in Pakistan. Southfield United Presbyterian Church, September 12, 1954, 7:30 P.M.

The Order of Service:

Presiding: The Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, D.D., Moderator of Detroit Presbytery  
 Prelude "Evening Prayer" Kinder  
 Praise No. 367  
 Invocation  
 Praise No. 34  
 Scripture Acts 16:6-15  
 Prayer  
 Quartet "Lord, Speak to Me" Schumann  
 Gertrude Luce, Grace Purdy, Paul Merivirta, James Burrows  
 Sermon The Rev. Harvey M. Luce  
 Questions to the Missionary  
 Commissioning Prayer  
 Charge to the Missionary The Rev. J. Harvey McCann  
 Praise No. 366  
 Benediction  
 Postlude "Vesper Hymn" Bishop"

The Clerk proposed to the Moderator that the Committee on Review might be assigned that each minister and his elder review the minutes of some other church than his own. Moved and seconded that the Clerk act as chairman of the Committee on Review and assign the minutes for review. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery recess at 5:00 P.M. to review the minutes. Motion carried.

The Committee on Prayer Retreat, John M. Rock, chairman, gave its report which is on file with the clerk. The main items concerned declining the invitation of the Presbyterian men for a joint fall rally: the proposal for establishing a Presbyterian men's organization and the notation regarding the annual Prayer Retreat held September 18th at the Southfield church. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Social Service, H. D. McCalmont chairman, made no report, at least not in writing, but orally Dr. McCalmont urged the ministers to forcibly present the opposition to adopting Proposal No. 4 in the November 2nd election.

The Nominating Committee, W. Wylie chairman, reported concerning nominations to the Detroit Council of Churches. The report is as follows:

"Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 25, 1954

To the Presbytery of Detroit: Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Nominations submits the following nominations to the membership of the various Departments of the Detroit Council of Churches: Board of Directors - E. W. Dunn, Business Affairs - S. C. Weir, Church Music - Mrs. Rachel Mackay, Department of Church Planning and Research - E. W. Dunn and W. W. Miller, Evangelism - H. L. Downie, Public Affairs - Willard Wylie, Social Service - H. D. McCalmont, Religious Education - Doris Hill. Respectfully submitted, Committee, S/ Willard Wylie S/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr."

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on the Plan of Union, F. J. Irvine, chairman, gave the following report:

"Report to Presbytery of Detroit - October 25, 1954

Your committee on Church Union would recommend the following schedule relative to Church Union: 1. That the Committee present an informal report and give opportunity for discussion at a gathering of ministers and elders of the churches of the Presbytery on Friday evening, January 14, the place and hour to be announced; 2. That local Sessions plan for discussion in whatever way they may desire, between the above mentioned informal report and the meeting of Presbytery; 3. That the brief formal report of the Committee be presented at the regular meeting of Presbytery on February 15, and that the vote be taken following that report. Respectfully presented, Lance Smith, Harvey Luce, Frank Irvine, The Committee, by S/F.J.I."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., chairman, reported concerning promotion of the Budget with the film strip "Through the Looking-glass". Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Committee on Christian Education, H. M. Luce, chairman, presented its report on the projected Fall and Winter program and this is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

At this point presbytery stood in recess while ministers and elders reviewed the Minutes of Session as assigned by the Clerk.

Following the recess period Mr. Herbert Neely, elder from Outer Drive, asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting and was so granted.

The clerk read the listing of Ministerial and Elder delegates eligible for the 1955 General Assembly.

Ministerial Delegates

Principal: W. W. Miller, H. D. McCalmont, E. W. Dunn

Alternate Delegates: H. L. Downie, F. J. Irvine, W. Wylie

Elder Delegates

Principal: Joslyn, Southfield, Calvin

Alternate: Littlefield, First, St. Marks.

The Committee on Missions presented the applications for aid from the American Board of Missions for the following: Moved and seconded to approve application for \$3,000 salary aid to the Lakeland United Presbyterian Church (formerly Pontiac Lake) 27 voting, 27 yes, motion carried. Moved and seconded to approve application for \$1500 salary aid to St. Marks. 27 voting, 27 yes, motion carried. Moved and seconded to approve application for a loan of about \$50,000 for the Lakeland church, 27 voting 27 yes, motion carried.

The following Stated Supplies were proposed for one year: J. E. Wadsworth, St. Marks, R. F. Lambert, Lakeland. Moved and seconded that the Stated Supplies be approved. Motion carried.

The Overture on the Membership Covenant was presented and copies were distributed to all members present. Moved and seconded to approve the Overture. The clerk called the roll 27 voting, 27 Yes, motion carried.

A letter of request from the Military Avenue church, asking permission to increase its mortgage with the Board of Foreign Missions from \$13,000 to \$26,000 was read. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request. Motion carried.

In the absence of members of the formally appointed Finance Committee the Moderator appointed H. J. Berg to serve with the Financial Agent. Moved and seconded that the moderator's action be confirmed. Motion carried. The Finance committee, H. J. Berg chairman, recommended the following expense to be paid:

H. L. Downie, clerk	\$7.78
E. W. Dunn, S.M.	6.40
H. M. Luce, C.C.E.	23.60
J. H. Bevis, F.A.	2.61
C. J. Gensheimer, expenses at the National Convention	37.25

Registration fee for the Secretary

of Adult Work E.I. Watkins in the amount of \$25.00 for the Men's work of U. P. men.

Moved and seconded that the report be approved and payments made. Motion carried.

The Committee on Review with the Clerk as chairman, presented the following report. The Minutes of all sessions were present for examination and were approved with the following notations for corrections now or in the future:

Royal Oak January 5th meeting not closed with prayer: May 16, 21 and July 15, lacking signatures.

Drayton Plains December 31, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, lacking the clerk's signature.

Calvin, March 11th meeting not opened with prayer; May 11, June 2, Sept. 1, lacking the clerk's signature.

Military Avenue, Oct. 4, lacking clerk's signature



Lakeland, June 23, lacking clerk's signature.

Joslyn Ave., signature of moderator missing for two meetings, February 2, and Feb. 28th no closing prayer. June meeting no opening prayer.

St. Marks, occasional failure to note elders present.

Auburn Heights names of elders present not always recorded.

Notations of these corrections to be sent to each session by the clerk.

Moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the transfer of The Rev. J. Rodney Beal from the Presbytery of Argyle be received and his name added to the roll of Presbytery of Detroit. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery give Dr. Albert E. Kelly an honorarium of \$25.00 for his speaking engagement tonight and that J. H. McCann be appointed to receive special donations to the travel expense for Mrs. Kelly with Dr. Kelly to the foreign field. Motion carried. J. H. McCann reported later to the clerk that \$40.00 had been collected.

Notation made of the dedication of Auburn Heights Educational wing on Sunday, October 24th.

The Moderator expressed appreciation of Presbytery to Littlefield church for their gracious hospitality.

A tentative invitation for the February meeting was extended by the Military Avenue church.

A notation was made concerning the action of Presbytery relative to the Old Folks Home at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. Nothing further has been done since Dr. S. C. Weir reported that it might be possible to get additional action through the various states concerned.

The Moderator appointed the Pulpit Exchange Committee as follows: Mark H. Caldwell, J. E. Wadsworth.

Moved and seconded to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn Presbytery. Motion carried and meeting closed with prayer by H. D. McCalmont at 6:20 P.M.

*Howard D. M. Calmont* . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* . . Clerk

February 15, 1955

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Royal Oak church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator C. J. Gensheimer at 7:05 P.M. The Vice Moderator led in a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	W. J. Tait
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	L. F. Jones
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	J. H. Bevis
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Curtis Waldon
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Clarence Oak
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	A. C. Forrester
W. W. Miller	Military Avenue	K. Collins
	First	Earl Young
W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.	Drayton Plains	Keith Johnson
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	Robert Nelson
J. M. Rock	Wayne	James Payne
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	

Ministers

J. F. Wadsworth  
 Mark H. Caldwell  
 Roy F. Lambert  
 T. R. Allebach  
 J. R. Beal  
 W. W. Moore

Congregation

St. Marks Community  
 Littlefield Blvd.  
 Lakeland  
 Oakland Avenue  
 Royal Oak

Elder

Richard Cleage  
 L. V. Johnson  
 H. R. Webb  
 Eugene Blevins

Moved and seconded that the request of Dr. Howard D. McCalmont, to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery, be granted. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read. Moved and seconded that the Minutes, as read, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Dr. J. I. Moore and Elders from various congregations who were not delegates. Motion carried.

The Vice Moderator reported that he had attended the 25th Anniversary of Littlefield Blvd. church as a representative, and to bring greetings of the Presbytery.

The Clerk reported on his duties between meetings. Moved and seconded to approve the clerk's action in issuing a Letter of Transfer for Rev. Mr. Bernard E. Quick to the Presbytery of the Delta. Motion carried.

Expense items were presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following is the listing of elders ordained and installed in the various congregations of Presbytery: Littlefield Blvd. - ordained and installed Nov. 29, 1954: Dean Chisnell, William Popyk; installed Harold Haddon, Olin LaForge, Thomas Milne, Glenn D. Stewart, William Tait. Broadstreet - ordained and installed Nov. 7, 1954: William J. Phenix. Drayton Plains - ordained and installed Jan. 1, 1955: Dr. L. G. Rowley, John Hazlett, Cecil Bell, Keith Johnson. Wayne - ordained and installed Jan. 23, 1955: James G. Payne, Robert Symons. Joslyn Avenue - installed Jan. 1955 Eugene Hoisington. Oakland Avenue - installed Jan. 5, 1955: Roy Dancey, Orval Robb; ordained and installed Alfred E. Shepherd and Charles W. Seaman. Calvin - ordained and installed: Herbert Schreiner. Cherry Hill - ordained and installed Jan. 2, 1955: Lawrence Arnett, Milford Carlson, Jerome Nelson, Alfred Papke, Theodore Roughley; installed Hagbard Berg, Jerald Bevis. St. Mark's Community - ordained and installed; Jan. 1955: James Hall, Clarence Gibson, Jr., James Woodard, Barnes McClure, Howard Cottman. First - ordained and installed Jan. 2, 1955: Robert X. Foster, Robert Mott, James J. Sturgeon, Jr.; installed W. Dale Harbison.

A letter from the Southfield church, extended an invitation for entertaining the Synod of Ohio in September, was read. Moved and seconded to approve the invitation and notify the Clerk of Synod. Motion carried.

The letter to the Racing Commissioner, by Dr. McCalmont, was referred to the Social Service Committee, as also was the letter from the Board of Administration relative to the Refugee program.

A letter was received from the Clerk of Session of the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church noting the congregation's change of the status of Rev. Theodore Allebach from associate to senior pastor, effective January 5, 1955.

Letters from C. J. Sutton and Dr. H. D. McCalmont, regarding the home for the aged, were referred to the Nominating committee.

The Vice Moderator made the following appointments to complete committees for service at this meeting: James E. Wadsworth, chairman Social Service Committee; also on that committee Earl Young, Edmond Watkins; Finance Committee, Richard Cleage, chairman; L. F. Jones also added to the committee.

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in October 1954, consisting of S. C. Weir, moderator, Messrs Luce, Wylie, Hicks and Brown, to deal with matters in regard to installation of Rev. Mr. Rodney Beal as pastor of the Royal Oak church were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed to receive and install the Rev. J. Rodney Beal as the pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak, met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery at the Auburn Heights Church on June 15, 1954. Present were Moderator S. C. Weir, Dr. W. Wylie, Rev. H. M. Luce, Elder James Hicks and Elder Harold Brown.

"Moderator Weir constituted the commission with prayer. H. M. Luce was elected clerk. Motion was made and supported to adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator. Motion passed. Dr. Wylie led in Prayer.

S/ Harvey M. Luce, Clerk"

"Dearborn Michigan  
October 25, 1954

The Commission of Detroit Presbytery elected to install the Rev. J. Rodney Beal as pastor of the Royal Oak Congregation met at 9:30 P.M. in the pastor's study of the Littlefield Blvd. Church. Members present were S. C. Weir, Willard Wylie, and Elder James Hicks. The pastor elect was also present. Dr. Weir re-constituted the Commission with prayer. W. Wylie was appointed acting clerk for this session. The Installation date was set for Sabbath, Nov. 14 at 7:30 P.M. Commission to convene at 7:15 P.M.

The following assignments for the service were made: Rev. S. C. Weir, D.D. to preside. Rev. Harvey Luce to preach the sermon. Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D. to address the pastor. Rev. Roy Lambert to address the congregation. Elder James Hicks to read the edict. Willard Wylie closed the meeting with prayer.

S/ Willard Wylie, Acting Clerk"

"The Commission met at the Royal Oak Church at 7:00 P.M. on November 14, 1954. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. S. C. Weir, D.D., the Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D. presided. Present were W. Wylie, R. Lambert, H. Luce, J. R. Beal, and Elders James Hicks and Harold Brown. Elders Lee Morrison, E. A. Blevins and Lyle Simmons of the Royal Oak Church were also present.

Dr. Willard Wylie led in Prayer. A motion was made that Dr. Wylie preside at the Service of Installation. Motion was seconded and approved.

Elder James Hicks reported the reading of the Edict.

A motion was made that the meeting adjourn with the Benediction by the Rev. J. Rodney Beal at the close of the Installation Service. Motion seconded and carried. Service proceeded as planned with Dr. Wylie presiding.

S/ Harvey M. Luce, Clerk"

The Committee for the study of the Plan of Union, F. J. Irvine, chairman presented the following report:

"February 15, 1955

The Committee appointed by the Presbytery of Detroit to study and report on the matter of Church Union would report its work completed. The meeting to hear our informal report was held as scheduled on January 14, 1955, at Outer Drive Church. The informal report, a signed copy of which is attached, was presented to the group there assembled, and was discussed in some detail. As we reported that night, "our studies led all three of us to a conviction that union on the proposed basis of union is desirable, in the broader view of things." I move, therefore, that the committee's report be accepted and that Presbytery proceed with the vote on union according to the instructions of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Frank J. Irvine, Chairman"

The motion to accept the report and proceed with the voting was seconded and the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Overture on union. There being no discussion the roll was called by the clerk and is as follows: 34 present, 21 yes, 12 no, 1 not voting.

Moved and seconded that the following ministerial and elder nominees be our Commissioners to the 1955 General Assembly: Ministerial nominees: Principals - W. W. Miller, H. D. McCalmont, E. W. Dunn: Alternates: H. L. Downie, F. J. Irvine, W. Wylie. Elder nominees: Eugene Hoisington, principal, Harold Kline, alternate from Joslyn Avenue: Raymond S. Reid, principal, Earl W. Groves, alternate from Southfield: Homer Jennings, principal from Calvin. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report of nominations to the General Assembly for Presbyterial officers: Financial Agent, Jeráld H. Bevis;

Superintendent of Missions, Ernest W. Dunn; Chairman of Christian Education, W. Wade Miller. The committee also recommended the following persons to be appointed: Earl B. Young, Jr., to Church Youth Service with the Detroit Council of Churches; J. A. Moffat to represent Presbytery at the Board of Directors meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Home. Also Rev. Mark Caldwell and Elder Earl Young Jr., to serve on the Advisory Board of Westminster Fellowship of Wayne University, July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. Moved and seconded that these nominations be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Superintendent of Missions presented an attestation of moderation of a Call for Rev. John M. Rock as pastor of the Wayne U. P. Church. The V-Moderator read the Call, the terms of which are: Salary \$3300 with a \$200 minimum increase for five years, beginning in 1956; full payment of pension; car allowance; free manse; one month vacation. The Call was signed by 116 members and 17 adherents. Moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain the Call as regular. Motion carried.

The V-Moderator then presented the Call to Rev. Mr. Rock who accepted same.

The Annual Statistical Report of the Clerk was presented in mimeograph form and is on file with the clerk.

The Annual Report of the Financial Agent was presented in mimeograph form and is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded to adopt the reports. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget submitted the following report: Pledged to the Denominational Budget \$68,836, an increase over 1954 of \$7,001. Tithers listed 509. Moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Pensions, J. H. McCann reported all congregations and ministers participating in the pension, some paying the entire pension amount. He also reported concerning the minimum pension payment to Mrs. Creswell and the \$500. gift from the Pension Board upon the death of any minister. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, H. M. Luce, chairman, presented a report concerning the status of Church School, Vacation Church School, youth groups, boy and girl Scout memberships, youth in college, Leadership Training and Men's work. The report is on file with the clerk, along with a statistical analysis of the Christian Education report. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

There was no report from the Committee on Evangelism.

The Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn, chairman, reported concerning investigation work on possible location in the Livonia Township, and working with the Department of Research and Church Planning. There being some conflict with the Presbyterians, it was decided to leave this to the Department of Research and Planning before any definite commitment was made. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The question was posed relative to location in Sterling Township which is being investigated by the Committee of Missions. Also the question relative to possible support for the Department of Research for Church Planning of our presbytery from the Home Mission fund; a check of this matter to be given at the June meeting.

The Finance Committee, Richard Cleage, chairman, submitted the following report:

"Feb. 15, 1955

Finance Committee recommends payment of the following expense accounts - Rev. E. W. Dunn \$8.44; Rev. Herbert L. Downie \$5.23; Committee also recommends the request for \$50.00 expense fund to Council of Presbyterian Men U.P. Church Detroit Presbytery. S/ Finance Committee, George B. Cunningham, L. Faunt Jones, Richard H. Cleage, chairman" "Due June - We recommend payment of following items as they become due for Audit fee \$15.00; F.A. Bond \$5.00; Securities Commission for Corp. fees \$2.00, Request of Financial Agent."

The Social Service Committee, J. E. Wadsworth chairman, presented the following report: "1. The Social Service Committee recommends that Presbytery express strongly our opposition to another race track in the Detroit area to Mr. James H. Inglis, Racing Commissioner. That the clerk forward said communication to Mr. Inglis at once. 2. The committee recommends that Presbytery appoint Mrs. Russell H. Chowan as Presbyteries representative in Displaced Persons Program.

"And that if she declines said appointment that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a representative. And that Presbytery strive to attain a minimum goal of 14 persons as the number of refugees for which churches and individuals in the Presbytery will sponsor. Our representative is empowered to set up the ways and means by which this will be accomplished. Respectfully submitted.

S/ J. E. Wadsworth, E. Watkins, E.B.Young"

Following considerable discussion relative to the financial obligations involved it was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

At this point the Synodical Field Secretary Dr. J. I. Moore gave an encouraging report on the synod's work and words of commendation of work being done in the Detroit Presbytery.

R. F. Lambert offered the suggestion of the possible site for a youth camp within the area adjacent to the present Lakeland church property. Moved and seconded to commit this matter to the Committee of Education with Roy Lambert ex officio on the committee to report at the June meeting. Motion carried.

The Vice Moderator appointed the following commissions:

1. Commission consisting of W. W. Miller, moderator, S. C. Weir, F. J. Irvine, James Payne, William J. Tait, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery to deal with matters in relation to the installation of Rev. John M. Rock as pastor of the Wayne church.
2. A Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, H. L. Downie, A. C. Forester, L. F. Jones, to deal with matters relating to the Commissioning service for Dr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointment of these commissions. Motion carried.

The Moderator then expressed appreciation to the Royal Oak church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining Presbytery.

The Military Avenue church extended an invitation for the June meeting.

Dr. Weir announced the coming of Dr. Ansley Moore as the first full week speaker of the Lenten services in Detroit and suggested that we might give whole-hearted support from our United Presbyterian churches during that week.

Moved and seconded that the meeting of Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. J. I. Moore at 10:05 P.M.

*Charles J. Genheimer*  
..... Vice-Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie*  
..... Clerk

June 21, 1955

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Military Avenue church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard D. McCalmont at 5:10 P.M. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	W. Jud
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	J. F. Roberts
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	J. Parsons
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	
H. M. Luce	Southfield	A. Goodall
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	J. W. Williams
W. W. Miller	Military Avenue	W. Conyers
H. D. McCalmont	First	R. X. Foster
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	J. Hazlett
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	E. Hoisington
J. M. Rock	Wayne	D. R. Teachworth

<u>MINISTER</u>	<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>ELDER</u>
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	H. Cottman
J. E. Wadsworth	St. Marks Community	J. Spencer
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	W. Cadman
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	L. C. Morrison
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	
W. W. Moore		

Moved and seconded to grant the excuse of Mark H. Caldwell. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Students be heard and that Mr. Phillip Germain and Mr. Dale Stewart be heard by Presbytery in their trials for licensure and that Presbytery release the moderator from his obligation to preach a sermon to the Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students presented its report concerning the students under the care of Presbytery qualifying the students as doing acceptable work. The committee recommended that Presbytery take under its care Robert Smith of Calvin church and Edward Krantz of the Drayton Plains church. Moved and seconded that Presbytery take these two men under its care. Motion carried.

The Committee then presented two seminary students for trials for licensure. Mr. Phillip Germain preached a textual sermon on John 9:1-3 on the Purpose of Suffering and gave an expository outline on Phil. 2:1-4. Mr. Dale Stewart gave a textual sermon on I Cor. 9:24-25 on Running the Race, and an expository outline on Heb. 11:8-12. In the brief time allotted words of commendation were offered to these seminary students who had shown marked improvement in poise, delivery and thought-content of their sermons. Moved and seconded that Presbytery sustain these men in their trials and proceed to licensure. The clerk called the roll and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

The Moderator, H. D. McCalmont proposed the questions for licensure and upon affirmative acclamation from the candidates declared them to be licensed by the Presbytery of Detroit.

After words of counsel to the newly licensed men, certificates of licensure were presented by the Moderator.

Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Students, as a whole, be adopted. Motion carried.

At 6:28 p.m. Presbytery stood in recess for dinner.

At 7:20 p.m. Presbytery reconvened with prayer by the Moderator.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Dr. J. I. Moore and Elders from various churches who were guests that day.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read. Moved and seconded that the minutes, as read, be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported concerning the discharge of his duties. Moved and seconded that the moderator's action in appointing Leslie Lucas to replace J. A. Moffett as our representative on the Mt. Pleasant Home, and Weldon Conyers on the Committee of Students, be approved. Motion carried.

The matter of the Refugee Settlement Program was again committed back to the clerk to have action before the October meeting.

The following elders have been elected, ordained and installed in the various congregations: Auburn Heights Church: Henry Rose elected Jan. 12, 1955, installed Feb. 27, 1955. Military Avenue Church: John Kuhnle, Sr., Warren Elliott, Jr. and Russell Jones, elected, ordained and installed. First Church, Wayne; Daniel Teachworth elected March 22, 1955.

The expense statements were referred to the Finance committee.

The Moderator then called for the election of a new moderator for Presbytery. Rev. Chas. J. Gensheimer was nominated. Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed, the clerk to cast the unanimous ballot. The clerk cast the ballot.

The Rev. John Rock was nominated as vice moderator. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk cast the unanimous ballot. Motion carried. The clerk cast the ballot.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1955, consisting of W. W. Miller, moderator, S. C. Weir, F. J. Irvine, J. Payne, W. J. Tait, to deal with matters of the installation of the Rev. John Rock as pastor of the

First United Presbyterian Church of Wayne, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Mr. John Rock as Pastor at the Wayne Church

The Commission of W. W. Miller, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, J. Payne, W. J. Tait, and S. C. Weir was appointed February 15, 1955, to deal with matters in relation to the installation of Rev. Mr. John Rock as pastor of Wayne Church.

Following Presbytery meeting February 15, 1955, at 9:45 at the Royal Oak Church all members of the Commission met. The meeting was opened with prayer by W. W. Miller. W. J. Tait was elected clerk. The date of installation was set as March 13, 1955, at 8:00 P.M. at the Wayne Church. W. W. Miller will preach the sermon and conduct the service. M. H. Caldwell will give the charge to the congregation. J. Rodney Beal will give the charge to the pastor. James Payne will read the edict to the Wayne congregation.

The next meeting of the Commission will be March 13, 1955, at 7:30 P.M. at the Wayne Church. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. and was closed with prayer by W. W. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,  
S// W. J. Tait"

"Commission for the Installation of Rev. John Rock as Pastor at Wayne Church

The Commission met on March 13, 1955, at 7:40 P.M. at the Wayne Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by W. W. Miller. The following members were present: W. W. Miller, J. Payne, W. J. Tait. J. Rodney Beal and M. H. Caldwell and J. Rock met with the Commission to review the installation service schedule. A motion was made and supported to confirm the fact that James Payne had read the edict to the Wayne congregation. The motion carried. The order of service was outlined and agreed upon. A motion was made that the Commission's business be concluded with the Installation Service benediction. The motion was supported and carried. J. Rodney Beal offered prayer as this meeting adjourned at 7:50. A bulletin listing the order of service is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
S// W. J. Tait"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 1955, consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, W. Wylie, H. L. Downie, A. C. Forrester, L. F. Jones, to deal with matters in relation to a missionary commissioning service for Dr. and Mrs. Roy Clark were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Feb. 15, 1955

The Commission appointed by Presbytery Feb. 15, 1955 consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, to deal with matters pertaining to the Commissioning of Dr. and Mrs. Roy D. Clark as medical missionaries, met on the above date following the meeting of Presbytery for organization:

The Moderator constituted the commission with prayer.

H. L. Downie was appointed as clerk of the commission.

Due to inability of Dr. Wylie to serve actively on a Sunday evening service during Lent, the vice-moderator appointed Rev. Wilson Moore as a member of the commission. Those present were: Luce, Moore, Wylie, Jones, Forrester, Downie.

Since date could not yet be settled for exact commissioning, it was suggested that the commission adjourn subject to the call of the moderator.

Assurance of clearance from the Foreign board was given for the service.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Wilson Moore.

H. L. Downie, Clerk"

Moved and seconded that this commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, H. L. Downie, A. C. Forrester, with J. F. Roberts replacing L. F. Jones be reappointed and meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization. Motion carried.

The Commissioners to the 1955 General Assembly: Eugene Hoisington, Raymond Reid, Homer Jennings, W. W. Miller, E. W. Dunn, H. D. McCalmont, reported interestingly on the experiences and work at the General Assembly.

The Moderator appointed the following Finance committee: W. Conyers, H. Cottman, R. Foster. Moved and seconded that the moderator's appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Financial Agent presented a summary of his receipts from January 20th thru June 20th, also the audit of last year's Financial Agent's books. These were referred to the Finance committee.

The Committee on Christian Education, H. M. Luce, chairman presented its findings relative to the youth camp site. The approximate cost for an 80 acre site would have been \$160,000: this without any buildings. Mr. Luce reported a general indefiniteness to be able to locate anything concrete regarding this proposal. It was moved and seconded to accept the report and to lay the matter on the table. Motion carried.

The Superintendent of Missions presented his annual report concerning his activities and services. Part of that report dealt with the matter of foregoing a site in Livonia Township for the possibilities of one in Sterling Township and the committee is working with the Department of Research and Church Planning. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Evangelism, W. Wylie, chairman, presented a very comprehensive report concerning evangelism with goals and recommendations. Of the denominational goal of 44,000 for the Centennial of Progress program and 16,500 yearly additions by profession, the committee recommended we accept a goal of 5% or a net yearly increase of 550 and a yearly addition by profession of faith of 825. The committee also presented five recommendations which are as follows:

"Detroit, Michigan

June 21, 1955

To Detroit Presbytery:

Your Committee on Evangelism submits the following report:

That there is a revival of interest in Evangelism is apparent to all. This revival stems not only from the top of our ecclesiastical structure down to the congregational level but in the reverse direction also. This is apparent in all evangelical denominations. This is as it should be. For has not evangelism been the chief business of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ ever since Jesus told his disciples "to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"

Rev. James L. Stoner, Director of the University Christian Mission of the National Council of Churches, gave a practical definition of Evangelism in a recent article appearing in the United Presbyterian. He writes: "Evangelism means the sharing of the gospel with those who have never heard it before, and caring for those who have come under Christian influence previously." This is indeed our task. It is the task of the Church, of the minister, the elder, and of every lay member. How are we meeting it?

The General Committee on Evangelism of our Church is launching an aggressive campaign of Evangelism which will be the primary emphasis of the Centennial Progress Program which was heartily adopted by the General Assembly at its recent meeting in Monmouth, Ill.

In addition to suggesting goals for the increase of membership, the Committee is suggesting and recommending ways and methods of Evangelism to attain these goals. In the light of their recommendations your committee is suggesting the following goals and recommendations for Detroit Presbytery:

I. Goals. For the four years of the Centennial Progress Program, the General Committee on Evangelism has set the following goals: 1. Net increase in membership 44,000 or 11,000 annually. 2. Yearly additions by profession of faith - 16,500.

What is Detroit Presbytery's share of these goals? In 1953 the membership of Detroit Presbytery was 2.76% of the total U.P. membership in America. In 1954 it was 2.94%. The average of the two years is 2.85%. If we would maintain this average our share of the net yearly increase would be 314 and 470 by profession of faith.



Your committee however believes that we should do more. Our Presbytery is located in one of the fastest growing areas in the United States. Raleigh Sain, Director of Research and Planning for the Detroit Council of Churches said recently: "In the next decade and a half this area will have a population growth of 1,500,000 and that would call for 600 new churches." Your committee feels that our Presbytery should have a part in the locating and establishing a goodly number of these new churches needed. In the light of this your committee recommends that we accept 5% of the denominational goals, or a net yearly increase of 550 and 825 yearly additions by profession of faith.

II. Recommendations. 1. That the Committee on Evangelism to be elected today to serve for the year beginning July 1 give careful consideration to plans for a Presbyterial Institute on Evangelism to be held before Jan. 1, 1956 and that they also consider the setting up of Visitation Evangelism Workshops in at least two areas of Presbytery. 2. That all pastors and session plan for an aggressive season of Evangelism, adopting and adapting plans that would seem to serve their congregations in the most profitable way. 3. That our Bible School teachers, especially those of the Junior and Intermediate age, be urged to keep constantly before their pupils the need of and profit in a public acceptance and profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and their purpose to live a Christian life. 4. That Communicant Classes for both old and young be held to help those entering the membership of the church to more fully understand their duties and obligations. We suggest that the Membership Vows required by our church be fully explained and the importance of their being fulfilled be emphasized. 5. That serious consideration be given by all pastors and sessions to the reclaiming and reviving of those who have become careless in their Christian living and indifferent to the claims of Christ and His church. If the church is to grow in strength and vigor the constant loss by removal must be stopped.

Willard Wylie

H. L. Downie"

Moved and seconded that the goals and recommendations be adopted as part of our program of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Earl B. Young Jr., gave a report concerning the Westminster Foundation at Wayne University. He described the activities and service of the Foundation and the need for additional financial support. The share of the United Presbyterian Church as suggested for the coming year would be \$380.00. Moved and seconded to refer the matter and report to the Finance committee for action. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee, W. Wylie, chairman, submitted the following nominations for the various committees of Presbytery for the year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

"Detroit, Michigan

June 21, 1955

To the Presbytery of Detroit:

Your Committee on Nominations recommend that the following be the Committees of Presbytery for the year beginning July 1, 1955:

Committee on Missions:- E. W. Dunn, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., H. M. Luce, Harold Detweiler, Lesley H. Lucas, Clarence Oak.

Committee on Evangelism:- F. J. Irvine, Theo. Allebach, George Cunningham

Committee on Students:- J. H. McCann, J. E. Wadsworth Jr., Willard Wylie, Harold Haddon.

Committee on Christian Education:- Chairman of Christian Education (CCE) W. W. Miller, Secretary of Youth Work (SYW) Mark Caldwell, Secretary of Children's Work (SCW) Doris Hill, Secretary of Adult Work (SAW) E. I. Watkins, Secretary of Audio-Visual Work (SA-VW) Jonathan Parsons.

Committee on Pensions:- John Rock, James Hicks.

Committee on Social Service:- H. D. McCalmont, Wilson Moore, Richard Cleage.

Committee on Missionary Budget:- R. F. Lambert, J. Rodney Beal, Herbert Neely.

Committee on Annual Prayer Retreat:- E. I. Watkins, H. M. Luce, Frank Roberts, Gerald W. Rustem.

"Representatives on the Board of the Westminster Fellowship:- Mark Caldwell,  
Earl Young Jr.

Members of the Board of Trustees of Presbytery:- Earl Young Sr., Grant  
Graham, Thomas Hicks.

We suggest to the Committee of Nominations to be named today, that in view of the fact that term of the Clerk expires next June and according to our By-Laws cannot be re-elected, they be ready to suggest his successor by the Feb. meeting in order that he may work with the retiring Clerk as an assistant until the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
S// Willard Wylie  
S// W. J. Teeuwissen Jr."

Moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Nominating committee. Motion carried.

The Rev. E. I. Watkins gave a very interesting and stimulating report on the First National Convention of United Presbyterian Men.

The Royal Oak church asked for information concerning the making of a loan and it was discovered that a major portion of this loan was to come from the Board of American Missions.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint the Committee of Missions which becomes effective as of July 1st, consisting of E. W. Dunn, moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, H. Detweiler, L. H. Lucas, C. Oaks, as a Commission to review the application and to approve same in behalf of Presbytery and to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization. Motion carried.

Mr. Leslie Lucas reported concerning the Mt. Pleasant Home. Dr. H. D. McCalmont urged support of the Home in our fall budget planning.

Moved and seconded that a committee consisting of H. D. McCalmont, chairman, L. Lucas Gerald Bevis, present to the October meeting of Presbytery definite instructions concerning the procedures and channels for the payment of monies for the Mt. Pleasant Home. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Dr. Boyer, superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Home, be invited to speak at the October meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk prepare for the October meeting, a Memorial to be submitted to General Assembly concerning the adjustment of synodical boundaries. Motion carried.

Mr. J. F. Roberts, president of the Men's Presbyterial Council, made announcement of the Fall Prayer Retreat for Saturday, September 24th at the Southfield church.

Rev. T. R. Allebach extended an invitation to all members of Presbytery to the 35th anniversary of the Oakland Avenue Bible School on June 26th.

The matter of our contribution to the Department of Research and Planning of the Detroit Council of Churches was referred to E. W. Dunn for a definite report at the October meeting.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

"The Finance Committee of Detroit Presbytery recommends that the Financial Agent's report from January 20 to June 20, 1955 be approved. The committee recommends that the audit of the Financial Agent's books by Angus R. Nickels, certified public accountant, for the year January 20, 1954 to January 20, 1955 be approved.

The committee recommends the payment of the following expense statements:

H. M. Luce, CCE \$4.85 - and the following expenses for Commissioners to General Assembly. R.S. Reid - \$36.00, E. Hoisington, \$28.50, W. J. Jennings - \$25.25, E. W. Dunn, \$37.07, H. D. McCalmont - \$37.40, W. W. Miller - \$31.64.

The Finance Committee also recommends that presbytery's assessment of 16¢ per member be raised to 20¢ per member for the year 1955-1956 to take into account the \$380.00 to be donated to the Westminster Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Cutman  
Conyers  
R. X. Foster"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed the appreciation of Presbytery to the Military Avenue church and our congratulations on the excellent renovation job.

The Moderator extended the congratulations of Presbytery to Ernest W. Dunn upon his being honored by Muskingum College with a Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. J. I. Moore reported briefly that at the present time there are no vacancies in synod.

The Moderator then called for the Moderator-elect, and with gracious words of commendation inducted him into the office of moderator. The new moderator, C. J. Gensheimer, proposed the following committees: Nomination - S. C. Weir, chairman, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Jonathan Parsons. Finance Committee, J. F. Roberts, R. X. Foster, W. Wylie.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the committee appointments. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of Cherry Hill Church for the October meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Meeting stood adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Howard W. McCalmon* . . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk

*Approved by Ohio Synod  
Sept 20 1955*

*E. W. Welch - Clerk*

October 18, 1955

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Cherry Hill church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. J. Gensheimer at 5:07 p.m. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Clerk reported a quorum sufficient for the transaction of the business of Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that the regular scheduled business of presbytery be changed as per the agenda and that Presbytery proceed with the agenda as outlined. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, J. H. McCann chairman, presented Mr. Roy Lindhahl who desired to preach his specimen of progress for the presbytery. Mr. Lindhahl read from Hebrews 11:1-10 and preached a sermon on Hebrews 11:8. He presented a sermon that was excellently constructed and well thought out, as well as being helpful and inspiring to all the members of presbytery. His manner of delivery was pleasing and showed promise of real worth in this student.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery heartily approve his specimen of progress and commend him to his second year of theology. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget, R. F. Lambert chairman, presented a report concerning the budget promotion for 1956 which included notation of two film strips available for use in the presbytery; one for the planning session with workers and the second for training people in canvassing and visitation. Mr. Lambert also showed the first of these film strips to the presbytery.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the matter of the Refugee Settlement be referred to the Social Service Committee. Motion carried.

The clerk presented the program for the review of the Minutes of Session, whereby each minister and his elder reviewed the minutes of one other church. These were assigned for review and report at the evening meeting.

Moved and seconded that presbytery recess for dinner and any possible committee meetings. Motion Carried.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont led in prayer.

At 7:10 p.m. Presbytery reconvened with a devotional service by the Moderator.

Moved and seconded to extend the courtesies of the floor to the guests of Presbytery, Rev. George Hann and visiting persons and elders who were there. Motion carried.

At the request of the moderator, Presbytery heard Rev. George Hann in an instructive appeal concerning the Church Youth Service.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	R. O. Prouse
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	J. F. Roberts
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	H. K. Bennett
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	F. W. Anglin
H. M. Luce	Southfield	John Purdy
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	J. R. Lemon
W. W. Miller	Military Avenue	H. C. Kuykendall
H. D. McCalmont	First	Jas. Sturgeon
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	L. L. Rowley
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	Harold Kline
J. M. Rock	Wayne	D. Paxton
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	
J. E. Wadsworth	St. Marks Community	James Hall
M. H. Caldwell	Littlefield Blvd.	
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Leland Johnson
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	M. Brown
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	Lyle Simmons
W. W. Moore		

The Minutes of the June meeting were read by the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt same. Motion carried.

The Moderator and Clerk reported concerning the discharge of their duties in the interim between the June and October meetings. These are on file with the clerk.

The clerk read a letter from Mrs. Edgar J. Seyb Jr., recording secretary of the Detroit Presbyterial of the Women, asking for approval and assistance in the program of the Presbyterial called the "Nile Boat Project". Rev. Mr. Luce spoke to the issue. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the project and that the Clerk of Presbytery send letters to the clerks of each Session commending this project to each church. Motion carried.

The clerk read a notation from Rev. Cassius G. McKnight, stated clerk of Cedar Rapids Presbytery concerning the release of Louis J. Mitchell from his ordination vows.

The clerk also read a lengthy communication from Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive director of the Michigan Council of Churches and the Detroit Council of Churches. The following actions were taken by Presbytery:

Moved and seconded to notify Dr. Lenox that it was the assumption of the Presbytery of Detroit that we are members of the Michigan Council of Churches and that as such wished our name placed on that roll even if it had not previously appeared. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to refer to the Finance Committee the matter concerning the requested support for the Michigan Council of Churches, that is 2/10ths of 1% of the total income of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the further request of Dr. Lenox for the support of the Detroit Council of Churches, in the amount of 1% of each church's annual budget, be referred by the clerk to each individual congregation and left to the discretion of each congregation. Motion carried.

The moderator appointed R. O. Prouse as a member of the Finance committee.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June 1955, consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, A. Forester, J. F. Roberts and H. L. Downie to deal with matters concerning a commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery in June 1955, consisting of H.M. Luce Moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester, J. F. Roberts, H. L. Downie, to deal with matters relating to the commissioning service for Dr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, met following the meeting of Presbytery for organization.

Those present were: Luce, Wylie, Roberts, Downie.

Commission was constituted with prayer by H. M. Luce.

H. L. Downie was asked to serve as clerk.

There being no further action until word is received from Dr. and Mrs. Clark, it was moved and seconded that the commission adjourn subject to the call of the Moderator. Motion carried.

Commission was dismissed with prayer by Wylie.

June 21, 1955

H. L. Downie, Clerk."

Minutes of the Commission appointed in June 1955, consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., H. M. Luce, H. Detwiler, L. Lucas and C. Oaks, to deal with matters concerning an application from the Royal Oak church for a loan from the American Board of Missions, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"June 21, 1955

"The Committee on Missions of the Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church for the year beginning July 1st 1955 was constituted by prayer of the Moderator, Dr. Ernest W. Dunn at 10:40 p.m. June 21, 1955 as a Commission to act for the Detroit Presbytery in the matter of a loan for the Royal Oak Church from the Board of American Missions.

Members present were Dr. Samuel Weir, <sup>Rev.</sup> Dr. Walter Teeuwissen, and Elder Lesley Lucas. Members absent were Rev. Harvey Luce, Elder Harold Detweiler and Elder Clarence Oak.

On motion of Dr. Weir, seconded by <sup>Rev.</sup> Dr. Teeuwissen, Elder Lucas was elected secretary.

Meeting was adjourned on motion to meet at the call of the Moderator and on prayer by ~~Dr.~~ Teeuwissen.

S/ Lesley Lucas, Secy. "

Moderator"

"September 9, 1955

"The Commission met on call of the Moderator at 8:10 p.m. in Southfield Church and was constituted with prayer by him. All members were present except Elder Oak.

An application of the Royal Oak Church to the Board of American Missions for a grant of \$12,500. and a loan of \$12,500 was read by the Moderator.

Moved by ~~Dr.~~ Teeuwissen, seconded by Rev. Luce, that the Commission recommends the request of the Royal Oak Church be granted by the Board of American Missions. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Elder Detweiler.

S/ Lesley Lucas, Secy.

Moderator."

The Financial Agent presented a comprehensive report of income and expenditures for the first nine months of 1955. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The committee appointed by Presbytery in June 1955, consisting of H. D. McCalmont, J. H. Bevis, L. Lucas, to report concerning the channeling of all remittances of funds for the Mt. Pleasant Home, submitted the following report.

"Report of Presbytery's Committee on Remittance of Funds from Congregations.

Your committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That all remittances of funds that are handled by the Board of Administration should be made through the F. A. of Presbytery.
2. That funds for objectives that are of common interest to six or more churches of Presbytery, such as the Detroit Council of Churches, The Mt. Pleasant Home, Muskingum College, and Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, should be channeled through the F. A.; and the F. A. shall remit these contributions direct to the recipients, and shall list the congregations that have made them.
3. Assessments for the A. and D. Fund, and the Synod Fund, should be paid through the F. A.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Lesley H. Lucas

S/ Jerald H. Bevis"

Moved and seconded that the report become the adopted procedure of Presbytery. Moved to amend this motion that the clerk of Presbytery communicate this procedure to the clerks and treasurers of all churches of Presbytery. The amendment was carried, the motion, as amended was carried.

E. W. Dunn was to have reported concerning the contribution to the Department of Research and Planning to the Detroit Council of Churches. He reported that insufficient information was at hand to recommend a decision of Presbytery and it was Moved and seconded that this be carried to the February meeting. Carried.

The matter of Presbytery's donation to the Westminster Fellowship at Wayne University was referred to the Finance Committee for definite recommendation to the Presbytery.

The Clerk then presented a Memorial to General Assembly regarding the desired changes of the synodical boundaries. Moved and seconded to adopt the Memorial. Moved and seconded to amend the Memorial by removing the first phrase beginning "whereas the matter of church union \*\*" the amendment was carried, the motion as amended was carried.

The Clerk presented notation concerning five Overtures from the General Assembly for the action of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that Presbytery act upon these at the February meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations, S. C. Weir, chairman, presented the following report concerning the nominations to the Detroit Council of Churches and replacement for Miss Doris Hill on the Committee of Christian Education.

"Report of Nominating Committee:

Your committee recommends (1) That in consideration of certain structural changes involved in new by-laws presently before the Board of Directors of the Detroit Council of Churches, authority be granted the Nominating Committee to make the appointments to the Council on the basis of the status as of January 1, 1956, - these appointments to be presented for confirmation at the February meeting. (2) We place in nomination the name of Mrs. J. Rodney Beal as Secretary of Children's Work to fill the unexpired term of Miss Doris Hill.

S/ W. K. Teeuwissen  
S/ Jonathan Parsons  
S. S. C. Weir, Chrm."

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Evangelism, F. J. Irvine, chairman, presented the following report and suggested plans for the Fall and Winter.

"October 18, 1955

"Presbytery of Detroit

Fathers and Brethren: Your Evangelism Committee chairman and committeeman Allebach have reviewed carefully the report of last year's committee in June, and the recommendations therein. We recognize that it is important, from every point of view, to keep before our eyes our objectives in this area of the life of the church. These objectives will not be met without definite effort.

Since the June meeting, the matter of Evangelism has been strongly emphasized in the fall presbyterial retreat, and also in the meeting of the Synod of Ohio.

Denominationally our emphasis during these fall months tends to be on stewardship and the recruitment of the support of our people for the budgets for the new year. We feel therefore that a fall institute on Evangelism is not practical and should not be planned.

We would propose that between the middle and the end of January an evening be set aside for a presbyterial Evangelism Rally, to which carefully chosen elders from each Session be sent. There they would be inspired and given some definite guidance in how their local Session could carry out a vital visitation evangelism program in their own churches during the spring season.

We make this suggestion after having weighed the values of a more extensive and involved Workshop. "All action is local", and we feel that this program will give maximum emphasis on the work in the individual church, with some motivation and guidance provided through the Evangelism Rally.

We would ask the members of presbytery to recall the points of emphasis in June, which included:

- (1) Session planning for a definite season of evangelism
- (2) Sabbath School teacher emphasis, particularly at Junior and Intermediate levels
- (3) Communicant classes, and interpretation of the membership vows
- (4) Efforts to reclaim and revive the careless and indifferent
- (5) A presbyterial goal of 5% of the denominational goal, or a net yearly increase of 550 and 825 yearly additions by profession.

Frank J. Irvine  
Theodore Allebach"

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, W. W. Miller, chairman, presented a very comprehensive and adequately outlined program of Christian Education for the Fall and Winter. The report is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Social Service, H. D. McCalmont, chairman, presented an oral report on the Refugee settlement. Moved and seconded to refer to the Committee on Nominations the selection of a person to head this Refugee Settlement with a report to be presented at the February meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on the Annual Prayer Retreat, E. I. Watkins, chairman, presented a report which is on file with the clerk, including the following paragraph with suggested changes in our by-laws.

"In as much as there is a Council of United Presbyterian Men, it is recommended that the Constitution and by-laws of presbytery be amended in regards to Article IV Section 3, sub-section b, sub-section (9), that the words "Annual Prayer Retreat" be deleted; and in Article IV, Section 4, that sub-section (i) be deleted; and in Article VII, October meeting, "Report of Prayer Retreat Committee" be changed to read: "Report of the Council of United Presbyterian Men".

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and the by-laws be changed in accordance with the report. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Frank Roberts, president of the United Presbyterian Men's Presbyterial Council gave an oral report concerning the work with United Presbyterian men. The clerk read the list of nominations to the 1956 General Assembly which is as follows:

Elder Delegates - Principal:

Littlefield, First, St. Marks

Alternates:

Royal Oak, Broadstreet, Cherry Hill

Ministerial delegates - Principal:

H. L. Downie, F. J. Irvine, W. Wylie

Alternates:

C. J. Gensheimer, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen.

The Committee of Missions presented the following request for aid from the American Board of Missions: The Lakeland church in the amount of \$1886.67.

Moved and seconded to approve the application. 35 present, 34 yes, 1 not voting.

The St. Marks church \$600.00. Moved and seconded to approve the application.

35 present, 34 yes, 1 no.

Moved and seconded to approve Ray Lambert as stated supply for one year at the Lakeland church and James E. Wadsworth for one year at St. Marks church.

Motion carried.

The Finance Committee, J. F. Roberts chairman, presented the following report: Recommend that Presbytery pay to Westminster Fellowship at Wayne University \$380.00 from Presbytery funds.

That salary of the Financial Agent, Clerk and Superintendent of Missions be paid.

That the \$25.00 check from Mrs. Chowen be held until some further directive is made for the Refugee Settlement.

Recommend that Presbytery pay to the Michigan Council of Churches \$100.00.

Recommend to approve the Audit fee of \$15.00.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Joslyn Avenue church made a request for the approval of Presbytery of a loan in the amount of \$22,000 at  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest from the Board of Pensions and Relief.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant approval. Motion carried.

First church asked for procedure in handling for a possible loan from one of our denominational boards.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint a Commission to deal with an application of First church if and when they decide to make such. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we express our appreciation to the Cherry Hill church for their gracious hospitality. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Wayne church for the February meeting. Motion carried.

Announcement was made concerning the Protestant Reformation Festival on October 30th at the Masonic Temple.

Announcement was made concerning the appointment of Mrs. Lemon to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Request was made for prayer for Dr. Albert E. Kelly in his illness.

The Moderator appointed a Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, A. Forester, J. F. Roberts, H. L. Downie, to deal with matters concerning a Commissioning Service for Dr. Roy D. Clerk, to meet following this meeting



of Presbytery for organization. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this appointment. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission, consisting of the Committee of Missions E. W. Dunn, moderator, to meet following this meeting of Presbytery for organization to deal with matters relating to approving a possible loan of First church from one of the denominational boards. Moved and seconded to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn Presbytery. Motion carried.

Presbytery was adjourned at 10:03 p.m. W. W. Moore led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles J. Gensheimer*

Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie*

Clerk

February 21, 1956

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in the Oakland Avenue Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, C. J. Gensheimer at 7:15 p.m. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	Thos. Milne
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	J. L. Kitzmiller
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	F. R. Johnson
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	H. Rose
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	H. E. Schriener
H. M. Luce	Southfield	C. Oaks
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	W. J. Phenix
W. W. Miller	Military Avenue	K. Collins
H. D. McCalmont	First	R. Mott
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	E. Bowdway
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	D. Loughheed
	Wayne	J. G. Payne
C. J. Gensheimer	Cherry Hill	
	St. Marks Community	Clarence Gibson
M. H. Caldwell	Littlefield Blvd.	
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	H. L. Bowden
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	G. I. Griffith
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	J. Hicks
W. W. Moore		

The Clerk reported requests from John Rock and James Wadsworth to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery and W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. for part of the time to attend the Presbyterian Institute. Moved and seconded that the requests be granted. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the October meeting of Presbytery were read. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to our Synodical Field Secretary, Dr. J. I. Moore and visiting elders who were with us. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported on the discharge of his duties between the meetings of Presbytery. He reported the appointment of Dr. S. C. Weir as temporary moderator of the Session of Wayne church and moderator of the congregational meeting. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on his activities in the interim and this is on file with the clerk. No action was necessary for approval by the presbytery.

Expense statements were presented and referred to the Finance committee. The following is the listing of the elders ordained and installed in the various congregations of the presbytery:

Littlefield Blvd: Elders ordained and installed, Sophus Bolme, Donald Exelby, Evan Hughes, J. H. Larschedit: Elders installed, Orrin Barrett, R. O. Prouse, Gordon Sutton.

Auburn Heights: Elders ordained and installed, Wayne Rose, Alex Tiffany, Wayne Lidgard, Irwin Weaver.

Lakeland: Elder installed, Horace Lloyd Bowden.

Royal Oak: Elder ordained and installed, Oren B. Shearer.

Calvin: Elder ordained and installed, Norman Smith.

Cherry Hill: Elders ordained and installed, William Bachman, Delmore Faber, James Handley, Randall Leyshon, Thomas Silvester: Elders installed, Victor Floyd, Anthony Sargenti.

St. Marks: Elders ordained and installed, Yancy Griggs, James Hurst, James Shirley.

First: Elders ordained and installed, Herman K. Farmer, Malcolm MacKay and Carl Marburger.

Outer Drive: Elders ordained and installed, Harold Tremain, Andrew Bissinger, John Platner: Elder installed, John Kitzmiller.

Oakland Avenue: Elders ordained and installed, Walter Hill, Guy Coswell, Robert McCormack: Elders installed, Howard Webb, Alex McAllister.

The Clerk presented a letter from the Mt. Pleasant Home at Monroe, Ohio requesting appointment of a person to the following committees for the Home: Promotion, Finance, Furnishings.

Moved and seconded to decline the opportunity to name representatives to the Home due to the distance from Detroit. Motion carried.

Two letters were received from the Dean of Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary regarding students and these were referred to the Committee on Students for report at the June meeting.

The clerk reported receiving another lengthy letter from Dr. Merrill Lenox regarding contribution to the Detroit Council of Churches and the Michigan Council of Churches. No action was taken. The letter is on file with the clerk.

The following congregations requested the approval of presbytery to change the status of eldership to the rotary system with four year term and one year to elapse between each term served: Southfield, Joslyn Avenue, Oakland Avenue. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the request. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the clerk of Mercer Presbytery enclosing a call from the New Bedford church for Mr. Phillip Germaine. The letter also granted permission for the Presbytery of Detroit to ordain Mr. Germaine. Moved and seconded that a commission be appointed to hear the trials for ordination and if sustained to proceed with the ordination of Mr. Phillip Germaine to the gospel ministry and this commission be empowered to transfer Mr. Germaine to Mercer Presbytery. Motion carried.

A communication was received from the St. Marks church regarding a petition to the 1956 General Assembly. Moved and seconded to adopt and recommend as a memorial to the General Assembly; after some discussion it was moved and seconded to table the report until the Social Service Committee could review and present it later in the meeting as a properly worded memorial. Motion to table was carried.

The Minutes of the commission appointed in October 1955, consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester, J. F. Roberts and H. L. Downie,

to deal with matters in relation to the commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery in October 1955, consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forrester, J. F. Roberts and H. L. Downie, to deal with matters in relation to the commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark, met following the meeting of Presbytery, Oct. 18, 1955 in the Cherry Hill Church.

Those present were: Luce, Wylie, Roberts, Downie.

Commission was constituted with prayer by Luce.

H.L.Downie was asked to serve as clerk.

There being no further business until word was received from Dr. Clark it was moved and seconded that the commission adjourn subject to the call of the Moderator. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Roberts.

S// H.M.Luce, Moderator  
H.L.Downie, Clerk"

The clerk recommended, because of the uncertainty of the departure of Dr. Clark for Egypt, that this commission be reappointed by the Moderator later in the meeting.

The Minutes of the commission appointed October 1955, consisting of the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator, to deal with matters regarding the approval of a loan for First church from one of the denominational boards were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Committee on Missions for the Detroit Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Moderator Ernest W. Dunn as a commission to act in matters concerning finances for the First U. P. Church of Detroit at 10:20 P.M. Oct. 18, 1955 in the Cherry Hill Church.

On motion Elder Leslie Lucas was made clerk for the Commission.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Respectfully

S// Lesley Lucas, Clerk

Moderator, Ernest W. Dunn"

The list of Commissioners to the General Assembly was read, both ministerial and elder delegates:

Ministerial Nominees:

Principals: H. L. Downie	F. J. Irvine	W. Wylie
Alternates: C. J. Gensheimer	S. C. Weir	W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Elder Nominees:

First Church: Principal: Earl B. Young, Sr.
Alternate: Harry A. Cook
St. Mark's: Principal: Richard H. Cleage
Alternate: James Woodard
Littlefield: Principal: Walter Jud
Alternate: Murray Osborn.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery elect these as our Commissioners to the 1956 General Assembly. Motion carried.

E. W. Dunn made a favorable report concerning the support of our Presbytery to the Department of Research and Planning of the Detroit Council of Churches. Moved and seconded that Presbytery pay \$300.00 from the Home Missionary Fund to the Department of Research and Planning. Motion carried. It was noted, by discussion, that this did not necessarily mean it would be an every-year happening, particularly if each church within the presbytery volunteered its support in adequate manner to the Council of Churches. This would not become an automatic contribution each year but only by special vote of Presbytery.

The Presbytery proceeded to the voting on the Overtures as submitted by the General Assembly. The clerk read Overture No. 1, regarding the Administration of the Lord's Supper. Moved and seconded to approve. 32 present, 32 voting, 32 yes. The Overture carried.

The clerk read Overture No. 2 concerning the election of associate pastors and the elevation of associate pastors to senior pastors. Moved and seconded to approve. 32 present, 32 voting, 32 yes. The Overture carried.

The clerk read Overture No. 3 concerning the election of pastors. Moved and seconded to approve the Overture. 32 present, 32 voting, 32 yes. The Overture carried.

The clerk read Overture No. 4 concerning the additional statement to question six of the Membership Covenant. Moved and seconded to approve the Overture. 32 present, 32 voting, 22 no, 10 yes. The Overture lost.

The clerk read Overture No. 5 concerning the Pension Fund clause in a Call for a minister. Moved and seconded to approve the Overture. 32 present, 32 voting, 32 yes. The Overture carried.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations to the General Assembly: Financial Agent - Jerald H. Bevis; Superintendent of Missions - Ernest W. Dunn; Chairman of Christian Education, W. Wade Miller.. Moved and seconded that these nominations be confirmed. Motion carried.

The clerk presented in mimeograph form the annual report of Congregational statistics. This is on file with the clerk.

The Financial Agent presented a complete report for the year 1955. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report and to approve the audit as submitted by the financial agent. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget R. F. Lambert chairman, presented a mimeograph report concerning the missionary budget giving for 1956. Copies are on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt. Motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations, S. C. Weir, chairman, presented the nominations to the various departments of the Detroit Council of Churches. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these appointments. Motion carried.

"Report of Nominating Committee: Financial Agent - Jerald Bevis, Superintendent of Missions - Ernest W. Dunn, Chairman of Christian Education - W. Wade Miller, To Detroit Council of Churches: Board of Directors - Ernest W. Dunn  
Department of Business Affairs -  
Department of Church Music - Roy F. Lambert; Dept. of Church Extension, Ernest W. Dunn, Harvey M. Luce: Dept. of Evangelism, Herbert L. Downie; Dept. of Public Affairs, Willard Wylie; Dept. of Religious Education, Miss Dora Reed; Dept. of Social Service, James Wadsworth."

At this point the Moderator substituted H. M. Luce for W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. on the Nominating committee, and the Nominating committee retired to make the selection of a new clerk.

The Committee on Christian Education, W. W. Miller, chairman, presented a report on Christian Education and statistics for the year 1955. This report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

An informational report was given by F. J. Irvine, chairman of the Evangelism committee, telling of available materials and film-strips for use in evangelism emphasis.

E. W. Dunn, chairman of the Committee of Missions, gave an informal report of the status of congregations.

The Finance Committee, J. F. Roberts chairman, presented a report. Moved and seconded that presbytery approve the payment of the following bills:

"Board of Admin. Financial Agent's Bond 3 yr. period	\$15.00
Angus Nickles CPA Audit Fee	15.00
W. Wade Miller CCE expense	3.48
Jerald H. Bevis FA expense	8.49
H. L. Downie Clerk expense	11.02
M. H. Caldwell SYW expense	6.68
E. W. Dunn SM expense	17.41"

Motion carried. .

Mr. J. F. Roberts, president of the United Presbyterian Men's Council of the Presbytery spoke regarding the need for closer cooperation of the churches and appointment of a representative from each of the churches to work on the Men's council.

He announced a meeting at 8:00 P.M. February 29th at Outer Drive U. P. Church for the planning.

The Committee on Social Service returned with the proposed Memorial to the General Assembly and read same to presbytery with the changes involved. Moved and seconded that the words "including the police power of the Federal government" be stricken from the memorial. Motion carried. Moved and seconded to approve the report as corrected. Motion carried.

It was further moved that the clerk send this as a Memorial to the General Assembly. Motion carried.

The Nominating committee presented the recommended and accepted nomination of H. M. Luce to serve as assistant clerk and to be elected as stated clerk at the June meeting for a regular term. Moved and seconded to approve this temporary appointment of Mr. Luce as assistant clerk. Motion carried.

The clerk read a request from the Wayne congregation of a congregational meeting held February 16, 1956 asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Wayne church and the Rev. John Rock. Moved and seconded to approve the request and proceed with the dissolution. Motion carried.

The synodical field secretary, Dr. J. I. Moore, presented an informational verbal report.

F. J. Irvine presented an informal report concerning the Pioneer conference of Ohio synod. Moved and seconded that Presbytery express favorable attitude toward a Pioneer conference in the Detroit area in 1957. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk be requested to submit to the June meeting of Presbytery an amendment to the By-laws requiring two sessions of presbytery meeting, vis. afternoon and evening. <sup>For each meeting of Presbytery.</sup> Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery authorize Rev. W. W. Moore to preach in the Wayne church on February 26th and to declare the pulpit vacant and that the moderator be requested to appoint two commissioners to act in behalf of Presbytery, one to deal with all matters pertaining to the termination of the relationship of John Rock and the Wayne church and 2) one to deal with matters in relation to the Wayne congregation. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissioners to serve between the meetings of Presbytery: 1) a Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, moderator, F. J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin, to meet at the call of the moderator to deal with all matters pertaining to the termination of the relationship of Rev. John Rock of the Wayne United Presbyterian Church. 2) A Commission consisting of the Committee of Missions with E. W. Dunn as moderator, to meet at the close of this meeting of presbytery to organize to deal with all matters in relation to the Wayne congregation. 3) A Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, H. L. Downie, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester and J. F. Roberts to meet following this meeting of presbytery for organization to deal with all matters in relation to a commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark. 4) A Commission, consisting of E. W. Dunn, moderator, J. H. McCann, H. Luce, George Cunningham and James Wilson, to meet at the close of this meeting of presbytery for organization, to plan for and hear the trials for ordination of Mr. Phillip Germaine and if his trials are sustained, to ordain him to the gospel ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery of Mercer. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointments of the moderator. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed the appreciation of Presbytery to the Oakland Avenue church. The St. Marks church extended an invitation for the June meeting of Presbytery.

Mark Caldwell made announcement of Youth Rallies April 14th and May 6th. Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. W. Wylie led in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles J. Gensheimer* . . . . . Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie* . . . . . Clerk

June 19, 1956

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held in St. Mark's Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Chas. J. Gensheimer at 4:35 P.M. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	M. Osborn
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	G. E. Timson
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	N. Smith
	Broadstreet	J. A. Moffett
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	
H. M. Luce	Southfield	P. Merivista
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	M. McKay
C. J. Gensheimer		
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth	St. Marks	J. Shirley
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	
W. W. Moore		
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	M. Fauss
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	F. Froede
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	
	Wayne	J. Payne

The clerk read requests for excuses from W. W. Miller, John Rock and W. Wylie. Moved and seconded that the excuses be granted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, J. H. McCann, moved to set aside the regular order of business and hear two of our students in trials for licensure, and that Presbytery release the Moderator from his obligation to preach a sermon. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students then presented Mr. Harvey Beach who has finished two years in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary and who preached a textual sermon from I Timothy 1:5 and presented an expository outline on Col. 9:1-12. Mr. Roy Lindahl also finished two years at Pittsburgh-Xenia and presented a textual sermon on I John 4:5 and an expository outline or sermon on Ezekial 2:8-33.

Following comments by the members of Presbytery, it was moved and seconded to sustain the trials for licensure and proceed with the same. The roll was called by the clerk, 23 present, 23 voting, 23 yes. The motion carried.

The Moderator then called Mr. Beach and Mr. Lindahl forward and proposed to them the questions for licensure, and upon affirmative acclamation by the candidate declared them licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Detroit this 19th day of June 1956. Certificates of licensure were also given to these men. The Moderator also made appropriate commendation and charge to the newly licensed men.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery recess for dinner and committee meetings. Motion carried. J. E. Wadsworth led in prayer and Presbytery recessed at 5:50 P.M.

Following dinner Presbytery reconvened at 7:08 P.M. and was led in a devotional service by the Moderator, C. J. Gensheimer.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to visiting Elders.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. Moved and seconded that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Expense accounts were presented by the officers of Presbytery and commissioners of General Assembly and were referred to the Finance committee.

Joslyn Avenue Church reported the ordination and installation of the following elders: Francis Oak and Marvin Fauss, March 11, 1956.

The clerk read correspondence from Mrs. George Krupp from the Mt. Pleasant Home and from Calvin Memorial Restoration Committee.

The Moderator reported concerning the discharge of his duties in the interim between meetings of presbytery. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented notations regarding his activities between meetings which are on file with the clerk.

The Moderator then called for nominations for the office of moderator. The name of Mark H. Caldwell was presented and it was moved and seconded that presbytery unanimously elect him to the moderatorship. Motion carried. The name of James E. Wadsworth was presented for vice moderator for a term of one year. Moved and seconded that presbytery unanimously elect him. Motion carried.

The Nominating committee reported concerning the nomination of Harvey M. Luce for secretary for two year term. Moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1956, consisting of S. C. Weir, moderator, F. J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to the termination of John Rock and the Wayne congregation were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to deal with matters in connection with the Reverend John Rock met in the study of Dr. S. C. Weir on February 24, 1956 with the following members present: Frank J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin and S. C. Weir. Moderator S. C. Weir opened the meeting with prayer. R. Vard Martin was elected clerk of the commission. Matters in connection with Mr. Rock were discussed at length and it was agreed that the moderator should keep in touch with him frequently and report to the commission from time to time. The commission adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator. Dr. Irvine closed the meeting with prayer.

S/ S. C. Weir, Moderator

S/ R. Vard Martin, Clerk"

"The members of the commission to deal with matters in connection with the Reverend John Rock following his departure from the Wayne congregation met Sunday, May 27, 1956 at 1:45 P.M. Present were F. J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin and S. C. Weir of the commission, together with Mr. and Mrs. Rock. S. C. Weir opened the meeting with prayer. Matters were discussed at length relating to the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Rock, their financial obligations, Mr. Rock's medical care, and other problems with which the Presbytery is concerned. It was agreed to meet again at the call of the moderator. The commission adjourned following prayer by Dr. Irvine.

S/ S. C. Weir, Moderator

S/ R. Vard Martin, Clerk"

"The commission of Detroit Presbytery to deal with matters concerning the Reverend John Rock met Thursday, June 7, 1956 at 4:00 P.M. in the study of S. C. Weir. Present were F. J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin and S. C. Weir. The commission met at this time to evaluate the interview of May 27th, 1956 and to consider the medical report which had come into its hands. The meeting was opened with prayer by F. J. Irvine. In the light of discussion with Mr. Rock and in the light of the report of the medical counsel, it was agreed that it is too soon to evaluate the situation in terms of a recommendation to Presbytery except for the continuation of a commission relationship. We therefore recommend the continuation of this commission. The meeting adjourned with prayer by S. C. Weir.

S/ S. C. Weir, Moderator

S/ R. Vard Martin, Clerk"

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1956, consisting of the Moderator and the Committee of Missions to consider all matters pertaining to the Wayne congregation were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Minute of the Committee of Missions constituted as a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to the Wayne Church.

Present: Moderator E. W. Dunn, S. C. Weir, H. Luce, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., Elders C. Oak and L. Lucas. Also present Rev. Wilson Moore and Elder J. Payne of the Wayne Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer by W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

On motion of Elder Lucas and duly supported and carried, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., was elected Clerk of the Commission.

On motion duly supported and carried it was left with Moderator Dunn to make the proper arrangements for supplying the pulpit and the ordination and installation of such officers as had previously been elected by the Wayne congregation.

On motion duly supported and carried the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Rev. Harvey Luce closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
S/ W. J. Teeuwissen Jr.

February 21, 1956  
10:45 P.M."

Minutes of the Commission appointed in February 1956, consisting of H. M. Luce moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester, J. F. Roberts and H. L. Downie, to deal with all matters relating to a commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark, were read adopted and are as follows:

" Feb. 21, 1956. The Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1956 consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, W. Wylie, H. L. Downie, A. C. Forrester, J. F. Roberts met following the meeting of Presbytery in Oakland Avenue Church for organization.

The commission was constituted with prayer by Dr. Wylie. H. L. Downie was appointed clerk. The purpose of the commission was to arrange for a commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark. H. L. Downie reported that no further word had been received regarding date of departure of Clarks.

Moved and seconded to adjourn subject to the call of Moderator. Carried. Meeting closed with prayer by the moderator.

S/ H. M. Luce, Moderator of Commission  
S/ H. L. Downie, Clerk of Commission"

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1956 consisting of E. W. Dunn, moderator, J. H. McCann, H. M. Luce, G. Cunningham and J. Wilson to plan for and hear trials for ordination of Mr. Phil Germaine, and if his trials are sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery of Mercer, were read, adopted and are as follows:

"Oakland Ave. February 21, 1956 The Commission, named by Presbytery, to have charge of the ordination of Phil Germaine to the gospel ministry, met at the close of the Presbytery meeting at the Oakland Avenue Church.

Present were, Ministers Ernest Dunn, Moderator, Harvey Luce, Harvey McCann and Elder George Cunningham.\* The Commission was constituted with prayer by Mr. Dunn. \*Absent, Mr. James Wilson of Broadstreet.

Harvey McCann was elected to serve as Clerk.

The date of ordination was set for May 20, 1956 at eight o'clock, in the Calvin United Presbyterian Church. The Commission will meet at six o'clock to hear Mr. Germaine's trial sermons, and to examine him as to his qualifications for the ministry. The ordination service will follow at eight o'clock.

Mr. Cunningham was named to make the needed announcements of this service and to read the edict.

Details of the ordination service and arrangement of the program of the evening were entrusted to the Moderator, Mr. Dunn.

On motion of McCann the Commission adjourned to meet at the Calvin Church on May 20th at six o'clock.

The Commission was led in a closing prayer by Mr. Cunningham.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

"The Commission met on May 20, 1956 6:00 P.M. in the Calvin United Presbyterian Church. Present were - Ministers, Ernest Dunn, Harvey Luce, Harvey McCann and Elders George Cunningham of Calvin and James Wilson of Broadstreet.



The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Reverend Ernest Dunn. Mr. Philip Germaine appeared before the Commission and presented as trials for his ordination,

- a. A sermon outline based on Philippians 3:1-21 "The False and the True Faith."
- b. A Sermon from Ezekial 3:1-21 "The Perils of the Preacher."
- c. Also his exegetical and critical productions.

These sermons and papers were heartily approved as satisfactory to the Commission. Elder George Cunningham reported that he had fulfilled his assignment of reading the edict on May 6 and May 13.

The Commission proceeded to examine Mr. Germaine upon evidences of his faith in Christ, his reasons for entering the ministry, his dedication to the work of the ministry and his loyalty to the Church and its teachings and government.

A call was received from the United Presbyterian Church of New Bedford, Pennsylvania for Mr. Germaine, signed by 68 members, promising a salary of \$3400.00 annually with free use of the manse, one month's vacation each year and payment of the Pension Fund as stipulated by the General Assembly.

Upon motion by McCann, seconded by Luce, the call was approved as regular and was presented to Mr. Germaine and was accepted.

Mr. Luce moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, that the commission proceed with the ordination of Mr. Germaine at the appointed hour of eight o'clock.

This ordination service was held in the well-filled sanctuary. Mr. Luce preached the sermon; Mr. Dunn presented the questions of ordination and led in the ordination prayer. The service was concluded with the benediction by Mr. Germaine. (A printed copy of the ordination service is included with this report).

The Commission, upon motion by Luce, seconded by Cunningham, requested the Clerk of Presbytery to supply a Certificate of Ordination. Also upon motion by Wilson, seconded by Luce it was voted to supply a certificate of transfer to Mercer Presbytery.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion the commission was adjourned. Mr. Wilson led in prayer.

S/ Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Clerk"

The Commissioners to General Assembly then reported. The clerk read written reports from Dr. Wylie, Mr. Earl Young Sr., and Richard Cleage. Mr. Walter Judd, Dr. F. J. Irvine and H. L. Downie reported in person concerning the work and actions of the General Assembly.

The committee consisting of the Moderator and the Clerk, to report on changes for the By-laws presented the following change:

That Article 2 Section 2 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:  
The hour for convening each stated meeting of Presbytery shall be 5:00 P.M. on the above dates; that dinner and fellowship time be had each time from 6:00 to 7:00: that hearing of students and as much routine business as possible be placed on the agenda for the time before the dinner, thus permitting churches to be represented by the elders at the important business of Presbytery in the evening session.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommended change. Moved and seconded to amend the change with the insertion of the following word: "other" before important business. Motion carried. It was further moved to amend the hour of convening to be 4:30. Motion carried. The motion as amended was carried.

It was moved and seconded that after July 1st the clerk have prepared new copies of the By-laws as they have been amended by the Presbytery from time to time, and that sufficient copies of the revised By-laws be made available to all ministers and churches. Motion carried.

The Financial Agent presented a mimeographed report of the first six months of operation of the church year which is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the substitution of the name of Harvey M. Luce on the bank statement and be approved to sign checks for Presbytery; this name to be substituted for the outgoing clerk, H. L. Downie. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, J. H. McCann, chairman, presented the following report:

"Report of Committee on Training Young Men. June 19, 1956

Ten young men of Detroit Presbytery are planning for the Gospel ministry.

Five of these are in the Seminary at Pittsburgh -

1. Dale Stewart of the Littlefield Church, a graduate of Muskingum College. Dale has been carrying the responsibility of the care of a church along with his Seminary work, and expects to complete his course next year.
2. Harvey Beach, of Drayton Plains Church, graduate of Sterling College. He has completed his Second Year in the Seminary, and is appearing before Presbytery today for licensure.
3. Roy Lindahl, of Drayton Plains Church and a graduate of Monmouth College. He also has completed his second year in Seminary and is to be heard for licensure.
4. William Palmer, of Calvin Church, is a graduate of Wayne U. He has completed his Junior Year in the Seminary.
5. James Rhaesa, of the Wayne Church, is a graduate of Sterling. He has completed his first year in the Seminary.

The following men are looking forward to the Seminary and the ministry:-

1. Ed Krantz, Drayton Plains, plans to enter college this year.
2. Robert Smith, Calvin Church, has completed one year at Michigan University.
3. Lowell Conyers, Military Avenue Church, has completed three years in Sterling college.
4. Robert Bertouille, Littlefield Blvd. Church, graduated this year from Muskingum, and plans to enter Seminary after another year.
5. Harold Hunt, St. Mark's Church, has completed three years at Detroit Technical Institute, and is looking forward to a completion of the requirements for admission to Seminary.

Reports on the work done and the grades have been received from the Seminary, from the colleges, and in the case of young men who have not yet entered college, we have received reports from their pastors as to their progress and their interest in the ministry.

We congratulate Philip Germaine upon his completion of the Seminary course, and his ordination on May 20th in the Calvin Church.

The Committee recommends,-

1. That Harvey Beach and Roy Lindahl, who have appeared before the Committee, and have given satisfactory evidence of the accomplishment of the courses prescribed by the Seminary, and also of their devotion to the work of the Gospel Ministry, be heard in their trials for licensure to the ministry, and be licensed if they meet the approval of Presbytery.
2. That William Palmer and James Rhaesa, who have finished their first year in the Seminary, be heard at the October meeting of Presbytery.
3. Inasmuch as Roy Lindahl has expressed a desire for Presbyterial approval of his plan to take post-graduate work in preparation for "Christian teaching on the college level", we recommend that Presbytery heartily concur in this request.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Wadsworth

Willard Wylie

Harold Haddon

J. Harvey McCann, Chairman"

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Superintendent of Missions, E. W. Dunn, reported concerning his activities for the year and also reported concerning a recommendation of the committee of Missions for a new location of a church in Waterford township. The report of the Superintendent of Missions is on file with the clerk.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved in the new field. Motion carried. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Evangelism, F. J. Irvine, chairman, presented an informal report concerning the need to renewed effort in order to meet the goals established by our Presbytery. The goals were discussed and our present attainments given. Moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported the recommendation that Presbytery pay the following expense statements:

Walter Judd, General Assembly expense	\$42.00
Willard Wylie, " " "	52.55
Earl B. Young, " " "	54.45
Richard H. Cleage " " "	27.50
Frank J. Irvine, " " "	27.50
Herbert L. Downie, " " "	50.53
Herbert L. Downie, Corporation filing fee	2.00
Herbert L. Downie, Clerk's expense	4.96
E. W. Dunn, Superintendent of Missions expense	31.14
Total	\$292.63

It was moved and seconded to pay these expenses. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery authorize Harvey M. Luce, the newly elected clerk, to change the address for the corporation of the Presbytery and to be authorized to draw on the Financial Agent for whatever filing fees were involved. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee, S. C. Weir, chairman, presented the following list of nominations for the ensuing year:

"Committee of Missions:

E. W. Dunn, chairman	Fred Froede	H. M. Luce	Lesley Lucas
Clarence Oak	S. C. Weir	W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	

Committee on Evangelism:

T. R. Allebach, chairman	H. D. McCalmont	John Bougine
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Committee on Students:

H. L. Downie, chairman	E. I. Watkins	Harold Haddon
C. J. Gensheimer		

Committee on Christian Education:

Chairman of Christian Education	W. W. Miller
Secretary of Youth Work	M. H. Caldwell
Secretary of Children's Work	Mrs. Harvey M. Luce
Secretary of Adult Work	Willard Wylie
Secretary of Audio-Visual Work	Jonathan Parsons

Committee on Pensions:

W. W. Moore, chairman	Norman Smith
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Committee on Social Service:

F. J. Irvine, chairman	J. H. McCann	J. Shirley
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Committee on Missionary Budget:

J. E. Wadsworth, chairman	J. R. Beal	C. T. Honess
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Committee on Westminster Fellowship:

M. H. Caldwell	E. B. Young, Jr.
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Board of Trustees:

M. H. McKay, chairman	Jack Spencer	James Payne"
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Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Mark H. Caldwell presented an informational report for the Committee on Christian Education and a financial statement for the Presbyterial Institute held in February and March, showing a total expense of \$51.80, a total income of \$71.25, with a balance returned to the Financial Agent of \$19.45.

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be permitted to forward to Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, for safe keeping, all the old records of Presbytery, and that he be authorized to send the bill for same to the Financial Agent. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery extend appreciation to the retiring Clerk and to signify such appreciation by a standing vote. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissions to act for Presbytery in the interim of presbytery meetings:

A Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, moderator, F. J. Irvine, R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to ~~the termination of John Rock and the Wayne congregation~~, to meet at the call of the moderator.

A Commission consisting of E. W. Dunn, moderator, and the Committee of Missions to deal with all matters relating to the Wayne congregation, to meet at the close of this meeting of presbytery for constitution.

A Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester, J. F. Roberts, H. L. Downie, to deal with all matters in relation to the commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark, to meet at the call of the moderator.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these commissions. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed the appreciation of Presbytery to the St. Marks church for their gracious hospitality in entertaining Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery accept the invitation of the Calvin church for the October meeting. Motion carried.

The Moderator then properly inducted Rev. Mark H. Caldwell into the office of moderator of the Presbytery.

The new Moderator then presented the following appointments for standing committees.

Nominating Committee: S. C. Weir, chairman, W. J. Teeuwissen Jr., James Payne.

Finance Committee: L. Brown, J. R. Beal, Elder Green of Drayton Plains.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointments. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. Charles J. Gensheimer led in prayer and Presbytery stood adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

*Charles J. Gensheimer*  
..... Moderator

*Herbert L. Downie*  
..... Clerk

August 21, 1956

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Outer Drive church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Mark H. Caldwell who conducted a devotional service and called upon the Vice Moderator James E. Wadsworth to constitute Presbytery with prayer.

It was moved and seconded that Herbert L. Downie serve as clerk pro tempore of this special meeting in the absence of the regular clerk. Motion carried.

The roll was called by the clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	George Timson
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	H. J. Berg
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	J. L. Smith
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	James Wilson
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	L. L. Rowley
W. W. Miller	Military	H. Kuykendall
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	M. McKay
C. J. Gensheimer		
	Wayne	J. W. Huff
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks	James Woodard
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	Lee Morrison
	Southfield	Clarence Oak

The clerk reported a sufficient number present for the transaction of the business of this special meeting.

The Moderator then proceeded to read the statement of the purpose of this special meeting, which is as follows:

"The purpose of this meeting shall be:

1. To present a call to the Rev. Mr. Charles J. Gensheimer from the Grace United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, Pa., and consider the release of Rev. Mr. Gensheimer from his duties in the Cherry Hill Church.
2. To present the call to Rev. Mr. W. Wade Miller from the Guiniston and Hopewell Churches in Penna., and consider the release of Rev. Mr. Miller from the pastorate of the Military Avenue Church.
3. To deal with all matters pertaining to this dissolutions, such as the transfers, declaring pulpit vacant, correspondent for the congregation, and all other pertinent matters.
4. To receive the transfer of Rev. Mr. Robert L. Dickson from the Presbytery of First Ohio and for action of Presbytery concerning his installation as pastor of the Wayne Congregation.
5. To consider a request from First Church for loan from one of the Church Boards, and all matters pertaining thereto.
6. To consider the request of the Royal Oak Church for permission of Presbytery to dispose of the old church edifice.
7. Lest anything else be forgotten, to deal with any miscellaneous or otherwise important matters that pertain to any and/or all the above mentioned matters, either individually or collectively."

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Vice Moderator's authority in calling this special meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator then read a Call from the Grace United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, Pennsylvania for Rev. Charles G. Gensheimer. Terms of the call were: annual salary \$3800.00, car allowance \$300.00, Pension payment 11%, parsonage, and vacation. The Moderator then presented the Call to Mr. Gensheimer who accepted the Call. Moved and seconded that Presbytery transfer Rev. Charles G. Gensheimer from Detroit Presbytery to the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas. Words of appreciation of Mr. Gensheimer and his ministry in our midst were expressed by many ministers and many representatives from the Cherry Hill Church. Motion carried.

In the absence of a formal Call from the Guiniston and Hopewell churches of Big Spring presbyteries for Rev. W. Wade Miller, Rev. Miller formally asked the Presbytery to be released from his pastoral duties at Military Avenue and be granted a transfer to Big Spring Presbytery. A representative from Military Avenue congregation stated that the congregation had acquiesced to Mr. Miller's request. It was moved and seconded to release Rev. W. Wade Miller from his pastoral responsibilities at the Military Avenue church, to dissolve the pastoral relationship and grant a Certificate of Transfer to Big Spring Presbytery. Many words and expressions of appreciation of Rev. Mr. Miller were given by the men of presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. W. Wade Miller be authorized by Presbytery to preach and declare the pulpit of Military Avenue church vacant as of September 2, 1956. Motion carried.

The Elder from Military Avenue church noted that Mrs. Gertrude Nichols of 1020 Ferdinand, Detroit 9, had been appointed as correspondent for the congregation. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

The Moderator then read the Letter of Transfer of the Rev. Mr. Robert L. Dickson from the Presbytery of First-Ohio. Moved and seconded that Rev. Mr. Dickson be received into the Detroit Presbytery and his name added to the roll as of August 21, 1956. Motion carried.

The Moderator then stated he believed the commission appointed in June, to deal with matters in regard to the Wayne congregation, would handle the matter of installation and report at the next meeting of presbytery.

First church asked for permission from Presbytery for a possible loan from one of the denominational boards. The pastor, Howard D. McCalmont, expressed some

question that they might not need the loan but asked that Presbytery grant a request of a possible maximum of \$50,000 from the Board. Moved and seconded that Presbytery grant the request. Motion carried.

The Royal Oak church requested permission to dispose of the old building on its property. Moved and seconded to grant the request. Motion carried.

At this point the Moderator and others introduced guest ministers and guest elders who were in attendance at the meeting and they were welcomed into the fellowship of the Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by F. J. Irvine.

*Mark H. Caldwell* . Moderator  
Mark H. Caldwell

*Herbert L. Downie* Clerk  
H. L. Downie Pro Temp

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*Approved by Synod of Ohio  
Sept. 18, 1956  
J. Paul Graham, Clerk*

October 16, 1956

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Calvin Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Caldwell, at 4:30 P.M. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	William Cravens
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	John Kitzmiller
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Lawrence Arnett
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	O. M. Weaver
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Fred Anglin
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	James Gilmore
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr	Drayton Plains	Glenn Featherston
H. M. Luce	Southfield	John Purdy
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	Herman Farmer
M. H. Caldwell	Littlefield Blvd	
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks	James Hurst
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Ave.	Marvin Fauss

T. R. Allebach  
 J. R. Beal  
 R. L. Dickson  
 W. W. Moore

Oakland  
 Royal Oak  
 Wayne  
 Military Avenue

Allan Haun  
 Orin Shearer  
 James Payne  
 John Kuhnle, Jr.

The Clerk reported that Dr. J. I. Moore, SFS, had written, expressing his regret at not being able to be present for this meeting of Presbytery because of the meetings of two other Presbyteries in Ohio this week. The Clerk also reported the request of the Rev. J. M. Rock to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery and that his name not be placed in nomination as a Commissioner to the 1957 General Assembly. Moved and seconded that the requests be granted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the regular scheduled business of Presbytery be changed as per the agenda and that Presbytery proceed with the agenda as outlined, excusing the Moderator from his obligation to preach his regular sermon. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students, H. L. Downie, Chairman, presented Mr. William Palmer who desired to preach his specimen of progress for the Presbytery. Mr. Palmer read Luke 7:1-10 and preached a sermon on faith. Mr. James Rhaesa was also presented and preached his specimen of progress based on Matt. 18:21,22. Both sermons were carefully prepared, clearly and forcefully presented, and were helpful and inspiring to the members of Presbytery. It was moved and seconded that these specimens of progress be approved and that the students be advanced to the Middler year in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. Members of Presbytery spoke words of praise and appreciation for the work of these young men. Motion carried.

The Committee on Students then reported as follows:

"Roy Lindahl has completed his second year in Seminary; was licensed by the Presbytery in June, 1956; is now in his third year at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. Mr. Lindahl has asked for and been granted the permission by Presbytery to continue in advanced study following Seminary. He has now made this request: after his graduation from Seminary would he be required to be present at the Presbytery at least once a year? This request came to the Clerk and Rev. Mr. Luce answered it in this manner: that he would assume that Mr. Lindahl would be ordained following his completion of Seminary training, thereby placing him under the authority of the Presbytery and subject to attendance upon its stated meetings. When this matter was referred to the committee on students, we concur in the reply that the Clerk has given Mr. Lindahl to this extent. If he is not ordained, what is his status to our Presbytery then?" Objection was made to the information given by the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the Clerk write to Mr. Lindahl, calling his attention to the appropriate sections of the Book of Government and Worship. Motion carried.

The Committee of Students continued: "Mr. Richard Smith of the Drayton Plains congregation applied to the Committee for Reinstatement under the care of Presbytery. Mr. Smith was originally taken under the care of Detroit Presbytery in Sept. 14, 1948, while still a student at Sterling College. He decided that he wished to pursue his seminary work at Dallar Seminary and, therefore, requested that Presbytery drop him from its care, which was accomplished April 18, 1950. After serving a short term as a United Presbyterian Missionary, Mr. Smith wishes to finish his work at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. He desired to be taken again under the care of Presbytery. He met with the Committee of Students prior to his leaving for seminary this fall. The Committee, having thoroughly discussed the matter and relationship with Mr. Smith, wishes to recommend to Presbytery that Mr. Richard Smith be taken under the care of Detroit Presbytery as a student of Theology." It was moved and seconded that Mr. Richard Smith be taken under the care of Detroit Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the reading of the Minutes of Presbytery be done after dinner. Motion carried.

Expense statements were presented and referred to the Finance Committee. The Southfield Church reported the following Elders ordained and installed - Samuel G. Erwin, Richard A. Larges, Edgar J. Seyb, Fred A. Wagoner, and Richard G. Williams. Elders installed - John G. Anderson, Charles S. Frantz, Alexander Goodall, Joseph

A. Lane, Paul W. Merivirta, Clarence A. Oak, John T. Purdy, Raymond S. Reid, and Walter D. Veighey.

A letter from the Board of Foreign Missions, asking for the appointment of a contact person for the Board of Foreign Missions in the Presbytery was presented. Motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Nominations for study and report. Motion seconded and carried.

The Clerk presented the program for the review of the Minutes of Session, whereby each minister and his elder reviewed the minutes of one other church. These were assigned for review and report at the evening meeting.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery recess for dinner and committee meetings. Motion carried.

The Rev. J. E. Wadsworth, Vice-Moderator, led in prayer.

At 7:04 P.M. Presbytery reconvened and the Moderator led in prayer.

Moved and seconded to extend the courtesies of the floor to the guests of Presbytery, the Rev. Robert Young, Ph.D., the Rev. Ronald E. Boyer, D.D., and visiting persons and elders who were there. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 1956, and of the special meeting of August 21, 1956, were read by the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the Minutes be approved. Motion carried.

In compliance with the request of the General Assembly, the Moderator had invited the Rev. Robert Young, Ph.D., pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, to speak to the Presbytery concerning the work and organization of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He gave an interesting and informative talk concerning the organizational structure of the U. S. A. Church in the General Assembly, the General Council, the Synod of Michigan, and the Presbytery of Detroit.

The Moderator and the Clerk reported on the discharge of their duties since the June meeting. Moved and seconded that these reports be approved. Motion carries.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June, 1956, consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, and the Committee of Missions, to deal with all matters relating to the Wayne congregation, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Committee of Missions of Detroit Presbytery appointed a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to the settlement of the Wayne Congregation met at Southfield Church at 10 A.M., July 25th at the call of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, pro tem. Present were:

Revs: Harvey Luce, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Elders: Clarence Oak, Leslie Lucas

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., constituted the meeting with prayer and stated the purpose of the meeting: To examine and sustain the Call issued by the Wayne Congregation for the pastoral services of the Rev. John Dickson.

The Moderator related the events and read the Call. On motion by Harvey Luce, seconded by Clarence Oak, the Call was sustained as regular and ordered sent to the Clerk of Ohio First Presbytery, for presentation to the Rev. Mr. Dickson.

A discussion of the date and details for the installation of Mr. Dickson resulted in the following:

To preside: Rev. Ernest Dunn, D.D.

To preach the sermon: Rev. Harvey Luce

Charge to the congregation: Rev. Wilson Moore

Charge to the Pastor: Rev. S. C. Weir, D.D.

The date for the installation to be determined by Dr. Weir in the consultation with Elder James Payne of the Wayne congregation.



The foregoing order of service, etc., was moved by L. Lucas and supported by S. C. Weir and carried.

Dr. S. C. Weir, seconded by H. Luce, moved that the meeting adjourn.

Elder Lucas closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk of the Commission"

"The commission appointed to install Rev. Robert Dickson as pastor of the Wayne congregation met at the Wayne Church on September 30, 1956, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Dunn. The order of service for the installation was presented and the details noted. At the appointed time of 7:30 p.m. the Installation Service began with Rev. E. W. Dunn presiding. Rev. Harvey M. Luce preached the sermon on the theme, "By Our Own Knowledge." Rev. Samuel C. Weir, D.D., gave the charge to the Pastor. Rev. Wilson Moore gave the charge to the congregation. Special Music was provided by the Wayne Choir and by Mr. David Dickson, brother of Rev. Robert Dickson.

The service of Installation was brought to a close, and with it the commission stood adjourned with the pronouncing of the benediction by the newly installed pastor.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall for the pastor and his wife followed the service.

Respectfully submitted, E. W. Dunn, Moderator of the Commission."

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in June, 1956, consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, and R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to John Rock, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery appointed to deal with matters in connection with the Reverend John Rock met Sunday, October 14, 1956, at 3 P.M. at the Southfield Church. Present were Frank J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin, Samuel C. Weir and John Rock. The meeting was opened with prayer by Samuel C. Weir. Matters were discussed relating to Mr. Rock's clinical appointments and reports, the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Rock, their financial obligations and Mr. Rock's relationship to the presbytery and to the ministry. After Mr. Rock was excused the commission discussed the situation at length and concluded that no clear cut recommendations can be made at this time. The commission therefore requests its continuance in anticipation of a more definite report by the next meeting of presbytery.

S/ S. C. Weir, Moderator

S/ R. Vard Martin, Clerk"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June, 1956, consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, W. Wylie, A. C. Forester, J. F. Roberts, H. L. Downie, to deal with all matters in relation to the commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark, were read and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery June 19, 1956, to deal with matters pertaining to a commissioning service for Dr. Roy D. Clark met in the St. Mark's Church on the above date following Presbytery.

Those present were: H. M. Luce, Moderator, H. L. Downie, W. Wylie, and J. F. Roberts. Meeting was constituted with prayer by Moderator, H. M. Luce. Downie was appointed Clerk.

Since there was no definite word concerning Dr. Clark's leaving for Egypt, the Commission was adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

W. Wylie led in closing prayer.

S/ H.M. Luce, Moderator

S/ H. L. Downie, Clerk"

It was moved and seconded that the action of the Vice-Moderator, during the absence of the Moderator, in naming of the following additional members to this commission be approved: H. L. Downie, Moderator, J. H. McCann, J. J. Neely, and Clarence Oak. This action was necessary because of the absence of most of the members of the Commission at the time Dr. Clark could be present for the commissioning service. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the newly appointed Commission are as follows:

"The Commission of Presbytery appointed to take charge of all matters pertaining to the commissioning of Dr. and Mrs. Roy D. Clark for missionary service in Egypt under the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church met in the Outer Drive Church on Sabbath morning, August 5, 1956, at nine o'clock.

Present were Herbert Downie, Moderator, Harvey McCann, and elders, Herbert Neely and Clarence Oak. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Upon motion by Mr. Oak, seconded by Mr. Neely, it was voted that we proceed at the regular morning worship service at 9:30 A.M. to commission Dr. Clark. It was also moved and passed that this commission be adjourned with the benediction at the close of the morning service.

The order of service as printed in the bulletin was approved upon motion by McCann. This service was conducted in accordance with the printed program.

H. L. Downie presiding. Praise, Invocational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, Responsive Reading (H. Neely), Praise, Worship of Tithes and Offerings, Scripture Reading (C. Oak), Morning Prayer, Sermon - THE PROMISED PRESENCE (J. H. McCann), Questions and Charge to Dr. and Mrs. Roy D. Clark (H. L. Downie), Prayer of Dedication, Praise and Benediction.

Following the sermon Dr. Clark presented himself before the Moderator to give answer to the questions proposed, and by his spirit of earnestness and devotion, commended himself very highly in the eyes of the members of the commission as a man wholly dedicated to the cause of missionary service.

At the conclusion of the service Dr. Clark was greeted by the Commission and by the members of the Congregation who expressed to him their love and the assurance of their prayers and best wishes.

The Commission was adjourned with the benediction.

S/ Herbert L. Downie, Moderator  
S/ J. Harvey McCann, Acting Clerk"

The Rev. Ronald E. Boyer, D.D., Superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Home, reported on the progress and activities of the Home and asked for support by the Churches of the Presbytery.

The Financial Agent presented a comprehensive report of income and expenditures for the first nine months of 1956. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee of Missions be asked to make its recommendations at this time. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions, E. W. Dunn, Chairman, made the following report:

"The Committee recommends the following:

1. That we pay from the Home Missions Fund to the Department of Research and Church Planning the amount of \$300 approved by a past meeting of Presbytery, plus \$91.20 which would clear out obligation of  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the Department's budget from 1954 through 1956; and that we also pay from this fund the amount of \$301.87 which will cover our 1957 share.

2. That the balance of the Home Missions Fund be remitted to the Board of American Missions and that it be applied to the new Jayno Adams Field in Drayton Plains.

3. That budget allowance be made in our assessments for 1956 and 1957 for one-half of our share of the Department of Research and Church Planning Budget for 1958 and that thereafter the matter become a regular budget item."

Moved and seconded that the report be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Home Mission Fund as such be discontinued and that henceforth congregations be urged to include in their budgets annual contributions to a specific Home Mission Project within the bounds of our Presbytery; said contributions to be channeled through the Financial Agent to the Board of American Missions. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Provisional Session at Lakeland Church be released and a vote of thanks given to the men who have served in this capacity. Motion carried.

The Rev. Williard Wylie, D.D., read the following letter:

"Dear Fellow Presbyters:

It is my desire to retire from the active pastorate at the end of this Calendar year. In keeping with this desire I request Presbytery take action at this meeting to dissolve my pastoral relationship with the Broadstreet Church, the same to take effect as of December 31, 1956.

At a Congregational Meeting held Friday, October 12, I gave notice to the Broadstreet Congregation of my intention of making this request and asked them to join me in it. This they have graciously done as a representative of the congregation is ready to report.

I make this request primarily for two reasons. First, I am well past the age of compulsory retirement in most secular occupations and regarded in others as a proper age for retirement. Then the past year has brought home to me that I am not physically able to faithfully assume the responsibilities and to efficiently perform the duties required and expected of an active pastor.

While giving up the active pastorate, I trust that I shall never cease to be a minister of the gospel of Christ and of the Church which I love. To the limit of my strength and as opportunities are presented to me, I expect to continue to preach and teach and I trust live the gospel message of which I was ordained a minister over 43 years ago.

If Presbytery is willing I would like to continue a member thereof for the immediate future. However, as I expect to be living outside the bounds of the Presbytery after Jan. 1, 1957, I would request that I be relieved of all committee assignments and be granted the privilege of optional attendance at future meetings of Presbytery.

It has been a real joy to serve with you of Detroit Presbytery these past nine years. The fellowship has been of the finest and I shall always cherish pleasant and precious memories of the ministers and elders of the presbytery whom I have come to know during these years. I shall continue to remember you all in our Saturday evening fellowship of prayer. Sincerely yours in His service.

S/ Willard Wylie

Elder James Gilmore spoke for the Broadstreet Church, indicating the willingness of the congregation to concur in the request with the feeling that the faithful years of Service had earned Dr. Wylie his right to retire. Moved and seconded that the Presbytery concur in the request. Men of the Presbytery spoke with feeling of the high esteem in which Dr. Wylie is held by the Presbytery - for his work, his counsel, and as a fellow Presbyter. Men of the Broadstreet congregation spoke their appreciation of Dr. Wylie's fine work in the Church. Motion carried.

Elder James Gilmore reported that J. R. Lemon, 14460 Greenview, Detroit 23, Michigan, had been named correspondent of the Broadstreet congregation. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this appointment and ask Dr. Wylie to declare the pulpit vacant on December 30, 1956. Motion carried.

The Moderator called the Vice-Moderator, J. E. Wadsworth, to the chair. Caldwell, Chairman, reported on the activities of this group at Wayne and asked that the appropriation of \$380.00 for this work this year be approved. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. Motion carried. Report referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Nominations, S. C. Weir, Chairman, made the following report:

Chairman of Christian Education - Roy F. Lambert to fill the unexpired term of W. W. Miller.

Committee on Students - Robert Dickson to fill the unexpired term of Charles Gensheimer.

Nominations to Board of Directors of the Detroit Council of Churches:

Division of Christian Missions and Church Extension - Ernest W. Dunn  
 Division of Christian Education - Mrs. Herchel Bennett  
 Division of Christian Life and Work - Howard D. McCalmont  
 Division of General Administration - Herbert L. Downie

Your committee has considered the request of the Board of Foreign Missions for a contact person on foreign mission matters in the Presbytery. The Committee approves the request for such an appointment and recommends presbyterial approval. The name of Herbert L. Downie was suggested by Mr. Fairman and your committee concurs in that suggestion.

S/ W. J. Teewissen, Jr

S/ James Payne

S/ S. C. Weir, Chairman"

Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee on Evangelism, T. R. Allebach, chairman, presented a report, including the following recommendations:

"The greatest value of the church to the community is to lead lost souls to Jesus Christ. Yes, the church is to edify the saints, build a Christian community, and work toward a Christian world, but the first task of the Church is evangelism.

The General Committee on Evangelism of the United Presbyterian Church launched an aggressive campaign of Evangelism at the meeting of General Assembly at Monmouth, Illinois, in June, 1955. For the four years of the Centennial Progress program, the General Committee on Evangelism set the following goals:

1. Net increase in membership - 44,000 or 11,000 annually.
2. Yearly additions by profession of faith - 16,500.

The Committee on Evangelism for Detroit Presbytery (1954-1955) suggested that, since Detroit Presbytery was located in one of the fastest growing areas of the United States, that we accept 5% of the denominational goals, or a net yearly increase of 550 and 825 yearly additions by profession of faith. That committee was not hasty in making its conclusions because they had studied the statistics for the years 1950-1954 inclusive. It was evident to all of us that the year 1955 was the best year in many years for Evangelism in Detroit Presbytery.

If you are figure conscious, you will note by the attached yellow sheet that Detroit Presbytery is not making the same measure of progress in 1956 as in 1955. In fact, at the present moment we are so far behind last year's mark that it appears now as though we won't do as well as last year, and while we are going back let us go back to 1954. It appears now as though we won't do as well as we did in 1954.

Look at this chart:

	<u>Gain by profession</u>	<u>Total gain</u>	<u>Removals</u>	<u>Net gain</u>
1954	638	1,018	350	668
1955	702	1,135	576	559
1956 (Jan.- Sept. 1)	397	639	-	-

At the time the 1946 statistics were compiled (Sept. 1) we had four more months to go in the current calendar year. To keep our accepted goal as part of the denominations program, we, the sixteen churches of Detroit Presbytery, must win 428 souls to Christ before the end of the year.

But on the other hand figures are not everything and the work of evangelism has been stressed in all the churches of the presbytery in ways unknown to fellow presbyters. For example, several churches have begun men's organizations in the presbytery. The preliminary planning and organization of such groups has demanded many hours of the pastor's time. Why do we have men's groups? Primarily to interest unevangelized men in the work of the church.

Practically every church in the Presbytery had fruitful years in evangelism in 1954 and 1955. It seems as though we have all felt until our present facilities

were improved and enlarged and until our program was better organized, we would not have much to offer the new Christians in the church.

Too often we pastors and elders have been accused of not edifying the new Christians after we had won them to Christ. Most all of us will agree that this is true. In recent months we've had to stop and get ourselves better equipped and organized before we could make a heavy emphasis on evangelism.

The committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That every pastor and elder read pages 10-11 of the 1956-1957 denominational plan book.
2. That every pastor and elder make a special effort to reclaim the hundreds of people who are not keeping their membership vows.
3. That every organization (men's clubs, women's associations, youth clubs, Sabbath School classes) make a greater stress on evangelism.
4. That every church set one Sabbath before January 1, 1957, as Evangelism Sabbath.
5. That every church plan a week of evangelistic meetings sometime before next summer.
6. That every church set a goal of winning a certain number of unsaved people to Christ in 1957.

In concluding, we would not overlook the progress which has been made to establish a new church in the Presbytery between Pontiac and Drayton Plains. Already 139 families have indicated an interest in the new work. It is hoped that the Board of American Missions will have a man on the field after the first of the year to begin work. This is evangelism.

S/ T. R. Allebach  
S/ H. D. McCalmont  
S/ J. E. Bougine"

Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

M. H. Caldwell, Secretary of Youth Work, presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education, giving full information on the plans of this Committee for the Fall and Winter. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missionary Budget, J. E. Wadsworth, Chairman, presented a report, suggesting visual aids that are available and calling for a Budget Rally at St. Marks Church on Thursday, Nov. 1. The complete report is on file with the clerk. The Moderator returned to the chair. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Social Service, F. J. Irvine, Chairman, presented its report, calling attention to the actions and recommendations of the 1956 General Assembly. The report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. John G. Anderson, President of the Presbyterial Council of United Presbyterian Men, reported on plans of this group. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The clerk read the list of nominations to the 1957 General Assembly, reporting the request of W. W. Moore that his name not be included as an alternate. The list is as follows:

Elder Delegates - Principal:

Royal Oak, Broadstreet, Cherry Hill.

Alternates:

Military Avenue, Auburn Heights, Oakland Avenue.

Ministerial delegates - Principal:

S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., M. H. Caldwell

Alternates:

J. E. Wadsworth, R. F. Lambert, E. I. Watkins

The Clerk presented the following overtures from General Assembly with the request that a date and time be set for voting on the overtures:

- a. Concerning Pastoral Assistants.
- b. Concerning Ordination of an Assistant Pastor.
- c. Concerning Order of Service of Baptism.
- d. Concerning Duties of the Deacons.
- e. Concerning Powers and Duties of the Trustees.
- f. Concerning Church Union.
- g. Concerning Change in the Form of a Call for a Minister.
- h. Concerning Change of Standards.

It was moved and seconded that the vote be taken at 8:00 P.M. at the February meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed by the Moderator and Clerk to plan a meeting to be held at Outer Drive Church in January, 1957, for the purpose of an informal discussion of Church Union. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions presented the following requests for aid from the Board of American Missions: The Lakeland church in the amount of \$618.72 plus pension. Moved and seconded to approve the application. 32 present, 31 yes, 1 not voting. The Jayno Adams Field for salary aid. Moved and seconded to approve the application. 32 present, 31 yes, 1 not voting.

The Committee of Missions requested that it be constituted as a Commission to care for matters involving a possible application for aid and anything contingent upon it. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Rev. Roy F. Lambert be appointed the Stated Supply for a period of one year at the Lakeland Church. Motion carried.

The Committee of Missions reported a request from the Lakeland Church that they be permitted to purchase some additional property to keep an easement from coming too close to their present property. The congregation can assume the amount of the purchase price without jeopardizing payments to the Board. Moved and seconded that the request be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations presented the name of F. J. Irvine for the position of Secretary of Adult Work, the appointment to become effective Jan. 1, 1957, upon the retirement of Willard Wylie. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

H. D. McCalmont announced a School of Missions at First-Detroit during Jan. and Feb., inviting other Churches to share with First Church in the use of missionaries at that same time.

The Clerk presented a letter from Dr. Raymond L. Edie, Editor of the UNITED PRESBYTERIAN, calling attention to changes in editorial policy, handling of "In Memoriam" tributes, and news coverage. He also urged participation by all churches in the Every-Family plan.

The Clerk presented a letter from the Board of Christian Education, calling attention to Study Seminars of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Each pastor is being notified directly by the Board.

Moved and seconded that we express our appreciation to the host church. Motion carried with unanimous standing vote.

R. L. Dickson invited Presbytery to held its next meeting at the Wayne Church. Moved and seconded that we accept the invitation. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissions to act for Presbytery in the interim of presbytery meetings:

A Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to John Rock, to meet at the call of the Moderator. A Commission consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, and the Committee of Missions to care for matters involving a possible application for aid and anything contingent upon it, to meet at the close of this meeting of Presbytery for constitution. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these Commissions. Motion carried.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committee to plan for

the informal discussion of Church Union: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Chairman, Hazlett, J. Parsons, S. C. Weir, T. R. Allebach. Moved and seconded that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

"Moved and seconded that the report be considered ad seriatim. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 1 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 2 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 3 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 4 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 5 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 6 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 7 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 8 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 9 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 10 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 11 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 12 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that item 13 be approved. After discussion a Substitute Motion was made - to adopt the recommendation of the Committee of Missions

"that the Home Mission Fund, as such, be discontinued and that henceforth congregations be urged to include in their budgets annual contributions to a specific Home Mission Project within the bounds of our Presbytery; said contributions to be channeled through the Financial Agent to the Board of American Missions." Motion was seconded. Moved and seconded that the Substitute Motion be adopted. Motion carried. Moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Finance Committee, as amended. Motion carried."

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. Willard Wylie led in prayer and Presbytery stood adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey M. Linn Clerk

Mark H. Caldwell Moderator

December 10, 1956

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Southfield Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Mark H. Caldwell, who conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	D. L. Hadley
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	John Kitzmiller
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Tom Silvester
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	H. E. Schreiner
W. Wylie	Broadstreet	J. R. Lemon
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr	Drayton Plains	J. Bougine
H. M. Luce	Southfield	R. G. Williams
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	R. Mott
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks	
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Ave.	H. L. Brown
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Ave.	
R. L. Dickson	Wayne	J. G. Payne
	Military Ave	John Kuhnne, Jr.

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

The Clerk reported the requests of W. W. Moore and J. R. Beal that they be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the requests be granted. Carried.

The Moderator requested the Clerk read the statement of the purpose of this called meeting, which is as follows:

The purpose of this meeting shall be:

1. To receive the transfer of the Rev. Robert H. Stanbery from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and all matters pertaining thereto.

2. To consider a request for approval of the Commissioning by the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., of Mr. Paul B. Pretzer as a Worker. Mr. Pretzer is presently employed by the Littlefield Boulevard United Presbyterian Church as Director of Christian Education.

3. To consider a request from the Westminster Fellowship at Wayne State University that we increase our share of their 1957 Budget from \$380.00 to \$500.00.

4. To consider a request from the Westminster Fellowship at Wayne State University that we appoint one additional member to their Advisory Board.

5. In the event that approval is given to Item 4 above, that the appointment be made at this meeting of Presbytery.

6. To deal with any miscellaneous or otherwise important matters that pertain to any and/or all the above mentioned matters.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator called upon Dr. F. J. Irvine to speak concerning the transfer of Rev. Robert H. Stanbery from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to this Presbytery and his employment as the Assistant at the Cherry



Hill Church. Following these words of explanation, the Moderator called Mr. Stanbery before the Presbytery and there read the Ministerial Covenant required of Ministers transferring into the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stanbery indicated his willingness to subscribe to the Covenant and signed the Covenant in the presence of the Presbytery. Moved and seconded that we accept the transfer and happily add his name to the roll of Presbytery. Motion carried. The Moderator, on behalf of the Presbytery, welcomed Mr. Stanbery to the membership and fellowship of the Presbytery.

The Moderator called upon Dr. S. C. Weir to explain the request of Mr. Pretzer for a statement that would enable him to be Commissioned as a Church Worker by the Detroit Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Following this explanation, it was moved and seconded that the Presbytery of Detroit ask the Clerk to provide the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., with a statement to the effect that Mr. Paul B. Pretzer is employed as a Director of Religious Education at the Littlefield Boulevard United Presbyterian Church and that we request as a matter of courtesy they Commission Mr. Pretzer as a Church Worker. Motion carried.

Mr. Earl Young, Jr., member of the Advisory Board for Westminster Fellowship at Wayne State University, reported on the work of Westminster Fellowship at Wayne and the requests for additional support and for the appointment of an additional member. It was moved and seconded that Presbytery appoint the additional member to the Advisory Board for a three-year term and that we increase our support for 1957 to \$500. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee be requested to give a detailed report on the leadership of Westminster Fellowship at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the matter of the appointment of an additional member to the Advisory Board of Westminster Fellowship be referred to the Nominating Committee for report to the Moderator and that the Moderator make the appointment subject to approval at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator introduced and welcomed Dr. J. I. Moore, S.F.S. of Ohio Synod. Other guests present were introduced.

Dr. S. C. Weir announced the plan for the Seminary Choir and Seminary speakers from Pittsburgh-Xenia to be in the Detroit area on Seminary Day, February 10. The Clerk was asked to serve as contact man.

Rev. T. R. Allebach announced that he had the filmstrip and record, "Evangelism through Friendship," available for use by anyone interested.

Rev. E. I. Watkins announced the Dedication of the Joslyn Avenue Sanctuary in January.

Rev. R. F. Lambert called attention to the Presbyterian Christian Education Institute to begin in January.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Carried by a standing vote.

Moderator Caldwell led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank H. Caldwell Moderator

Harvey M. Linn Clerk

February 14, 1957

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Southfield Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Mark H. Caldwell, who conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Jerald Bevis
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Wayne Lidgard
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	John Perry
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	Eldon Johnson
H. M. Luce	Southfield	
H. D. McCalmont	First - Detroit	Earl Young
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Mark's	James Shirley
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Walter Allison
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	Harold Brown
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	Lee Morrison
R. L. Dickson	Wayne	James Payne
R. H. Stanbery		
	Military Avenue	John Kuhnle, Jr.
	Broadstreet	Lesley Lucas

The Clerk reported a quorum present

The Moderator requested the Clerk read the statement of the purpose of this called meeting, which is as follows:

The purpose of this meeting shall be:

1. To consider the Call prepared by the Military Avenue Congregation for the Rev. John H. Criswell to become the pastor of that Congregation, and to take necessary action.
2. In the event the Call is sustained as regular, to take action to forward the Call to New York Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church of North America, for presentation to the pastor-elect.
3. To deal with any miscellaneous or otherwise important matters that pertain to the above matter.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator called upon Dr. E. W. Dunn who first read the "Attestation of the Call" and then the Call of the Military Avenue Congregation for the Rev. John H. Criswell to become the pastor of that Congregation. Terms of the Call were: Annual salary \$3900.00, full payment of the Pension, call allowance \$240.00, payment of the telephone, maximum of \$200.00 for heating, use of the manse, and a vacation of one month. Moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Call be transmitted to New York Presbytery to be presented to the pastor-elect. Motion carried.

Elder John Kuhnle, Jr., rose to express the "thanks" of the Military Avenue Congregation for the action of Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Elder Lesley Lucas.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey M. Luce Clerk

Mark H. Caldwell Moderator

February 19, 1957

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Wayne Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Caldwell, at 4:30 p.m. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and preached on "Evangelizing the World," using as his text Matthew 24:12-ff. The Moderator constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Wilbur Klein
H. L. Downie	Outer Drive	Andrew Bissinger
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	John Sherf
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Herbert E. Schreiner
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr	Drayton Plains	Wilfred Lobb
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Walter Veighey
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	George Campbell
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Mark's	R. Cleage
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Jack Spencer
W. W. Moore		
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	H. R. Kline
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	Thomas Mackie
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	Eugene Blevins
R. L. Dickson	Wayne	Donald Paxton
R. H. Stanbery		
	Military Avenue	John Kuhnle, Sr.
	Broadstreet	Lesley Lucas

The Clerk reported that Dr. Willard Wylie had written, expressing his regret at not being able to be present for this meeting of Presbytery and requesting he be excused. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Carried.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 16, 1956, and the special meetings of Dec. 10, 1956, and Feb. 14, 1957. Since there were no objections the Moderator declared them approved as read.

Moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Dr. J. I. Moore, SFS, and to visiting Elders. Carried.

The Moderator reported on the discharge of his duties between the meetings of Presbytery. He reported the appointment of F. J. Irvine to a special committee of the Detroit Council of Churches on the Churches and Social Welfare; the appointment of James Payne as the third member on Board of the United Christian Fellowship at Wayne State University. Dr. S. C. Weir represented the Presbytery at the dedication of the Joslyn Avenue Church in January. Moved and seconded to approve this report. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on his activities in the interim and this report is on file. Moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Clerk requested the approval of the following resolution: "Resolved that the location of the registered office of THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN within the State of Michigan is changed from 4849 W. Outer Drive, Detroit 35, County of Wayne, Michigan, to 21575 West Ten Mile Road, Detroit 19, County of Oakland, Michigan, and that Harvey M. Luce is appointed resident agent of this corporation in charge of its registered office and that all prior appointments of other resident agents for such purpose are hereby revoked." Moved and supported to approve. Motion carried.

Expense statements were presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following is the listing of the elders ordained and installed in the various congregations of the Presbytery:

Lakeland: Ordained and installed, Walter V. Allison, Jr.

Joslyn Avenue: Ordained and installed, Ronald L. Bumstead.

Calvin: Ordained and installed, Paul Harvey and Willis Jewett.

Auburn Heights: Ordained and installed, Herman Douglas. Installed,

Grant Graham.

Royal Oak: Ordained and installed, Orville A. Krause.

Wayne: Ordained and installed, Lawrence Spencer. Installed, Emil Anderson.

Outer Drive: Ordained and installed, Stanley Morden, and Gordon Clancey.

Installed, William Berridge, Jr.

Littlefield: Ordained and installed, Earl Booth, Leo Laviolette and John Martin. Installed, Charles Hendrick, Harry Lutey and Robert Westenberg.

Cherry Hill: Ordained and installed, Lawrence Green, Donald Knief and Reginald Waddle. Installed, Herschel Bennett, Frank Caddy, James Handley and Jonathan Parsons.

Drayton Plains: Ordained and installed, Lloyd Bowden Jr., Elden Johnson, Waldron Keasey, Wilfred Lobb and Floyd Wilson. Installed, J. Russell Maybee

First-Detroit: Ordained and installed, George Campbell and Robert P. Walls. Installed, Earl B. Young, Sr.

Oakland Avenue: Ordained and installed, William Cox, Elmer Good, George Marien and Thomas Mackie.

The Clerk read a letter from Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, Executive Director of the Michigan Council of Churches. No action necessary.

The Clerk presented a request from Dr. Lee Edwin Walker, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, for the appointment of a Secretary of Temperance and Social Education, to be a member of the Presbytery Committee of Christian Education and to work with the Department of Temperance and Social Education. Motion made and supported to approve this request and referred to the Committee of Nominations. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported the request of "Outlook Publishers" for information on the vote of the Presbytery on Church Union. Moved and seconded the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Moderator asked the Clerk to report on the Review of Session Minutes. The report is as follows:

"The Minutes of all sessions except Oakland Avenue were presented for review at the Meeting of Presbytery of Oct. 16, 1956. The Minutes of the Oakland Avenue session were reviewed by the Clerk on Dec. 10, 1956. Minutes were marked "approved" and Congregations were notified of the following minor corrections needed:

Southfield - reason for baptizing a child in a home not stated, absentees at meeting of Aug. 19, 1956, not noted.

Drayton Plains - signature of Clerk needed on Minutes of Sept. 10 and Oct. 7, 1956.

Auburn Heights - on page 100 year should be 1955.

Lakeland - no opening prayer on May 27, 1956.

Broadstreet - is date correct on annual meeting on page 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Meeting not opened with prayer on Feb. 9, 1956.

Joslyn Avenue - names of Elders present not given in Minutes for Jan. 9, Mar. 24, June 5, July 8, July 24, and Sept. 4. Statement,

"All Elders present", is not sufficient

Wayne - signature of Moderator missing in several places.

Oakland Avenue - Minutes of Dec. 18, 1955, not signed; meeting of Jan. 29, 1956, not opened with prayer; Elders present and absent not shown in minutes for Session meetings at Communion and Elders absent at regular meetings not noted.

All others were reported correctly kept."

Moved that the report of corrections and the action of the Clerk in notifying the congregations be approved. Motion seconded and carried.

The Clerk spoke of the request of one session for a guide for the keeping

of Minutes. The motion was made that the Moderator appoint a committee to establish, for the guidance of the Clerks of Session of Presbytery, a guide for keeping Session Minutes, based on the book, "Presbyterian Law for the Local Church," by Eugene Carson Blake, a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and the knowledge and experience of men of the Presbytery. Motion seconded and carried.

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in October, 1956, consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, and R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to John Rock, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery to deal with matters in connection with John Rock met at the Cherry Hill Church on January 24, 1957, at 4 P.M. Present were F. J. Irvine, R. V. Martin and S. C. Weir. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator, S. C. Weir. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the relationship of Mr. Rock to the commission and plans were made for a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Rock at the Southfield Church Sunday, January 27 at 3 P.M. The meeting adjourned with prayer by F. J. Irvine."

S. C. Weir, Moderator  
R. V. Martin, Clerk

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery to deal with matters concerning John Rock met at the Southfield Church on Sunday, January 27, 1957, at 3 P.M. Present were members of the commission, F. J. Irvine, R. V. Martin and S. C. Weir, together with Mr. and Mrs. John Rock. S. C. Weir opened the meeting with prayer. Matters discussed at length included the medical care of Mr. Rock, the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Rock, their present housing facilities, their financial status, their present church relationship, their future plans and other matters of interest to the commission. The members of the commission feel that the commission should be continued for the present and request Presbytery to re-appoint it. The meeting of the Commission adjourned with prayer by F. J. Irvine"

S. C. Weir, Moderator  
R. V. Martin, Clerk

The Minutes of the Commission, appointed by Presbytery in October, 1956, consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, and the Committee of Missions, to care for matters involving a possible application for aid and anything contingent upon it, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Committee of Missions of the Presbytery of Detroit, constituted as a Commission to deal with matters pertaining to St. Mark's church, met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery at Calvin Church on Tuesday, October 16, 1956. Present were: Dr. E. Dunn, Dr. S. Weir, Harvey Luce and W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

The meeting was constituted with prayer, Teeuwissen was appointed Clerk, the Commission adjourned with prayer to meet at the Call of the Moderator."

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk  
E. W. Dunn, Moderator

Since the hour for recess had not been reached it was moved and seconded that we continue with the next items on the agenda. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a letter from M. H. Caldwell asking that for personal reasons he be excused from attendance as a commissioner to the 1957 General Assembly. The Clerk was asked to take the chair. Moved and seconded that the request be granted and that his turn be maintained on the roll of Commissioners. Motion carried. The Moderator returned to the chair.

The Clerk read the list of nominations to the 1957 General Assembly as follows:

## Ministerial Delegates - Principal:

S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.

## Alternates:

R. F. Lambert, E. I. Watkins, D. L. McBride

## Elder Delegates -

Royal Oak - Principal: Eugene Blevins

Alternate: Oren Shearer

Cherry Hill-Principal: Jonathan Parsons

Alternate: Thomas Silvester

Broadstreet -Principal: Leslie Lucas

Alternate: Joseph Moffet

Since the Broadstreet session was not prepared to report the names of delegates, it was moved and seconded that their delegates be approved, the names to be furnished to the Clerk at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the nominees be approved. Motion carried.

Moderator requested J. R. Beal to say grace at dinner.

The Moderator appointed H. E. Schreiner and Jack Spencer to serve on Finance Committee in absence of two members of that Committee. Moved and seconded to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

Motion to recess the meeting for dinner, to reconvene at 7:30 P.M. Motion supported and carried. Moderator M. H. Caldwell led in prayer.

At 7:30 P.M. Presbytery reconvened. Members of Presbytery united in a hymn of praise and the Moderator led in prayer.

The Nominating Committee, S. C. Weir, Chairman, presented the following nominations to the General Assembly:

Financial Agent, Jerald H. Bevis

Superintendent of Missions, Walter J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Chairman of Christian Education, Roy F. Lambert

Moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented his annual report on Congregational statistics. Moved and supported that the report be approved. Motion carried. Report is on file.

The Financial Agent, Mr. Jerald H. Bevis, presented his annual report. He recommended that the U.S. Series "F" bonds be held until May so that their full value might be realized. Moved and seconded that the report be approved, that the Bonds be kept as recommended, and that the Presbytery express its thanks to Mr. Bevis for his fine work. Motion carried. Mr. Bevis also presented the report of the auditor and this is on file with the Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Budget was presented by J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., and is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Dr. S. C. Weir presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Contact man for Board of Foreign Missions - T. R. Allebach

Chairman, Committee on Students - H. D. McCalmont

Board of Directors of the Detroit Council of Churches

Division of General Administration - Lesley Lucas

Secretary of Temperance and Social Education - R. L. Dickson

Detroit Council of Churches:

Board of Directors - E. W. Dunn

Department of Business Affairs - E. W. Henschel

Department of Church Music - R. F. Lambert

Department of Research and Church Planning - E. W. Dunn and H. M. Luce

Department of Evangelism - J. R. Beal

Department of Public Affairs - Herbert H. Neely

Department of Religious Education - Miss Dora Reed

Department of Social Service - J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.

Moved and seconded the report be adopted. Motion carried.

R. F. Lambert, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education, and this report is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

T. R. Allebach, chairman of the Committee of Evangelism, reviewed the recommendations made by the committee in its report at the October meeting and challenged the Churches to follow these recommendations. Motion to receive this report. Motion seconded and carried.

The Presbytery proceeded to the voting on the Overtures as submitted by the General Assembly. The Moderator presented Overture No. 1, "Concerning Pastoral Assistants." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 2, "Concerning Ordination of an Assistant Pastor." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 3, "Concerning Order of Service of Baptism." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 4, "Concerning Duties of the Deacons." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 5, "Concerning Powers and Duties of the Trustees." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 6, "Concerning Church Union." Moved and seconded to approve. Request was made that we have a season of prayer before the roll call. Several members of Presbytery led in prayer and then the vote was taken. 33 present, 32 voting, 19 yes, 13 no, 1 not voting. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 7, "Concerning Change in the Form of a Call for a Minister." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 33 yes. The Overture carried.

The Moderator presented Overture No. 8, "Concerning Change of Standards." Moved and seconded to approve. 33 present, 33 voting, 22 yes, 11 no. The Overture carried.

Dr. E. W. Dunn, Superintendent of Missions, presented the report of the Committee of Missions, ~~presented the report of the Committee of Missions~~, and this report is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded that this report be received. Motion carried.

W. W. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Pensions and Relief. In fourteen of our churches the church is supplying the entire pension payment while in the other two ministers and churches are sharing in the pension payment. Moved and seconded to receive this report. Motion carried.

The Moderator asked the Vice-Moderator, James E. Wadsworth, Jr. to take the chair. The Finance Committee made the following report:

"The Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Expense account of Clerk of Presbytery in the amount of \$51.02 be paid.
2. Expense account of Supt. of Missions in the amount of \$6.92 be paid.
3. Request from Rev. Roy Lambert, C.C.E., for \$50.00 to be paid to Rev. Robert Gibson as teacher in Presbytery's C.E. Institute. Mr. Gibson is the only member of the faculty not a member of the Presbytery.
4. A vote of thanks to James H. Wiles, C.P.A., member of Cherry Hill Congregation, for auditing Treasurer's and Financial Agent's books and refusing compensation."

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert E. Schreiner  
Jack Spencer  
J. Rodney Beal

Moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

M. H. Caldwell presented a report from the United Christian Fellowship of Wayne State University, explaining activities of the group. This report is on file. Mr. Caldwell also explained that Mr. Wilkie is on campus with the group Monday through Friday and then supplies the pulpit of a Presbyterian Church on Sundays. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Moderator Caldwell returned to the chair.

E. W. Dunn, SM, read the "Attestation" and then the Call for the Rev. James E. Wadsworth, Jr., to become the pastor of the St. Mark's Church. Terms of the Call are: "Annual salary of \$3600, full payment of the pension, travel allowance of \$600, free use of the manse together with payment of manse utilities, and one month vacation." Moved that the Call be sustained as regular subject to the proviso that a commission be appointed to assist in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation. Also that this commission carry through the service of installation of the Rev. James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Motion seconded and carried. The Moderator called the pastor-elect before the Presbytery and asked if he would accept the Call. Mr. Wadsworth accepted the Call.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a telegram from the Clerk of New York Presbytery, stating that the Rev. John H. Criswell had, at their regular meeting, accepted the Call to become the pastor of the Military Avenue Congregation. Moved and seconded that a Commission be appointed to receive the transfer of Mr. Criswell and to proceed with his installation as pastor of Military Avenue Congregation. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Herbert L. Downie in which he requested that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Outer Drive Congregation, to take effect on March 17, 1957, in order that he might be free to accept a Call to the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif., to become minister of Evangelism and Membership, and that the Presbytery grant a certificate of standing to the Presbytery of Los Angeles of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Moved and seconded that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship with Outer Drive Church. Elders from Outer Drive Church spoke of the unanimous approval of the Congregation at a Congregational Meeting, an approval given with great regret but with respect for Mr. Downie's judgment and with the feeling that somehow this must be the will of God for Mr. Downie and the Church. Members of Presbytery spoke of their high regard for Mr. Downie and of their deep appreciation for his work at Outer Drive Church, in Presbytery, and in the city. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Downie declare the pulpit of the Outer Drive Church vacant on March 17, 1957. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to issue a Certificate of Standing and Dismissal as of March 18, 1957. Motion carried.

Elder Andrew Bissinger announced that the Outer Drive Congregation had nominated Herbert H. Neely, 26269 Ivanhoe Road, Detroit 39, Michigan, as Correspondent. Moved and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Dr. J. I. Moore requested that the Clerk read his report to the Presbytery.

"Dear Brethren:

1. Vacancies continue to plague us. Seven settlements have been made since Synod meeting in September. Even so, we have five vacancies today and three more are coming up. An aggressive program for recruiting young men for the ministry is needed without any delay.

2. Detroit Presbytery has a 100% enlistment in our Centennial Progress Program, only Presbytery of this Synod. Congratulations. All churches are officially enlisted.

3. Lots have been purchased in northwest section of Zanesville by the Board of American Missions--purpose of starting a new work.

4. Most of our churches have planned for special Evangelistic efforts preceding Easter. May God continue to bless you in His service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Moore, SFS"

Dr. H. D. McCalmont distributed copies of a report on giving of the Churches of this Presbytery to the Mt. Pleasant Home and this report is on file. He also read a letter from Dr. R. Boyer, Supt. of the Home, urging greater interest and participation by the Churches of Presbytery. Dedication Services for the new Dormitory will be held on April 2 at 4:00 P.M. and all are invited.

Dr. F. J. Irvine made an announcement about the Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare to be held in Detroit, March 28-29. Six registrations are allocated to our Church and further information may be obtained from Dr. Irvine.



Dr. E. W. Dunn reported that Calvin Church had received a notice to terminate tenancy of their building as of March 8, 1957. Since work has not been started on the new building and this would work a tremendous hardship on the Congregation, he requested the Presbytery to approve a resolution "That the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, meeting in regular session at Wayne, Michigan, Feb. 19, 1957, and taking note of the recent notice to the Calvin United Presbyterian Church of Detroit to terminate tenancy as of March 8, 1957, go on record in appealing to the powers that be, namely, Mr. Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, and Mr. George M. Foster, Deputy Highway Commissioner, to consider the request of the Calvin Church, asking for an extension of time in the vacating of the premises." Moved and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion passed.

J. R. Beal called attention to National Christian College Day and the fact that speakers will be made available by Muskingum College to any Church desiring one.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissions to act for Presbytery in the interim between Presbytery meetings:

A Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to John Rock, to meet at the Call of the Moderator.

A Commission consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator, L. Lucas, F. Froede, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and H. M. Luce, to assist the St. Mark's Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation and to conduct the service of installation of the Rev. James E. Wadsworth as the pastor of the church to meet at the close of this meeting of Presbytery for constitution.

A Commission consisting of H. D. McCalmont, Moderator, W. W. Moore, R. L. Dickson, J. Kuhnle, Jr., and H. E. Schreiner, to receive the transfer of the Rev. J. H. Criswell and to proceed with his installation as pastor of Military Avenue Congregation, to meet at the closing of this meeting of Presbytery for constitution.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these Commissions. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to prepare <sup>a guide</sup> for the keeping of Session Minutes: J. R. Beal, chairman, T. Roughley, D. Harbison, and the Clerk as an ex-officio member. Motion to approve these appointments seconded and carried.

The Moderator expressed to the Wayne Church the deep appreciation of the members of Presbytery for the fine meal and splendid hospitality.

W. Veighey invited the Presbytery to meet at the Southfield Church for its June meeting. Moved and seconded that we accept the invitation. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.

The Moderator led in prayer.

Mark H. Caldwell Moderator

Harvey M. Luce Clerk

May 7, 1957

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Littlefield Boulevard Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Mark H. Caldwell, who conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Wilbur Klein
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Clifford Honess
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Ray Stephens
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Lance Smith
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr	Drayton Plains	Lloyd Bowden, Jr
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Clarence Oak
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit.	George Campbell
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks	James Woodward
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Lloyd Bowden, Sr
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue.	H. Kline.
T. R. Allebach	Oakland	George Marien
J. R. Beal.	Royal Oak	Ray Krause
R. L. Dickson	Wayne	James Payne
R. H. Stanbery		
J. H. Criswell	Military Avenue	John Kuhnie
	Broadstreet.	J. A. Gilmore

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

The Clerk reported the requests of W. Wylie and John M. Rock that they be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the requests be granted. Carried.

The Moderator requested the Clerk read the statement of the purpose of this called meeting, which is as follows:

The purpose of this meeting shall be:

1. To hear a report from the Commission appointed Feb. 19, 1957, to deal with all matters pertaining to John Rock and to act upon the recommendations.
2. To receive the transfer of the Rev. Donald C. Andrews from the Presbytery of Lake.
3. To consider the appointment of a Commission to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Licentiate Harvey Beach, and if sustained, to ordain him to the gospel ministry, and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery where he is called.
4. To consider the appointment of a Commission to receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew Slade from the Presbytery of Beaver, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination; and if sustained, to ordain him to the gospel ministry and install him as the pastor of the Broadstreet Church.
5. To deal with any miscellaneous or otherwise important matters that pertain to any and/or all the above mentioned matters, and to appoint the necessary commissions.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Dr. J. I. Moore, Rev. Donald C. Andrews, and Elder R. V. Martin. Motion carried.

Dr. S. C. Weir, Moderator of the Commission appointed to deal with all matters pertaining to John M. Rock, read the report of the commission which is on file with the Clerk and submitted the following recommendations:

1. That under the provision of the Book of Government and Worship of the United Presbyterian Church, Chapter X, Section 258, which provides that a trial is unnecessary when confession of guilt is made and under the provision of Chapter XII, Section 284, Mr. John M. Rock be deposed from the ministry.

2. That in accordance with the instruction of the Book of Government and Worship, Chapter XII, Section 284, the Clerk of Presbytery be authorized to send word of this deposition to all presbyteries of the Church.

3. That in the light of Mr. Rock's expressed penitence, he shall be restored by the presbytery to the privilege of Church membership and admission to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Chapter XIII, Section 289, Book of Government and Worship) and that accordingly the Clerk of Presbytery shall be authorized to grant him a certificate of church membership to a congregation of his own choice.

4. That the Presbytery of Detroit join in a covenant of prayer in behalf of Mr. Rock, praying that the Great Physician may heal him completely, and that he and Mrs. Rock may be guided day by day by the Holy Spirit, proving of usefulness to the interests of the Kingdom of God wherever they may be.

Motion was made and supported that the report be accepted and that recommendations be approved. The Clerk read the portion of the letter dated May 4, 1957, from John M. Rock in which he indicated his knowledge of these recommendations and his "accord with them". After a period for questions and discussion the vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Moderator then read the following formal deposition to the Presbytery:

#### DEPOSITION

You, John M. Rock, on the day of your ordination to the gospel ministry, were placed under the holy vows of an ambassador of Jesus Christ, but by your sin and unfaithfulness you have brought reproach on the cause of your Master, and caused His holy Name to be blasphemed by His enemies. Now, therefore, this Presbytery, acting under the authority of Jesus Christ, does hereby depose and exclude you from the office of a minister of the gospel, and forbids you to exercise henceforth any of the powers and duties of that office anywhere in the Church of Christ. You are also excluded from the sacraments of the Church until such time as you have given sufficient proof of your sincere repentance and reformation of life and of your fitness for those privileges.

In the light of your expressed penitence, however, you are restored by the Presbytery to the privilege of church membership and admission to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Chapter XIII, Section 289, Book of Government and Worship) and that accordingly the Clerk of Presbytery shall be authorized to grant you a certificate of church membership to a congregation of your own choice.

By action of the Presbytery,

(Signed) Mark H. Caldwell, Moderator

(Signed) Harvey M. Luce, Clerk

The Clerk read the transfer of the Rev. Donald C. Andrews from the Presbytery of Lake to the Presbytery of Detroit. A motion was made and seconded that the transfer be received. Motion carried.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont, chairman of the committee on students, read a letter from Harvey Beach requesting that he be ordained by this Presbytery. A motion was made and seconded that a commission be appointed to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Harvey Beach, and if sustained, to ordain him to the gospel ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery of Arkansas Valley. Motion carried.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont spoke of the transfer of Mr. Andrew G. Slade, a senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. The Clerk read a certificate of transfer for Licentiate Andrew G. Slade to the Presbytery of Detroit from the Presbytery of Beaver, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Dr. E. W. Dunn reported that a call had been issued for Mr. Slade by the Broadstreet Church. It was moved and seconded that a commission be appointed to receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew G. Slade; to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination; and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the Pastor of the Broadstreet Church. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissions to act for Presbytery in the interim between this special meeting and the next regular meeting of Presbytery:

A Commission consisting of H. D. McCalmont, Moderator, R. L. Dickson, E. I. Watkins, Harold Haddon, and Dr. L. G. Rowley, to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Harvey Beach and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery of Arkansas Valley.

A Commission consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, Fred Froede, Lesley Lucas, Clarence Oak, and J. A. Gilmore, to receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew G. Slade; to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination; and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the Pastor of the Broadstreet Church.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm these Commissions. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for a Season of Prayer in which several members of Presbytery participated.

Frank H. Caldwell Moderator

Harvey M. Luce Clerk

June 18, 1957

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Southfield Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. H. Caldwell, at 4:10 p.m. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	S. Bolme
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	E. B. Young, Jr
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	H. Douglas
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	P. Harvey
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr	Drayton Plains	R. Maybee
H. M. Luce	Southfield	J. A. Lane
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	R. Walls
M. H. Caldwell	-	
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks	J. Hurst
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	W. Allison
W. W. Moore	-	
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Ave.	R. Bumstead
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	Alex McAllister

MINISTERS

J. R. Beal  
 R. L. Dickson  
 R. H. Stanbery  
 J. H. Criswell  
 D. C. Andrews

CONGREGATIONS

Royal Oak  
 Wayne  
 -  
 Military Avenue  
 -  
 Broadstreet  
 Outer Drive

ELDERS

E. Blevins  
 D. Paxton  
  
 H. Kuykendal  
  
 L. Lucas  
 Frank Roberts

The Clerk reported that Dr. Willard Wylie had written, expressing his regret at not being able to be present for this meeting of Presbytery and requesting he be excused. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Carried.

Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator of the Commission appointed by Presbytery on May 7, 1957, to proceed with all details concerning the trials and examination for ordination of Licentiate Andrew G. Slade, requested that Presbytery hear Licentiate Andrew G. Slade in his sermons as a part of his trials for ordination. Moved that the request be approved. Motion supported. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery release the Moderator from his obligation to preach his regular sermon. Motion carried.

Mr. Slade preached on the text I John 3:1-3, titling his sermon "Hope and Purity." He also presented the outline of a sermon, "Respectful Disobedience," using Ezekiel 33:30-32 as his text.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont, chairman of the Committee on Students, presented a request that Presbytery hear two students, F. William Palmer and Richard C. Smith, in their trials for licensure. Both students have completed two years of Seminary training. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

F. William Palmer preached a sermon, "Do Not Be Deceived," on Psalm 73 and gave an outline of a sermon on Psalm 139:7, "A Comforting or a Disturbing Question." Richard C. Smith preached a sermon, "The Joy of Forgiveness," on Psalm 32:1-7.

It was moved that the trials for licensure be sustained and that the Presbytery proceed with the licensure of these two men. The Roll was called by the Clerk, 24 present, 24 voting, 24 yes. The motion carried.

The Moderator then called Mr. Palmer and Mr. Smith forward and proposed to them the questions for licensure, and upon affirmative answers by the candidates declared them licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Detroit this 18th day of June, 1957.

Expense accounts were presented by the officers of Presbytery and Commissioners to General Assembly and were referred to the Finance Committee.

Southfield Church reported that George A. Watts was ordained and installed an elder on February 24, 1957.

The Clerk read a letter from the Board of Christian Education concerning the payment of expenses of the SYW to the National Youth Convention. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Detroit Council of Churches concerning the appointment of a representative to the Department of Radio and Television was read. Moved that the matter be referred to the Nomination Committee. Supported and Carried.

The Clerk referred to letters from the Michigan Council of Churches for representatives to its various departments. Motion was made to table. Motion supported and carried.

Since none of the members of the previously appointed Finance Committee were present, the Moderator named H. Kuykendall, Chairman, E. B. Young, Jr, and R. L. Dickson as a Finance Committee for this meeting. Motion made and supported to approve. Motion carried.

The Moderator asked Mr. F. W. Palmer to say grace at dinner.

It was moved and seconded that Presbytery recess for dinner and committee meetings. Motion carried. M. H. Caldwell led in prayer and Presbytery recessed at 5:50 p.m.

Following dinner Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 p.m. The Presbyters united in a hymn of praise and the Moderator led in prayer.

Visiting elders were introduced and by common consent they were given the courtesy of the floor.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 1957, were read. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried. The Minutes of the special meeting of May 7, 1957, were read. Moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported that he had taken part in the ground-breaking ceremonies at the Cherry Hill Church on behalf of the Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on his activities between meetings and this report is on file. Moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for nominations for the office of Moderator. It was moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., for Moderator. Motion carried. The Moderator called for nominations for the office of vice-moderator. It was moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for R. F. Lambert for vice-moderator. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1957, consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. J. Irvine, and R. V. Martin, to deal with all matters pertaining to John M. Rock were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Commission of Detroit Presbytery to deal with matters pertaining to John Rock met at Southfield Church, Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. Present were F. J. Irvine, R. Vard Martin, and S. C. Weir of the Commission, together with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rock. The meeting was opened with prayer by S. C. Weir.

After extended discussion it was agreed by Mr. and Mrs. Rock that the recommendations of the commission to depose Mr. Rock from the ministry was the best procedure, all things considered. The chairman agreed to place in the hands of Mr. Rock the formal statement of the recommendations prior to the meeting of Presbytery of May 7, 1957. Mr. Rock consented to send a communication to the Clerk of Presbytery indicating his agreement with the proposed action of Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by F. J. Irvine."

R. Vard Martin, Clerk  
S. C. Weir, Moderator

Dr. S. C. Weir recommended that since the action of Presbytery at the special meeting of May 7, 1957, completed the work of the Commission that it be terminated. Moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1957, consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator, L. Lucas, F. Froede, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and H. M. Luce, to assist the St. Mark's Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation and to conduct the service of Installation of the Rev. James E. Wadsworth as the pastor of the church was read, adopted, and are as follows:

"Wayne United Presbyterian Church, February 19, 1957.

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to deal with matters pertaining to St. Mark's Church and the installation of the Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr., met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery. Present were: Moderator, Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Rev. Harvey Luce, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and Elder Leslie Lucas. Not present was Elder Fred Froede.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.  
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., was appointed Clerk.

The meeting was closed with prayer by H. Luce to meet at the call of the Moderator"

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk  
J. Frank Irvine, Moderator

" St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church, April 28, 1957.

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to deal with matters pertaining to St. Mark's Church and the installations of the Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr., met prior to the service of installation at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Moderator, Dr. J. Frank Irvine, Rev. Harvey Luce, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and meeting with the Commission was Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr. Absent were: Elder Leslie Lucas, who was out of town, and Elder Fred Froede. The Moderator constituted the Commission with prayer.

Motion was made, supported and carried to sustain the action of the Moderator in calling this meeting.

A motion was made, supported and carried sustaining the action of the Moderator and Clerk in issuing the edict.

The Moderator reported that the edict had been read on April 14 by Elder Woodard of St. Mark's Church and that no objections to the installation of Mr. Wadsworth had been made.

The order of service as detailed in the attached bulletin was discussed and adopted:

Sermon: Dr. Frank J. Irvine

Narration: Dr. Frank J. Irvine

Questions to Pastor-elect and congregation, and

Pronouncement of Installation: Dr. Frank J. Irvine

Charge to the Pastor: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Charge to the congregation: Harvey M. Luce

Benediction: James Wadsworth, Jr.

The installation took place before a full church with all officers present. The service was enhanced by the singing of the St. Mark's choir. A reception for the newly installed Pastor followed in the Fellowship Room.

The Commission reconvened following the reception to review and adopt these minutes. Arrangements were made to meet with St. Mark's Session on May 19, 1957.

Motion was made, supported and carried to adjourn. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., closed with prayer. "

J. Frank Irvine, Moderator  
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk

F. J. Irvine reported on the meeting of the commission with the Pastor and session of the St. Mark's Church in May and the request of the session for a future meeting at which the Trustees might also be present. This meeting has been set for June 23 and the Commission recommends that a Commission be appointed to continue with the meeting. Moved and seconded that the Commission be re-appointed. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in February 1957, consisting of H. D. McCalmont, Moderator, W. W. Moore, R. L. Dickson, J. Kuhn, Jr., and H. E. Schreiner, to receive the transfer of the Rev. J. H. Criswell and to proceed with his installation as pastor of the Military Avenue Congregation were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"Minutes of Commission appointed by Presbytery to install Rev. J. H. Criswell as pastor of Military Avenue United Presbyterian Church.

This Committee met after Presbytery meeting at Wayne Church, February 19, 1957. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Moderator. The Committee agreed upon the following assignments for the service of installation:

Invocation, Sermon, Constitutional Questions, Installation Prayer-		Dr. H. D. McCalmont
Charge to Rev. Criswell	-	Rev. Robert Dickson
Charge to Congregation	-	Rev. Wilson W. Moore
Scripture Reading	-	Elder John B. Kuhnle
Prayer	-	Elder Herbert E. Schreiner

The meeting was adjourned after prayer by Dr. H. D. McCalmont."

Howard D. McCalmont, Moderator  
Herbert E. Schreiner, Clerk

"Minutes of Commission appointed February 19, 1957, by Presbytery to install Rev. J. H. Criswell as pastor of Military Avenue United Presbyterian Church.

Meeting convened by Dr. H. D. McCalmont, Moderator, with prayer, at 7 p.m., April 12, 1957, in pastor's study at Military Avenue Church. Minutes of previous meeting were adopted. Moved and seconded that program for this evening service be adopted. So ordered. A copy of this order of service is attached.

After the service the Moderator instructed the Clerk to notify Rev. Harvey Luce, Clerk of Presbytery, that this Commission has acted. Meeting was adjourned after prayer by Rev. Robert Dickson at 8:55 p.m."

Howard D. McCalmont, Moderator  
Herbert E. Schreiner, Clerk

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in May 1957, consisting of H. D. McCalmont, Moderator, R. L. Dickson, E. I. Watkins, Harold Haddon, and Dr. L. G. Rowley, to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Harvey Beach, and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery of Arkansas Valley, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"On May 7, 1957, Presbytery appointed the commission to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Licentiate Harvey Beach. If Commission sustains Mr. Beach, it is authorized to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and to authorize his transfer to the Presbytery to which he will be called.

Immediately, following the meeting of Presbytery, the commission members met and organized. Howard D. McCalmont opened the meeting with prayer. After a brief statement concerning the commission's duty, he asked for a Clerk to be selected. Edmond I. Watkins was elected Clerk. Having been first named in the appointment, Howard McCalmont, automatically became Moderator of the Commission.

Owing to incomplete information as to the plans of Mr. Beach, and the commitment of Walter Teeuwissen to be at General Assembly, only a tentative date for the trials and examination could be set. Two dates were mentioned: June 9 and June 10. When contact with Mr. Beach and Mr. Teeuwissen confirms the agreeable date, the Moderator will call the commission together and discharge its commission.

No further business being at hand, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned and asked Robert Dickson to close with prayer."

Edmond I. Watkins, Clerk



"The Commission met on the Call of Moderator McCalmont on Tuesday, May 28, 1957; in the First Church Detroit, at 8 p.m.

The Moderator convened the commission with prayer. Commission members present were: H. D. McCalmont, R. L. Dickson, E. I. Watkins, and L. G. Rowley. Absent was: Harold Haddon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Moderator outlined the events and correspondence relative to Probationer Beach and the trials for ordination. The seminary grades were presented, indicating that Mr. Beach was above the average as a student. Mr. Beach made the following requests for his ordination: To have Presbytery invite The Rev. C. J. Sutton of Martins Ferry, Ohio, to give the ordination prayer and lead in the laying on of hands; that the Rev. H. Andrew Bruder of Coraopolis, Pa., be invited to give the charge to the ordinand; that the Rev. Walter Teeuwissen, Jr., preach the sermon. The Moderator mentioned that he had letters from Dr. Sutton and Mr. Bruder declaring they would accept the invitation. R. L. Dickson moved the requests of Mr. Beach be granted. L. G. Rowley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Moderator presented a letter from the Rev. Alfred Spotts, Moderator of Arkansas Valley Presbytery and Moderator of the Session of the Viola congregation, indicating that Mr. Beach's plans for ordination were acceptable to Arkansas Valley Presbytery and the Viola Church which was preparing a Call for Mr. Beach. Moderator McCalmont declared that commission was to free to proceed with its work.

By common consent the following plans were adopted:

L. G. Rowley would prepare and present the edict to the Drayton Plains Congregation on the two Sabbaths preceding the date of ordination.

Walter J. Teeuwissen, Jr., will prepare and bring the order of service.

H. D. McCalmont will be the presiding officer and will propound to Probationer Beach the vows of ordination.

E. I. Watkins will give the invocation.

L. G. Rowley will read the Scripture

R. L. Dickson will give the evening prayer

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., will preach the sermon and after the act of ordination will address the congregation.

C. J. Sutton will give the ordination prayer and lead in the laying on of hands.

H. A. Bruder will give the charge to the ordinand.

The Clerk was directed to mail official invitations to Mr. Bruder and Dr. Sutton. The Moderator declared he would examine and circulate the Doctrinal Thesis and exegetical paper to other commission members as soon as received. The commission will meet at 6:45 p.m., Monday, June 10, 1957, at the Drayton Plains Church, to examine Mr. Beach. The Edict is attached to these Minutes. L. G. Rowley moved for adjournment. R. L. Dickson seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned with prayer by L. G. Rowley."

Edmond I. Watkins, Clerk

"The Commission met in the Drayton Plains Church on Monday, June 10, 1957. Moderator McCalmont convened the commission with prayer at 7:04 p.m.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the Moderator passed over the reading of Minutes and proceeded to read the Call of the Viola Congregation for Probationer Beach. The Call provided for an annual salary of \$3600, pension premiums totaling 11% of the annual salary, one month's annual vacation with pay, and free use of the manse. The Call was moderated by Hugh Marsh and signed by him, the elders, and members of the Viola church. Mr. Beach was asked if he would accept the Call. He declared that he would, and Moderator McCalmont presented the Call to him.

The following persons were present and took part in the examination of Mr. Beach: H. D. McCalmont, R. L. Dickson, E. I. Watkins, L. G. Rowley, and guests C. J. Sutton, H. A. Bruder. Mrs. C. J. Sutton was also present.

The Moderator directed Mr. Beach to present his sermon trials for ordination. Mr. Beach did an acceptable job of preaching and outlining these trials. He preached in full on the text: Ps. 8:4 on the Topic, "What is Man that Thou are Mindful of Him?" He outlined rather fully his expository lecture on "Sin's Conception and Consequence" from Genesis 3:1-19. A helpful critique by the commission and guests followed. H. D. McCalmont, R. L. Dickson, and L. G. Rowley had examined the Doctrinal Thesis on "The Roman Catholic Doctrine of the Lord's Supper," and the Hebrew exegetical paper on Genesis 3 prior to the meeting. They reported favorably upon the content, subject matter's relevance, form of presentation, and the scholarly quality of the work. The seminary evaluation and grades on the papers were mentioned. Mr. Beach was then questioned on his motives for entering the ministry, his knowledge of and adherence to the doctrine, government, and discipline of the Church. He gave satisfactory account of himself in these trials and L. G. Rowley moved to sustain Mr. Beach in his trials for ordination and to proceed to the ordination service. R. L. Dickson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The attached order of service was approved on the carrying of a motion by R. L. Dickson, seconded by L. G. Rowley, to approve said order of service.

The Moderator declared the meeting would be recessed until after the service of ordination, and offered prayer.

The Ordination of Harvey Gunard Beach proceeded according to the attached order of service. Following the ordination service, the commission re-convened. Harold Haddon was excused for being absent by reason of his work. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The Moderator directed the Clerk to prepare a report for Presbytery. R. L. Dickson moved for adjournment, E. I. Watkins seconded. Motion carried. The commission meeting was adjourned with prayer by L. G. Rowley."

Edmond I. Watkins, Clerk

"Your commission met three times to discharge its commission.

Following the May 7, 1957, meeting of Presbytery at the Littlefield Blvd Church, the commission met for organizing. H. D. McCalmont was selected as Moderator and E. I. Watkins was selected to be Clerk.

The second meeting was held in the First Church Detroit on May 28, 1957, Complete plans for the examination and ordination of Mr. Beach were made.

The final meeting was held on June 10, 1957, at the Drayton Plains Church. After Mr. Beach accepted the Call of the Viola Kansas Church, he was duly examined and sustained in his trials for ordination. Commission then proceeded to ordain Mr. Beach according to the attached order of service.

With ordination of Mr. Beach completed, commission's assignment has been fulfilled and is herewith reported to Presbytery."

H. D. McCalmont, Moderator

E. I. Watkins, Clerk

R. L. Dickson

L. G. Rowley

Harold Haddon

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery authorize the transfer of Rev. Harvey G. Beach to the Presbytery of Arkansas Valley and to ask the clerk to send the letter. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in May 1957, consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, Fred Froede, Leslie Lucas, Clarence Oak, and J. A. Gilmore, to receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew G. Slade; to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination; and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the Pastor of the Broadstreet Church were read, adopted, and are as follows: May 7, 1957

"The Commission to receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew Slade from the Presbytery of Beaver, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination; and, if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the pastor of the Broadstreet Church.

Met at the close of the special meeting of Presbytery at the Littlefield Boulevard Church on this date. Present were: Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator, Dr. S. C. Weir, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Rev. H. M. Luce, Elder Clarence Oak and Elder J. A. Gilmore.

The Moderator asked H. M. Luce to lead in prayer to open the meeting.

Moved and seconded that H. M. Luce serve as Clerk for the Commission. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we receive the transfer of Licentiate Andrew G. Slade from the Presbytery of Beaver, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Motion carried.

The Moderator announced that in consultation with the Broadstreet Church the date for Ordination has been set for June 24.

Elder J. A. Gilmore was designated to read the Edict at the Morning Services on June 9 and 16.

The Commission will meet at the Broadstreet Church at 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 1957, to proceed with the trials and examination for Ordination.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Moderator Dunn led in prayer."

Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
Harvey M. Luce, Clerk

June 2, 1957

"The Commission met at the Call of the Moderator at the Southfield Church at 7:30 p.m. on the above date. Present were: Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator, Dr. S. C. Weir, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Rev. H. M. Luce, Elder Clarence Oak, and Mr. Andrew G. Slade.

Dr. Dunn led in prayer.

While Mr. Slade waited in another room, the Commission examined and discussed the Doctrinal and Exegetical papers that had been presented.

Mr. Slade was called before the Commission and made a statement about his background and preparation for the Ministry. He was examined on personal religion, his motives for entering the ministry, and his knowledge of, and adherence to, the doctrines, government, and discipline of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Slade will preach at the regular meeting of Presbytery on June 18 and will also at that time present an outline of a second sermon.

Arrangements for the Ordination Service on June 24 are:

To preside - Dr. E. W. Dunn

To preach - Rev. C. Kenneth Weber of Westmoreland Presbytery

Charge to the Pastor - Dr. S. C. Weir

Charge to the Congregation - Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

Ordination Prayer - Rev. H. M. Luce

To read Scripture - Mr. Thomas F. Slade, father of Mr. Andrew G. Slade.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. H. M. Luce led in prayer."

Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
Harvey M. Luce, Clerk

June 18, 1957

"Met at the Southfield Church at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator, Dr. S. C. Weir, Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Rev. H. M. Luce, and Elder Lesley Lucas.

Dr. Dunn led in Prayer.

It was moved and seconded that Andrew G. Slade be sustained in his trials for Ordination. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Lesley Lucas led in prayer.

Ernest W. Dunn, Moderator  
Harvey M. Luce, Clerk

E. W. Dunn, S.M., read the "Attestation" and then the Call for Andrew G. Slade to become the pastor of the Broadstreet Church. Terms of the Call are: Annual salary of \$3800, full payment of the pension, annual rental of \$900, and one month vacation. Moved that the Call be sustained as regular. Motion seconded and carried. Dr. Dunn called the pastor-elect before the Presbytery and presented the Call. Mr. Slade accepted the Call.

A motion was made that the Commission be re-appointed to carry out its remaining duties. Motion seconded and carried.

Elder L. Lucas of the Broadstreet Church extended an invitation to members of all churches of Presbytery to attend the Ordination and Installation service on June 24.

The Commissioners to the 1957 General Assembly reported as follows:

The Pre-Assembly Conference	- Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.
The Action on Church Union	- Eugene Blevins
Assembly Personalities	- Lesley Lucas
Board Reports	- Jonathan Parsons
Evening Popular Meetings	- Rev. J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.
Assembly Actions	- Dr. S. C. Weir

J. Bevis, Financial Agent, presented his report of the first six months operation of the church year which is on file with the clerk. Moved and seconded to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Dr. H. D. McCalmont, chairman of the Committee on Students, continued with the report of that committee:

"Harvey Beach requested that Presbytery make arrangement for his ordination in the Drayton Plains Church on June 10. At the meeting of Presbytery on May 7, the Committee on Students was appointed a Commission to arrange for and conduct trials and examination for ordination of Licentiate Harvey Beach. Your Committee met with Harvey Beach and the Commission has a separate report to make.

"At the meeting of Presbytery on May 7 the Committee on Missions was appointed a Commission to plan for and conduct the trials and examination for ordination of Andrew Slade; and if sustained, to ordain him to the Gospel Ministry and to install him as the pastor of the Broadstreet Church.

"James W. Rhaesa is working this summer with the church in Denison, Kansas. We have been in correspondence with him and he has requested that he might present trials for licensure at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

"Your Committee very regretfully reports that Dale Stewart failed to complete his work at the Seminary and to do the required work on his thesis before the final date for its acceptance; and we are informed that on May 25 the faculty voted to suspend Dale from the student body. The suggestion was made that he might apply to the Seminary for re-admission at a later date. Dale has expressed his purpose to undergo psychiatric treatment here in Detroit. Your Committee reports this situation with an earnest desire that Presbytery cooperate with Dale in every possible way in his effort to re-establish himself and to undertake again his graduate studies at the Seminary.

Roy Lindahl, Jr., is continuing with his studies at the Graduate School at the University of Michigan. Lowell Conyers is still in Military Service. ~~Robert Bertouille enrolled in Pittsburgh Xenia Seminary last Fall.~~ Harold Hunt is a student at ~~Detroit~~ <sup>Detroit</sup> Technical Institute. Robert Smith is in the University of Michigan. Edward Krantz is in Sterling College.

(signed) Howard D. McCalmont, Chairman"

Moved and seconded that the report be received. Motion carried.

Questions were raised concerning the status of some of the students.

A motion was made and seconded that the questions be tabled until the Committee could obtain more information about the men in question. Motion carried.

Dr. E. W. Dunn, S.M., reported on his activities for the year. This report is on file with the Clerk. Moved that the report be adopted. Motion seconded and carried.

H. Kuykendall, chairman of the Finance Committee presented the following report:

"The Committee has reviewed the following expenditures and recommends that they be paid by Presbytery:

1. Dr. Weir - Gen. Assembly.....	\$36.00
2. Walter Teeuwissen, Jr.....	17.50
3. Leslie Lucas.....	36.00
4. Jonathan Parsons.....	37.25
5. Eugene Blevins.....	36.00
6. James Wadsworth, Jr.....	37.45
7. Ernest Dunn, Supt. of Missions, Gen. Expenses	10.06
8. Harvey Luce, Clerk of Presbytery, Gen. Expenses	31.04

The Committee reviewed the request of Dr. Robert Kempes, which included a consideration of Presbytery's paying the expenses of its SYW in his attendance at the National Youth Convention, New Concord, Ohio, in August. Committee recommends that the expenses of the SYW in his attendance at this Convention be paid by Presbytery.

Earl Young  
Robert L. Dickson  
H. C. Kuykendall  
J. H. Bevis, F. A."

A Motion was made and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried. Dr. S. C. Weir, chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the following report:

"The following is the list of appointments and committees as approved by Presbytery June 18th. The term for these is July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958.

Financial Agent, Jerald H. Bevis; Supt. of Missions, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.; Chairman of Christian Education, Roy F. Lambert.

Committee of Missions: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Chairman, H. M. Luce, S. C. Weir, Fred Froede, Lesley Lucas, Clarence Oak.

Committee on Evangelism: John Criswell, Chairman, Donald Andrews, and Lloyd Bowden, Sr.

Committee on Students: Edmond I. Watkins, Chairman, Robert Stanbery, James Wadsworth, Jr. and Dr. John Kitzmiller.

Committee on Christian Education: Chairman of Christian Education, Roy F. Lambert; Secretary of Youth Work, Rodney Beal; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Harvey M. Luce; Secretary of Adult Work, Frank J. Irvine; Secretary of Audio-Visual Work, Jonathan Parsons; and Secretary of Temperance and Social Education, Robert Dickson.

Committee on Pensions: E. W. Dunn, Chairman, and Earl Kuykendall.

Committee on Social Service: H. D. McCalmont, Chairman; W. W. Moore and James Shirley.

Committee on Missionary Budget: T. R. Allebach, Chairman; J. H. McCann, and James Hurst.

Board of the United Christian Fellowship at Wayne State University:

M. H. Caldwell (End 1958) Earl B. Young, Jr (End 1959) and James G. Payne (End 1960.)

Board of Trustees: Elder M. H. McKay, Chairman, Elder Jack Spencer and Elder Grant Graham.

Contact man for Board of Foreign Missions:

T. R. Allebach

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted and that these appointments be approved. Motion carried.

J. R. Beal, the chairman of the special committee to prepare a guide for the keeping of Session Minutes presented their report which is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the request of the Rev. Willard Wylie, D.D., for a letter of

transfer to the Presbytery of First Ohio since he is now living within the bounds of that Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the request be granted and that the Clerk be authorized to send the letter. Motion carried.

R. L. Dickson distributed forms for a report of Commitment Day observance with the request that they be returned to him at once.

Elder John Anderson, President of the Men of Detroit Presbytery, announced the Fall Retreat to be held at the Southfield Church on Sept. 14.

The Moderator appointed the following Commissions to act for Presbytery in the interim between Presbytery meetings:

A commission, consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator, L. Lucas, F. Froede, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and H. M. Luce, to assist the St. Mark's Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this Commission. Motion carried.

A commission consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, Fred Froede, Leslie Lucas, Clarence Oak, and J. A. Gilmore, to proceed with the Ordination of Andrew G. Slade to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the Pastor of the Broadstreet Church.

Motion made and seconded that Presbytery confirm this Commission. Motion carried.

The Moderator spoke words of appreciation to the Southfield Church.

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., invited the Presbytery to hold its October meeting at the Drayton Plains Church. Moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

Retired Moderator, M. H. Caldwell, welcomed the new Moderator, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., to the chair.

The new Moderator announced the following committee appointments:

Nominating Committee: J. H. McCann, Chairman, E. Blevins, J. Payne.

Finance Committee: J. R. Beal, Chairman, L. Lucas, J. G. Anderson.

Moved and seconded that these appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting of Presbytery be adjourned. Motion carried.

Vice-Moderator, R. F. Lambert led in prayer.

*Mark H. Caldwell*  
Moderator

*Harvey M. Luce*  
Clerk

August 27, 1957

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Southfield Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., who conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	H. J. Berg
J. H. McCann	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Fred Anglin
	Drayton Plains	F. L. Wilson
H. M. Luce	Southfield	Raymond Reid
H. D. McCalmont	First-Detroit	Robert Walls

MINISTERS

CONGREGATIONS

ELDERS

M. H. Caldwell  
 J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.  
 W. W. Moore  
 E. I. Watkins  
 R. L. Dickson  
  
 A. G. Slade

St. Marks  
  
 Joslyn Ave.  
 Wayne  
 Military Ave  
 Broadstreet  
 Outer Drive

J. L. Shirley  
  
 R. Bumstead  
 J. G. Payne  
 H. C. Kuykendall  
  
 J. F. Roberts

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

The Clerk reported the requests of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and D. C. Andrews that they be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the requests be granted. Carried.

The Moderator requested that the Clerk read the statement of the purpose of this called meeting, which is as follows:

The purpose of this meeting shall be:

1. To consider the Call prepared by the Outer Drive Congregation for the Rev. Francis Dickson to become the pastor of that Congregation, and to take necessary action.
2. To appoint a Commission to receive the transfer of the Rev. Mr. Dickson from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and to proceed with his installation as the pastor of the Outer Drive Congregation.
3. To deal with any miscellaneous or otherwise important matters that pertain to any and/or all the above mentioned matters.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm the Moderator's authority in calling this meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried.

The Moderator called upon Dr. Dunn who read the Call for the Rev. Francis Dickson to become the pastor of the Outer Drive Church. Terms of the Call are: "Annual salary of \$6,400., full payment of the pension, car and telephone allowance of \$70 per month, free use of the manse, and one month vacation." Dr. Dunn then read the "Attestation" of the Call. Moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed a Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, E. W. Dunn, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., Dr. J. L. Kitzmiller, and H. C. Kuykendall, to receive the transfer of Rev. Francis Dickson from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and to proceed with his installation as Pastor of the Outer Drive congregation. Moved and seconded that this appointment be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Commission be authorized to present the Call to the Rev. Mr. Dickson, to have the Ministerial Covenant signed, to receive the transfer from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and to proceed with his installation. Motion carried.

Elder J. F. Roberts of the Outer Drive Church introduced the Rev. Mr. Dickson to the Presbytery and also introduced other Elders who were present from the Outer Drive congregation.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried.  
The Moderator led in prayer.

*Examined & approved*  
*Sept. 17, 1957*  
*Synod of Ohio*  
*J. Paul Graham, Clerk*

*James E. Wadsworth, Jr.*  
 Moderator

*Harvey M. Luce*  
 Clerk

October 15, 1957

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Drayton Plains Church on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.; at 4:36 p.m. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield	Dean Chisnell
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Carl Roth
J. H. McCann	Augurn Heights	Wayne Rose
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Roy Utley
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	Harold McAllister
H. M. Luce	Southfield	P. Merivirta
	First-Detroit	Carl Marburger
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr	St. Marks	James Shirley
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Walter Allison
W. W. Moore		
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	R. C. Nelson
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	Robert McCormack
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	L. Brown
R. L. Dickson	Wayne	James Huff
R. H. Stanbery		
J. H. Criswell	Military Avenue	Ivan Hamel
D. C. Andrews		
A. G. Slade	Broatstreet	Joseph Moffet
F. Dickson	Outer Drive	

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

Dr. S. C. Weir reported the request of Dr. H. D. McCalmont that he be excused because of illness. Motion to grant the request was supported and carried. A motion was made to grant the courtesies of the floor to Dr. James Cummings of the Presbytery of Rawalpindi and to enroll him as a consultative member. Motion supported and carried.

Moved and seconded that Student James W. Rhaesa be heard in trials for licensure and that the Moderator be excused from his obligation to preach his regular sermon. Motion carried.

Mr. James W. Rhaesa read Matthew 17:1-20 and preached on the theme, "Mountain Movers," using Mt. 17:20 as his Scriptural basis. He also presented a sermon outline on "The Christian Life--Here and Hereafter" based on II Cor. 5:1-10. It was moved and seconded to sustain the trials and to proceed with his licensure. E. I. Watkins, Chairman of the Committee on Students, reported that his grades were satisfactory and that he was now enrolled in his Senior year at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. The Roll was called by the clerk, 26 present, 24 yes, 2 not voting. The motion carried.

The Moderator then called Mr. Rhaesa forward and asked the questions for licensure as given in the Book of Government and Worship. Receiving affirmative answers, the Moderator declared James W. Rhaesa licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Detroit this 15th day of October, 1957. The Moderator made appropriate commendation and charge to Mr. Rhaesa and presented a Certificate of Licensure to him. He was then excused from the meeting so that he might return to the Seminary.

The Committee on Students, E. I. Watkins, chairman, presented its report, which is on file with the Clerk. Included in the report was the information that the following young men are under the care of Presbytery:



Robert Bertouille	- Employed
Lowell Conyers	- Teaching school in Great Bend, Kansas
Harold Hunt	- Junior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary
Edward Krantz	- Sophomore in Sterling College
Roy Lindahl, Jr.	- Graduate School, University of Michigan
William Palmer	- Senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary
James Rhaesa	- Senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary
Richard Smith	- Senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary
Robert Smith	- Student in Bowling Green University, Ohio
Dale Stewart	- Senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary.

Robert Bertouille requests Presbytery to release him from its care because of his uncertainty at this time concerning his call to the Gospel Ministry, and the Committee recommended his request be granted. Lowell Conyers is now in the teaching profession and the committee will investigate further concerning his future plans. Dale Stewart has improved in health and has been re-instated at the Seminary as a Senior, and is presumably completing his work at the end of the current term.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. There followed a discussion of the request of Roy Lindahl, Jr., that he be ordained. In the light of his work in the Graduate School and the fact that he is serving only as an Assistant to the Pastor of First Church rather than as Assistant Pastor, the Presbytery requested E. I. Watkins to inform Mr. Lindahl that at present there is no basis upon which the Presbytery could ordain him. Dr. E. W. Dunn was requested to secure from Robert Smith a definite statement concerning his desire to be continued or released from the care of Presbytery. Motion to adopt the report was approved.

CORRECTION - RELEASED AT HIS REQUEST. 7/21/57.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the Minutes be postponed until following the dinner hour. Motion carried.

Expense statements were presented and referred to the Finance Committee. The Moderator named Elder James Shirley to serve on the Finance Committee in the absence of Elder J. G. Anderson.

The Clerk presented the plan for the review of the Minutes of Session by the members of Presbytery.

The meeting was recessed for dinner and committee meetings.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p.m. By common consent courtesies of the floor were extended to Dr. J. I. Moore, Synodical Field Secretary and to visiting Elders.

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to read the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 1957. Motion to approve the Minutes. Motion seconded and carried. The Clerk read the Minutes of special meeting of August 27, 1957. Moved and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

The Moderator presented his report of the discharge of his duties since the last meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator called Vice-Moderator, R. F. Lambert, to the chair.

Moderator Wadsworth then reported on preliminary meetings that had been held on the matter of Union with Dr. Harold Fredsell and Dr. Kenneth Neigh of the Presbytery of Detroit and Synod of Michigan of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in which J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., S.M., and H. M. Luce, Clerk, had participated. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator, Clerk, Superintendent of Missions, Synodical Field Secretary designate, and one Elder to be named by the Moderator, be named a Committee to continue negotiations concerning the Union with the Detroit Presbytery and Michigan Synod of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Moderator also proposed a meeting of United Presbyterian Ministers and Elders to which Dr. Kenneth Neigh and Dr. Harold Fredsell would be invited so that men of the Presbytery might become better acquainted with the work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in this area. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator call such a meeting prior to the next regular meeting of Presbytery. Motion carried. The Moderator returned to the chair.

The Clerk reported on his activities. Moved and seconded that the reports of Moderator and Clerk be received. Motion carried.

Dr. F. J. Irvine spoke briefly on the support of the Detroit Council of Churches and introduced Dr. Merrill Lenox, Executive Secretary of the Detroit Council. He spoke on the needs of the Council and the financing of the Council and he answered questions from the Floor.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June, 1957, consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator, L. Lucas, F. Froede, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. and H. M. Luce, to assist the St. Mark's Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery June 18, 1957, to assist the St. Mark's Church in the transition of self-support and toward achieving the spiritual objective of a developing congregation, met at the call of the Moderator, Dr. F. J. Irvine, at the close of the meeting of Presbytery, June 18, in the Southfield Church to be constituted.

Present were: Moderator, F. J. Irvine, Rev. Harvey Luce, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and Elder Leslie Lucas. Not present was Elder Fred Froede.

The Moderator constituted the Commission with prayer.

On motion, supported and carried, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., will be continued as Clerk.

The Commission will meet informally on Sunday, June 23rd, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at the St. Mark's Church with the Session and Trustees of that church.

On Motion, supported and carried, the Commission was adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closing prayer was given by Elder Lucas.

S// F. J. Irvine, Moderator  
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June, 1957, consisting of E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, Fred Froede, Leslie Lucas, Clarence Oak, and J. A. Gilmore to proceed with the Ordination of Andrew G. Slade to the Gospel Ministry and install him as the Pastor of the Broadstreet Church were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"June 18, 1957

The Commission, appointed to proceed with the Ordination and Installation of Mr. Andrew G. Slade, met at the close of the meeting of Presbytery at the Southfield Church this date. Present were Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, and L. Lucas.

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., led in prayer.

Moved and seconded that H. M. Luce be continued as Clerk. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, the Commission to meet at 7:10 P.M., June 24, at the Broadstreet Church. Motion carried.

L. Lucas led in prayer.

S// E. W. Dunn, Moderator  
H. M. Luce, Clerk

"June 24, 1957

The Commission, appointed to proceed with the Ordination and Installation of Mr. Andrew G. Slade, met at the Broadstreet Church at 7:25 p.m. this date. Present were: Dr. E. W. Dunn, Moderator, S. C. Weir, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., H. M. Luce, L. Lucas, J. A. Gilmore, A. G. Slade, Thomas Slade, and F. Kenneth Weber.

The Moderator led in prayer.

J. A. Gilmore reported that he had read the Edict as directed.

No objections to the ordination and installation had been received.

Moved and seconded that we proceed with the Ordination Service as planned as contained in the printed program. Motion carried.

Those taking part in Ordination and Installation Service:

Rev. Ernest W. Dunn, D.D. Presiding

Elder Thomas Slade	Reading of the Scripture
Rev. C. Kenneth Weber	Sermon
Rev. Harvey M. Luce	Prayer of Ordination
Rev. Samuel C. Weir, D.D.	The Charge to The Pastor
Rev. Walter J. Teeuwissen, Jr	The Charge to The People
Rev. Andrew G. Slade	Benediction

Moved and seconded that the meeting of the Commission be adjourned with the Benediction by the newly ordained and installed pastor. Motion carried.

Service proceeded and meeting closed with the Benediction.

S// E. W. Dunn, Moderator  
Harvey M. Luce, Clerk"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in August, 1957, consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, E. W. Dunn, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., Dr. J. L. Kitzmiller, and H. C. Kuykendall, to receive the transfer of Rev. Francis Dickson from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and to proceed with his installation as pastor of the Outer Drive congregation were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The meeting of the Commission to receive the transfer of the Reverend Mr. Dickson from the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was called to order by the acting Moderator, the Rev. Ernest Dunn, on Tuesday, August 27, 1957, at the Southfield United Presbyterian Church. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Dunn. The members present were: Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr., Rev. Ernest Dunn, Mr. Hearl Kuykendall, and Dr. John Kitzmiller.

The evening of Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, at eight o'clock was set for the time of installation of the Rev. Francis Dickson as pastor of Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church.

The following men were designated for the installation service:

Dr. Harry DeYoung, to present the Call to the Pastor.

Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, to present greetings from the Detroit Council of Churches.

Dr. Samuel Weir, to present the Invocation and act as Moderator of the Commission.

Dr. Kenneth Neigh, to present the Charge to the Congregation.

Rev. Harvey Luce, to present the Sermon.

Rev. James Wadsworth, Jr., to present the Evening Prayer.

Rev. Ernest Dunn, to read the Scripture lesson.

The Commission will reconvene at 7:15 p.m. in the office of Outer Drive Church on Wednesday, September 25, 1957.

The meeting was closed by prayer by the Reverend Ernest Dunn.

S// John Kitzmiller M.D., Clerk  
S. C. Weir, Moderator"

"A meeting of the Commission for the installation of the Reverend Francis Dickson was held at the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 25, 1957, at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Moderator, Dr. S. C. Weir. The members present were: Rev. E. W. Dunn, Rev. J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., Rev. H. M. Luce, Rev. F. Dickson, Mr. H. Kuykendall, and Dr. J. L. Kitzmiller.

It was moved by Rev. Dunn and seconded by Rev. Wadsworth that we accept the certificate of transfer of the Rev. Francis Dickson from the U.S.A. Presbytery of Detroit and that his name be added to the roll of the Detroit Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Churches. Motion carried.

Rev. Francis Dickson then signed the Ministerial Covenant.

It was noted that the time and date of the installation service had been announced from the pulpit for the two preceding Sundays.

It was moved by Rev. Luce and seconded by Rev. Wadsworth that the Commission recess to carry on the installation service of Rev. Dickson as Pastor of the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church and that the Commission would be discharged after the closing prayer of the installation service. Motion carried.

The following participated in the installation service:

Dr. Samuel C. Weir, Moderator

Dr. Ernest W. Dunn, Scripture

Rev. Harvey M. Luce, Sermon

Rev. James E. Wadsworth, Jr., Evening Prayer

Dr. Harry R. DeYoung, The Charge to the Pastor

Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh, The Charge to the Congregation.

S // S. C. Weir, Moderator

John Kitzmiller, Clerk"

The Clerk presented the mimeographed report of the Financial Agent for the first nine months of 1957. This report is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

H. M. Luce requested that, in light of his election to the office of Synodical Field Secretary of Ohio Synod, his pastoral relationship with the Southfield Church be dissolved, effective Dec. 31, 1957, and that he be relieved of his responsibilities as Clerk of the Presbytery. Moved and supported that the request be granted. Elder Paul W. Merivirta of the Southfield Congregation reported that the congregation had met on Oct. 11 and had regretfully voted to join in the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship. Motion carried.

Elder Merivirta reported the election by the congregation of Mr. John G. Anderson, 21012 Tamarack Circle, Detroit 41, Michigan, as correspondent. Moved and seconded that this appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that H. M. Luce declare the Southfield pulpit vacant on the last Sabbath of December. Motion carried.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

"We recommend the following appointments:

Board of Directors of the Detroit Council of Churches:

Division of Christian Missions and Church Extension- E. W. Dunn

Division of Christian Education- Mrs. Herchel Bennett (Cherry Hill)

Division of Christian Life and Work - H. D. McCalmont

Division of General Administration - Leslie Lucas

Clerk of Presbytery - Mark Caldwell"

Nominations Committee: J. H. McCann, Chairman, L. Lucas, J. Payne.

S // J. Harvey McCann

Lesley H. Lucas"

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Evangelism Committee, John Criswell, chairman, made its report which is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee on Christian Education, R. F. Lambert, chairman, made its report which is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Missionary Budget, T. R. Allebach, chairman, presented its report which is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the report for United Presbyterian Men, John G. Anderson, president. This report is on file with the Clerk. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the list of nominations to the 1958 General Assembly, reporting the request of W. W. Moore that his name not be included. The list is as follows:

Elder Delegates - Principal:  
Military Avenue, Auburn Heights, Oakland Avenue  
Alternate:  
Lakeland, Outer Drive, Drayton Plains

Ministerial delegates - Principal:  
M. H. Caldwell, R. F. Lambert, E. I. Watkins  
Alternate:  
D. L. McBride, J. H. McCann, H. M. Luce

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Superintendent of Missions, presented the report of the Committee of Missions.

"October 15, 1957

Fathers and Brethren:

This is the first report since I took office July 1, 1957.

1. The Jayno Adams Field

Under the direction of Pastor Don Andrews the work in this new area has steadily progressed since early this summer. The latest information includes a reported Bible School enrollment of 170 with attendance averaging 110 in recent weeks. Mr. Andrews has made hundreds of cultivation calls and is meeting with a solid and enthusiastic response. Worship services were begun on Sept. 8th. Regular meetings of the Bible School Staff are held and the first in a series of monthly Family Night programs met last week. Churchmanship Classes have been started. There is a regular mailing to more than 200 families. Because of the response in this field, the Board of American Missions advanced the construction date for the first unit and ground was broken on Sept. 29th with Moderator James Wadsworth, Jr. and other ministers of the Presbytery taking part in the Service. The contract for construction has been given to Gerald Shell, an Elder in the Drayton Plains congregation and the builder of the Lakeland Church. Construction is well under way. Acceding to a request from the Pastor and friends of the new work, the Committee of Missions chose from names submitted "Church of the Atonement, United Presbyterian."

2. Lakeland

Activities of the Lakeland congregation, under the capable leadership of Roy F. Lambert, show progress in all areas of church life. Your committee recognizes with sincere appreciation the splendid attitude of this congregation as expressed in their indication to go on complete self-support beginning Jan. 1, 1958, several months ahead of the schedule originally worked out between them and the Board of American Missions. Mr. Lambert and his congregation are to be congratulated.

3. New Work

The only new field currently allocated to us, and which has been discussed by the Committee, is an area in Plymouth, Michigan. In view of the merger it appears best to your S.M. and Committee to transfer this allocation to the consideration of the Presbyterian Church, USA, so that it will be on their agenda and part of the extension program of the new United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit. Indications from the Board of American Missions have been such that we have little reason to expect any further grants to be made from that Board to our presbytery to begin new work and realism dictates that the effective way to handle this new field would be under the leadership of the new presbytery.

4. Harvey M. Luce

We of Detroit Presbytery recognize the deserved honor which has come to Rev. Harvey M. Luce through his election by the Synod of Ohio as our Field Executive and we wish him well in his new undertaking which, under the present conditions, will impose a particularly heavy load upon him. We realize also that it presents us with a vacancy in our Presbytery and we will be much in prayer for the Southfield congregation as they seek to find a Pastor.

5. Other Activity

As S.M. I attended, with Moderator Wadsworth and Clerk Harvey Luce,

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a meeting with Drs. Kenneth Neigh and Harold Fredsell at Presbyterian headquarters as a preliminary step toward the integration of our two presbyteries. Moderator Wadsworth will report in more detail on this meeting. One immediate result of the meeting has been an invitation to me to attend from now on all of the regular meetings of the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit. As such I attend my first meeting on October 10th and was highly impressed with the projects under consideration and the way in which they are being handled. With your permission I will digress for a moment and comment off the record on some of these.

#### 6. Recommendations

The Committee recommends the following:

- a. That Presbytery commend Lakeland congregation and its pastor for their splendid efforts and that any necessary action be taken to facilitate the achievement of self-support.
- b. That we apply to the Board of American Missions for a full salary grant for the Missionary Pastor at the Church of the Atonement.
- c. That the Committee recommend to Presbytery the appointment of a provisional Session for the Church of the Atonement consisting of six elders, two from Drayton Plains and one each from Oakland, Lakeland, Joslyn and Auburn Heights, the names to be submitted by the S.M. after consultation with the Moderators of the aforementioned sessions. Pastor Andrews to be the Moderator.
- d. That we formally assign our Plymouth allocation to the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit.
- e. That we authorize the payment of the Dept. of Research and Church Planning the amount of (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of their yearly budget) \$314.42, as our Presbytery's share of their expenses for the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,  
S // W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
S. M. Detroit Presbytery and  
Chairman of Committee of Missions"

Committee of Missions: Sam C. Weir, H. M. Luce, Leslie H. Lucas, Clarence Oak,  
Fred Froede

It was moved and seconded that the report, except for the application for Board Aid, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the application for Board Aid be approved. 34 present, 34 voting, 34 yes. The motion carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented. It was recommended that the following bills be paid:

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Expenses as SM	\$ 9.00
H. M. Luce, Expenses as Clerk	42.53

It was recommended that the following expenditures be approved:

Westminster Fellowship - Wayne State U.	\$ 500.00
Michigan Council of Churches	100.00
Dept. of Research and Church Planning	314.00
Salaries for the Clerk, SM, and FA	
@ \$75.00	225.00

It was recommended that the 1957 Presbyterial Assessment continue at 16¢ per member. It was recommended that the expenses of two laymen to the National Men's Meeting in Chicago on March 13, 1958, be paid. The F.A. and Presbytery's Treasurer's report was examined and found in order. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on the minor discrepancies found in the review of the Minutes of the Sessions of the Presbytery. Moved and seconded that the report be approved and that the Clerk write to each Session, calling attention to the errors noted. Motion carried.

Elder Leslie Lucas presented the report of the Mt. Pleasant Home. Moved and seconded that the report be received. Motion carried.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Drayton Plains pastor and congregation for their fine hospitality.

An invitation was extended by the Joslyn Avenue Church to hold the February meeting in that church. Moved and seconded that we accept the invitation. Motion carried.

T. R. Allebach announced the meetings to be held on Nov. 21-22 with Miss Halana Mikhail as the guest speaker.

A Commission, consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator, L. Lucas, F. Froede, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., and H. M. Luce, to assist the St. Mark's Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objectives of a developing congregation, was appointed by the Moderator to act for Presbytery in the interim between Presbytery meetings. Moved and seconded that Presbytery confirm this Commission. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Motion carried. The Moderator led in prayer.

*James E. Wadsworth, Jr.* Moderator  
*Harvey M. Luce* Clerk

November 10, 1957

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the First United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, this date at the call of the Moderator.

No roll of Presbytery was taken but there were elders and ministers present sufficient for a quorum.

The meeting was opened by the Moderator, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to present a Memorial on the passing of the Rev. Howard D. McCalmont, pastor of First Church.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

"We, the members of Detroit Presbytery, feel a deep sense of personal loss in the passing of Howard D. McCalmont. He was our friend. There was always a smile, a warm handclasp, a genuine interest in us. He was concerned about the welfare of each of his fellow pastors and their churches.

Eight years ago he came to us in this Presbytery, a pastor with years of experience in West View, Pa., Providence, R. I., and Sterling, Kansas, to help in guiding our work. He has given us fine leadership as Moderator on various commissions and committees. He spoke out of his concern for the social responsibility of the Church and his genuine interest in the Mt. Pleasant Home helped to keep it before us. He had an enthusiastic concern for the total work of the Church in his community and the world. We shall miss his wise counsel and devoted attention to the work of the Presbytery and the Church.

As a wise shepherd, he guided his congregation through the troublesome days when, in transition from one location to another, they found themselves with no location for a time. Those were days to try a man's heart, but with patient perseverance he continued to minister to his people and to search for God's plan for this congregation. When a new opportunity was presented he led his people in accepting the challenge, and today this beautiful building and this strong, rapidly growing congregation stand as a tangible part of the dream that he was not permitted to complete.

His was a spiritual ministry in all of its aspects. He was a faithful student and preacher of the Word. His sympathetic love for people attracted them to the Master whom he served and into whose presence he himself has now entered and who has, we are confident, welcomed him with the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant--enter into the joy of your master."

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be approved and that the Clerk read same at the funeral services that day. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned with prayer by F. J. Irvine.

James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Moderator

Harvey M. Luce Clerk

January 31, 1958

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, this date at the call of the Moderator.

Moderator J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., led a devotional service assisted by the organist of the host church.

Moderator called the Presbytery to order at 7:45 p.m. The clerk called the roll and announced that 16 ministers and 15 elders were present, amply sufficient for a quorum, and is as follows:

MINISTERS

S. C. Weir  
F. J. Irvine  
J. H. McCann  
  
W.J.Teeuwissen, Jr.  
H. M. Luce  
M. H. Caldwell  
J.E.Wadsworth, Jr.  
R. F. Lambert  
E. I. Watkins  
T. R. Allebach  
J. R. Beal  
R. L. Dickson  
R. H. Stanbery  
D. C. Andrews  
A. G. Slade  
F. Dickson

CONGREGATION

Littlefield Blvd.  
Cherry Hill  
Auburn Heights  
Calvin  
Drayton Plains  
  
St. Marks  
Lakeland  
Joslyn Ave.  
Oakland Ave.  
Royal Oak  
Wayne  
  
Broadstreet  
Outer Drive  
First, Detroit  
Southfield

ELDERS

Dean Chisnell  
Jerald Bevis  
Wayne Rose  
Lance Smith  
L. G. Rowley  
  
Herbert Cage  
Leland Johnson  
Ronald Bumstead  
Roy Cope  
Lee Morrison  
Emil Anderson  
  
J. A. Moffatt<sup>e</sup>  
John Kitzmiller  
Carl Marburger  
John Anderson

Minister E. W. Dunn had communicated with the clerk asking to be excused; no objection.

The Moderator called for confirmation of his call for the special session. Moved and seconded that his authority in so doing be confirmed. Carried.

The Moderator called on S.M. Teeuwissen to read the Call for the Reverend Paul H. Sutton to become the pastor of the Southfield Church. Terms of the Call were: Annual salary of \$5550, full payment of pension as designated by General Assembly, heating of the manse, and one month vacation.

Moved and seconded that the call be sustained as regular. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Call be transmitted to the Presbytery of Nebraska to be presented to the pastor-elect. Carried.

The Moderator named the following Commission to receive the transfer of the Reverend Paul H. Sutton from the Presbytery of Nebraska, and to proceed with his installation as the Pastor of the Southfield Church: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.,



Moderator; R. H. Stanbery, M. H. Caldwell, John Anderson, Jerald Bevis. Moved and seconded that these appointments be the Commission of Presbytery. Carried. The Commission was instructed to meet at the close of Presbytery to organize.

After several announcements by members of Presbytery the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn to the information meeting with Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh and Dr. Harold F. Fredsell, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Seconded and carried.

The Moderator called on ~~S. M. Teeuwissen~~ <sup>Connection: The Synod Question m. 21c.</sup> to close the meeting of Presbytery with prayer. Vice Moderator Lambert pronounced the benediction at the close of the information discussion period.

James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Moderator

Mark H. Caldwell Clerk

February 18, 1958

The February meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Joslyn Avenue Church, Pontiac on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., at 4:40p.m. The moderator conducted a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
F. J. Irvine	Littlefield Blvd.	Harold Haddon
J. H. McCann	Cherry Hill	
E. W. Dunn	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Calvin	
D. L. McBride	Drayton Plains	
M. H. Caldwell		
H. M. Luce		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Mark's	Jesse Butler
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Jack Spencer
W. W. Moore		
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	Harold Brown
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	C. W. Seaman
J. R. Beal	Royal Oak	Oren Shearer
R. H. Stanbery		
	Military Avenue	Hearl Kuykendall
D. C. Andrews		
A. G. Slade	Broadstreet	J. A. Moffatt
F. Dickson	Outer Drive	Frank Roberts
	First Detroit	Malcolm MacKay
	Southfield	J. T. Purdy

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

The Clerk reported requests from the following men to be excused: John Criswell because of illness, S. C. Weir away in Pennsylvania for funeral of his mother, R. L. Dickson because of teaching responsibilities at Presbyterian Institute. Moved their absences be excused. Seconded and approved.

Moved and seconded that Student Dale Stewart be heard in trials for ordination and that the Moderator be released from his obligation to preach. Carried.

Student Dale Stewart presented a sermon on the text John 12:12 entitled "Sir, We Would See Jesus". Then he gave the outline for an expository sermon on the text Luke 2:10, "The First Evangelist", using the divisions The Nature of the Evangelist, The Message of the Evangelist, and The Reaction to the Message of the Evangelist. Moved and seconded to sustain these trials for ordination. The Roll Call showed 21 present and voting, 21 ayes, 0 no's. Trials sustained.

Moved and seconded to appoint a Commission to handle all matters pertaining to the ordination of Dale Stewart when a proper call is received. Approved.

The Committee on Students, E. I. Watkins, chairman, presented its report which is on file. (Paper A) It included the fact of the graduation of Dale Stewart noted in the action above, the prospective graduation of three students in May. James Rhaesa requests ordination at his home church, the Wayne Congregation, before the June meeting of Presbytery in order to accept a call, already on file, from the Denison, Kansas Church in the Presbytery of Kansas City. Richard Smith and William Palmer are the other graduates. Three students have applied to be taken under care of Presbytery and will meet with the Committee soon: Ronald Kangas, Broadstreet; Allen McCallum and Neil Severance, Outer Drive. Moved by the chairman and seconded to adopt the report with its recommendation concerning a Commission. Adopted.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to read the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 1957. Motion to approve, seconded and carried. The Clerk read the minutes of the special meeting November 10, 1957, and the special meeting January 31, 1958. Correction of the latter that the meeting was closed with prayer by the Synod Executive. Moved and seconded to approve as corrected. Approved.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to additional elders from the host church, Joslyn Avenue, from Oakland Avenue and Cherry Hill.

Expense statements were referred to the Finance Committee. Elders Butler and Kuykendall were appointed to fill out that Committee.

Several churches reported elders elected, ordained and installed as follows:

	Elders Elected	Ordained	Installed	Date
Auburn Heights	Thomas Shearer	X	X	Feb. 9, 1958
	William Vancil	X	X	"
	Wayne Lidgard		X	"
Broadstreet	Alex Gracey	X	X	Nov. 17, 1957
	James Wilson		X	"
	James Gilmore		X	"
Cherry Hill	Kenneth Warren		X	Jan. 5, 1958
	Keith Forbush	X	X	"
	Arnold Hartig	X	X	"
	William Lakey	X	X	"
	Stanley Drews	X	X	"
	Harry Gravlin	X	X	"
	Harold Peters	X	X	"

	Elders Elected	Ordained	Installed	Date
First Detroit  (Deacons)	Harry A. Cook		X	Dec. 15, 1957
	W. Dale Harbison		X	"
	John A. Dagg	X	X	"
	Martha Chilman	X	X	"
	Alice Masson	X	X	"
	George E. Brown	X	X	"
	George E. Osborn	X	X	"
Joslyn Avenue	Marvin Fauss		X	Jan. __, 1958
	Edwin Brodkorb	X	X	"
	Warren Stewart	X	X	"
	Frank Cohoe	X	X	"
Littlefield Blvd.	Melvin Auch		X	Dec. 1, 1957
	Norman Rehfield		X	"
	George Allured	X	X	"
	Robert Colwell	X	X	"
	Walter Gibson	X	X	"
	Erwin Henschel	X	X	"
Oakland Avenue	William Cadman		X	Jan. 26, 1958
	Ernal Lloyd		X	"
	LeRoy Koch	X	X	"
	Charles Edie	X	X	"
Outer Drive	John Platner		X	Nov. 17, 1957
	William Lowe	X	X	"
	Briger Bakke	X	X	"
	Thomas Merritt	X	X	"
St. Mark's	Alvin Stallworth		X	
	Jesse Butler	X	X	
	Herbert Cage	X	X	
Wayne	Thomas G. Hicks		X	Jan. 26, 1958

The meeting was recessed for dinner and committee meetings following prayer by Vice-Moderator Lambert.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:25 p.m. with prayer by H. M. Luce, Synod's Field Secretary.

The Moderator and Clerk reported on the discharge of their duties since the previous meeting. Approved.

The annual report on congregational statistics by the Clerk was called for (Paper B). Report accepted.

The annual report of the Financial Agent, Jerald Bevis, was called for (Paper C). Moved and seconded report be accepted. Moved and seconded to amend by transferring \$25 from the Refugee item to the Presbytery Home Mission Fund. Adopted as amended. The F. A. also turned in an audit of his records made by A. W. Hartig, 436 River Lane, Dearborn.

Nominees for Commissioners to the 1958 General Assembly were reported by the Clerk. Moved and seconded that these be elected. Adopted. They are as follows:

Elders

Principals:	Ivan R. Hamel	Military Ave.	Hearl Kuykendall
	R. Grant Graham	Auburn Heights	Ray Stephens
	Alex McAllister	Oakland Ave.	Ernal Lloyd

Alternates:

Ministers

Principals:	M. H. Caldwell	Alternates:	D. L. McBride
	R. F. Lambert		J. H. McCann
	E. I. Watkins		H. M. Luce

Chairman J. H. McCann presented the Nominations to the General Assembly for Financial Agent: Jerald H. Bevis; Superintendent of Missions: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.; Chairman of Christian Education: R. H. Stanbery. Moved and seconded that these be Presbytery's nominees. Approved.

Chairman McCann presented the slate of proposed appointments to the Detroit Council of Churches Departments for 1958. Moved and seconded that they be appointed. Approved. They are as follows:

Board of Directors	- Ernest W. Dunn
Dept. of Business Affairs	- Mr. E. W. Henschel
Dept. of Church Music	- Mr. John Cross
Dept. of Research and Church Planning	- Ernest W. Dunn and Harvey M. Luce
Dept. of Evangelism	- J. Rodney Beal
Dept. of Public Affairs	- Mr. Frank Roberts
Dept. of Religious Education	- R. H. Stanbery
Dept. of Social Service	- J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.

Committee on Missions report read by H. M. Luce, S.F.S., in the absence of S.M. Teeuwissen who had to leave early for the Presbyterial Institute.

Fathers and Brethren:

This report includes a review of action and progress in regard to a number of matters which have been under our supervision, an indication of some of the S.M.'s activities and certain recommendations for your action.

I. Review

1. Southfield

On Jan. 10 a call was moderated for the Rev. Paul Sutton of Minden, Nebr. This call was sustained on Jan. 31 at the called meeting of Presbytery, and forwarded to Mr. Sutton via the S. C. of Nebraska Presbytery. Mr. Sutton, who has indicated his acceptance, is scheduled to arrive on the field early in March, with installation tentatively planned for the week of March 16.

2. Auburn Heights

In response to the request from the Session of Auburn Heights that a Moderator be appointed to preside over a congregational meeting to extend a call to William Palmer, a student at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, it was indicated that such appointment would be made after the time of Mr. McCann's departure from the field has been determined. Mr. Palmer has indicated his willingness to favorably act upon such a call.

3. First Church

Dr. S. C. Weir, under appointment of the S. M., moderated a call for the Rev. James Crawford of Des Moines Presbytery, member of the staff of Westminster United Presbyterian Church of Des Moines. There has been indication that Mr. Crawford will accept the call, and arrive some time after Easter.

#### 4. Wayne Church

Your committee met with the pastor and a delegation from the Boards of the Wayne Church to review their financial situation.

### II. S. M. Activities

In addition to the customary responsibilities, the S. M. has attended the monthly meetings of the Board of Church Extension of Detroit Presbytery, Presbyterian Church U.S.A. He has also attended meetings in Wooster and Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the merger. Similar meetings are scheduled for the next few weeks. Today he attended a meeting of the Council of the Synod of Michigan, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

### III. Recommendations

1. After a review of the financial situation of the Wayne Church, and upon the expressed desire of the representatives who met with the Committee, we recommend that the Presbytery endorse the efforts of the Wayne congregation in seeking such assistance from the Board of American Missions in refinancing as will enable them to solve their problems.
2. That Presbytery appoint a Commission in reply to the request from the Lakeland United Presbyterian Church Session to moderate a call for the Rev. Roy Lambert, currently stated supply of that congregation, to become their pastor and to handle all matters thereto pertaining.
3. That Presbytery grant the request of the Provisional Session of the Church of the Atonement to appoint a Commission to organize the congregation on a date suitable to all concerned, and their request that the Charter Membership Roll be kept open until July 1, 1958.
4. That the attached letter from Nebraska Presbytery, transferring the Rev. Paul Sutton to the Presbytery of Detroit be received, and that he be properly enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.
5. That Presbytery appoint a Commission to handle all matters pertaining to the call for the Rev. James Crawford, including, if that be the wish of Presbytery, installation.
6. That Presbytery reappoint the Commission previously appointed in regard to Southfield Church and the installation of Paul Sutton. (W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator; R. H. Stanbery, M. H. Caldwell, John Anderson, Jerald Bevis.)

Respectfully submitted;

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
S. M., Detroit Presbytery

P.S. Your S.M. heartily encourages the presence of the members of Presbytery and delegations from churches of the Presbytery, at the dedication services of the Church of the Atonement, which will be held on the afternoon of March 16, 1958. Since the names of all of Presbytery's churches will appear on the back page of the dedication program, he believes it to be a very practical expression of our support if we would send a gift for this occasion to the Church of the Atonement through our financial agent or directly. Such tangible indication of our joy for this event will be heartwarming and encouraging to the new congregation.

W. J. T., Jr.

It was agreed to consider the report and its recommendations one at a time:

- 1) Moved and seconded to approve the recommendation concerning the Wayne Church. Approved.
- 2) Moved and seconded to appoint a Commission to handle the matter of a call from the Lakeland Church for R. F. Lambert. Approved.
- 3) Moved and seconded that the requests of the provisional session of the Church of the Atonement Mission be granted: a) for organizing as a congregation perhaps in April; b) for keeping the charter roll open until July 1st. Approved.
- 4) Moved and seconded that the Certificate of Standing and Dismission be received from the Presbytery of Nebraska for the Reverend Paul H. Sutton (Paper D) and that he be enrolled as member of the Presbytery of Detroit. Approved.
- 5) Moved and seconded that the call prepared by the First Church, Detroit, be sustained as regular. Sustained. Moved and seconded that the Clerk transmit the call to the Presbytery of Des Moines for presentation to the Reverend James A. Crawford, and that a Commission be appointed to handle all matters pertaining to his installation. Adopted.
- 6) Moved and seconded that the Commission appointed at the special meeting of Jan. 31, 1958 to handle all matters pertaining to the installation of the Reverend Paul H. Sutton be re-appointed in order to complete its work. Approved.

Moved and seconded that the report as a whole be accepted. Accepted.

Chairman Lambert presented the report of the Committee of Christian Education (Paper E). Moved and seconded it be accepted. Approved.

Chairman Dunn presented the report of the committee on Pensions and Relief, indicating that all ministers in the Presbytery except one are participating in the Pension Plan and he is participating in the Presbyterian Ministers Fund. Moved and seconded the report be accepted. Adopted.

Chairman Allebach presented the report of the Committee on the Missionary Budget (Paper F). Moved and seconded it be accepted. Adopted.

Elder James Payne presented a report of the United Christian Fellowship at Wayne State University in which the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit is participating. He reported that the 1958 contribution of \$500 has been paid. The asking budget for 1959 included an increase of \$150 or total of \$650. Moved and seconded that Presbytery approve the asking budget for 1959 in principal and details<sup>worked</sup> out concerning the problems of paying it in the merged church. After considerable discussion, it was approved.

Reports for the Detroit Presbytery Council of United Presbyterian Men, in the absence of President John Anderson, were made by Frank Roberts and F. J. Irvine. Jerald Bevis and Oren Shearer were nominated as Presbytery's representatives to the joint regional meeting of Presbyterian Men in Chicago, March 14, 15, 16. Finances are to be sought from funds of the Detroit Council of U. P. Men but underwritten by Presbytery. Adopted.

Synod's Field Secretary, H. M. Luce, reported on the progress being made in consolidation of Synods and Presbyteries of the merging churches. A special meeting of the Synod of Ohio is being called April 21 at 1 p.m. in the First Church, Canton, Ohio to care for details of this consolidation. Two overtures are being considered to make changes necessary in the new alignment. The item affecting Detroit Presbytery directly is that it is proposed to be dismissed from the Synod of Ohio to the Synod of Michigan. Mr. Luce requested approval of the two overtures as they affect Detroit Presbytery. Motion by Irvine, seconded by Beal, to approve the overtures. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Luce also announced dates of the Centennial observance in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania May 23 to 25, to which churches are invited to send representatives. He announced the dates of the Synod's summer conferences for 1958: Yankee Springs Pioneer Conference June 21-28; Muskingum Pioneer, July 5-12; Muskingum Builder-Fellowship, July 12-19. Also the Alma Leadership Training School in August.

Committee on Finance, Chairman J. R. Beal, reported and report is on file (Paper G). Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and its recommendations adopted. Moved to amend by changing recommendation 5 to read "send a check of \$300 to the Treasurer of the A & D Fund as our apportionment as requested". Adopted as amended.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery October 15, 1957, consisting of F. J. Irvine, Moderator; L. Lucas; F. Froede; W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.; and H. M. Luce to assist the St. Mark's Community Church in this transition toward achieving the spiritual objective of a developing congregation were read, adopted and are as follows:

"The Commission met at 9:30 p.m., October 15, 1957 at the Drayton Plains Church for constitution.

Present were: Moderator F. J. Irvine, L. Lucas, H.M. Luce, W. J. Teeuwissen. Absent: F. Froede.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Moved, seconded and carried that W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. be continued as clerk of the Commission.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Commission adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer by W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

/s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Clerk  
F. J. Irvine, Moderator"

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery, January 31, 1958, consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator; R. H. Stanbery; M. H. Caldwell; John Anderson; Jerald Bevis to receive the transfer of the Reverend Paul H. Sutton from the Presbytery of Nebraska, and to proceed with his installation as pastor of the Southfield Church were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"This Commission met on the evening of Jan. 31, 1958, following the meeting of Presbytery with the following men present:

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Chairman; J. H. Bevis, John Anderson, R. H. Stanbery, M. H. Caldwell.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., who led in prayer.

R. H. Stanbery was elected secretary.

The Installation date of the Rev. Paul Sutton was discussed.

It was moved that this Commission adjourn till it be called to meet by the Chairman.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. H. Stanbery

The Clerk requested Presbytery to adopt a resolution changing the Registered Office and Resident Agent of Presbytery under the rules of the State of Michigan. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved that the location of the registered office of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit, Michigan, within the State of Michigan is changed from 21575 West Ten Mile Road, Detroit 19, County of Oakland, Michigan, to 7560 Littlefield Boulevard, Dearborn 1, County of Wayne, Michigan and that Mark H. Caldwell is appointed resident agent of this corporation in charge of its registered office and that all prior appointments for such purpose are hereby revoked."

Moved by H. M. Luce and seconded that Presbytery adopt the above resolution. Adopted.

In the absence of the S.M. a Call was presented by H. M. Luce, which had been prepared by the First Church, Detroit for the Reverend James A. Crawford to become its pastor. Terms of the Call: Salary \$5400, 11% of salary to be paid to the pension plan, one month vacation. It was signed by 12 elders, 9 trustees, 12 deacons, 327 members, 31 adherents, totalling 391 signatures. It had been moderated by S. C. Weir, Moderator of the session. Moved and seconded that the Call be sustained as regular and transmitted to the Presbytery of Des Moines for presentation to Mr. Crawford. Adopted.

Request was made by J. H. McCann that the pastoral relation between him and the Auburn Heights Church be dissolved for the reason of retirement from the active pastorate, effective following the services of worship April 13, 1958. Elder Grant Graham of Auburn Heights spoke reporting the action of the congregation November 10, 1957 voicing affection for its pastor and regretfully joining him in this request to the Presbytery. Moved and seconded his request be granted. Adopted. Many members of Presbytery expressed appreciation for Mr. McCann's ministry and fellowship as a Presbyter.

Mr. Ray <sup>STEPHENS</sup> Evans, 3186 <sup>GARET</sup> Market Street, Auburn Heights, was named by the congregation as its request for correspondent. The congregation also asked the privilege of arranging its own pulpit supply while vacant. Moved and seconded that both requests be granted. Adopted.

Moved and seconded that J. H. McCann be asked to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on April 13, 1958. Adopted.

Several announcements were made. R. F. Lambert announced the closing sessions of the Presbyterian Institute. R. H. Stanbery announced the Theological Forum for Presbyterian and United Presbyterian ministers. The Clerk announced a communication from the clerk of Ohio Synod reminding churches of Commitment to Abstinence Day, February 23, and urging its meaningful observance. E. W. Dunn announced dedication of Calvin Church new building, April 24.

The Financial Agent, Jerald Bevis, requested Presbytery for authority to change check signatures with the bank to include the new clerk. Moved and seconded that this be done. Adopted.

The Moderator, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., named the following Commissions to act in behalf of Presbytery until the next regular meeting:

- A Commission consisting of E. I. Watkins, Moderator and the Committee on Students plus S. C. Weir and Elder Glenn Stewart to handle all matters pertaining to the ordination of Student Dale Stewart when a proper call is received.
- A Commission consisting of R. L. Dickson, Moderator, James Payne, M. H. Caldwell, vice-moderator, Eugene Blevins, F. J. Irvine to handle all matters pertaining to the ordination of Student James Rhaesa and presentation to him of the call from the Denison, Kansas Church.
- A Commission consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. Dickson, R. Stanbery, W. W. Moore, vice moderator, elder Malcolm MacKay to handle all matters pertaining to the installation of the Reverend James A. Crawford at First Church, Detroit.
- A Commission consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, E. I. Watkins, D. C. Andrews, elder Oren Shearer to handle all matters pertaining to the Call of the Lakeland Church for installing the Reverend R. F. Lambert as its pastor.
- A Commission consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, T. R. Allebach, vice-moderator, R. F. Lambert, elder Jack Spencer to handle all matters pertaining to the organizing of the Church of the Atonement Mission as a Congregation.



A Commission consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., moderator, R. H. Stanbery, vice-moderator, M. H. Caldwell, John Anderson, Jerald Bevis to receive the transfer of the Reverend Paul H. Sutton from the Presbytery of Nebraska, and to handle all matters pertaining to his installation as pastor of the Southfield Church.

Moved and seconded that these be Presbytery's Commissions and that they meet following Presbytery to organize. Adopted.

Appreciation was expressed by the Moderator to the host church, Joslyn Avenue, for the hospitality extended during the sessions of Presbytery.

Elder J. A. Moffett extended an invitation for Presbytery to hold its June meeting at the Broadstreet Church. Motion to accept with pleasure. Seconded and approved.

F. J. Irvine requested that the Weir family be especially remembered in the closing prayer at the time of the loss of the mother of S. C. Weir.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Carried. Host pastor E. I. Watkins led in prayer acceding to the request above.

James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Moderator  
Mark H. Caldwell Clerk

May 5, 1958

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the St. Mark's Church, Detroit, Michigan, this date at the call of the Moderator.

Moderator J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., led a devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

The clerk called the roll and announced that 12 elders and 13 ministers were present, amply sufficient for a quorum, and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Littlefield Blvd.	Harold Haddon
H. M. Luce	Cherry Hill	Jerald Devis
M. H. Caldwell	Calvin	Elden Johnson
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	Drayton Plains	Howard Cottman
R. F. Lambert	St. Mark's	Harold Brown
E. I. Watkins	Lakeland	Eugene Blevins
J. R. Beal	Joslyn Ave.	James Payne
K. L. Dickson	Oakland Ave.	
D. C. Andrews	Royal Oak	
A. G. Slade	Wayne	
F. Dickson	Military Ave.	
P. H. Sutton	Broadstreet	Alex. Gracey
J. A. Crawford	Outer Drive	Ray Goodwin
	Southfield	Paul Meierverde
	First, Detroit	Malcolm MacKay
	Auburn Heights	Billy Vancil

Communications from J. H. McCann, F. J. Irvine, and R. H. Stanbery asking to be excused; no objection.

Courtesies of the floor were extended by the Moderator to additional elders from the Royal Oak, St. Mark's, Outer Drive, Auburn Heights churches. Ministers Sutton and Crawford welcomed.

Statement of Purpose was presented as had been in the notices and it was moved and seconded that the Moderator's authority in calling the meeting be confirmed. Confirmed.

In connection with the first item of business it was moved by Teeuwissen, seconded by Andrews that the resolution of Presbytery Concurrence below be adopted. Adopted unanimously.

FORM FOR PRESBYTERY CONCURRENCE

"The Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church of North America, meeting on May 5, 1958, at St. Mark's Church, Detroit, Michigan, has considered the overture of the Synod of Ohio, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to the 170th General Assembly regarding the merger of said Synod with the Synods of Ohio and Second Synod, United Presbyterian Church of North America, and concurs in the transfer of said Presbytery to the Synod of Michigan, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., effective January 1, 1959."

In connection with the second item of business it was moved by Payne, seconded by Teeuwissen that the following Corporate Resolution be adopted:

"The Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church of North America, at a called meeting on May 5, 1958, at the St. Mark's Church, Detroit, did hereby resolve

That the Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church of North America be merged to form the Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. along with the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. - to be the ecclesiastical and legal successor of each, effective January 1, 1959."

Discussion on the motion brought out the problems of youth work etc., in such a large Presbytery and consideration was given to possibility of asking for some division. Presbytery was informed that such consideration was already being given.

After certain questions about the wording of the resolution, it was moved by Beal, seconded by Teeuwissen to amend the resolution to read as follows:

"That the Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church of North America be merged with the Presbytery of Detroit, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to form the Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and that it be the ecclesiastical and legal successor of each, effective January 1, 1959."

The amendment was adopted and the main motion on the resolution as amended was adopted unanimously.

Concerning the third item of business, the Moderator named S. C. Weir, Chairman, and F. Dickson to the Nominating Committee to replace J. H. McCann now living outside the bounds of Presbytery and to add to the Committee for its anticipated work very soon. Moved and seconded that these names be added to the Committee. Adopted.

It was understood that the present members remain on the Committee. (E. Blevins and J. Payne)

The fourth item of business was to consider accepting the invitation to the ministers to attend the meeting of Michigan Synod at Alma, June 9, 10, 11 and to care for details of expense involved. After some discussion it was moved by Elder Payne and seconded that the invitation be accepted. Adopted.

It was further moved and seconded that individual churches be asked to underwrite expenses of room and board for their minister at Alma, and that Presbytery be authorized to pay travel expense. Adopted.

The Moderator then named three representatives to a joint By-Laws Committee for the uniting Presbyteries of Detroit. These are as follows: M. H. Caldwell, clerk; E. W. Dunn and P. H. Sutton. Moved and seconded to confirm these appointments. Confirmed. To propose By-Laws for the merged Presbytery

S. M. Teeuwissen was heard concerning the request of a loan by the Lakeland Church from the Board of American Missions for \$25,000. R. F. Lambert explained that the loan was for the building of an extension to the educational wing of the church. Moved and seconded that the request be granted for Presbytery's approval. Approved.

The request from Joslyn Avenue Church was withdrawn and no action taken.

Several announcements were made which affected members of Presbytery of their churches: F. A. Bevis announced the assessment of 5¢ per member by the Synod of Ohio to be paid by June 30, 1958. The clerk announced the providing of a communion service for the Women's Presbyterial in the Outer Drive Church under the care of its session. S. M. Teeuwissen announced the organization date for the Church of the Atonement mission as May 22 at 7:30. SYW announced that because of extremely limited facilities invitation to youth to attend summer conferences of the Presbytery of Detroit (U.S.A.) is withdrawn. Moderator of Presbytery's Commission to ordain James Rhaesa announced the date of June 11 at 8:00 for that ordination. SFS Luce brought greetings from former presbyter Willard Wylie and Mrs. Wylie with repeated invitation for visits to their new home at Mt. Pleasant Home, Ohio.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

J. E. Wadsworth, Jr. Moderator

Mark H. Caldwell Clerk

June 17, 1958

The June meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was held at the Broadstreet Church, Detroit, on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., at 4:40 p.m. The Moderator conducted a brief devotional service and constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called by the Clerk and is as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
F. J. Irvine	Littlefield Blvd. Cherry Hill Calvin Drayton Plains	Olin LaForge Jerry Nelson Fred Anglin John Hazlett
W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr. H. M. Luce M. H. Caldwell J. E. Wadsworth, Jr. R. F. Lambert E. I. Watkins T. R. Allebach J. R. Beal R. L. Dickson R. H. Stanbery J. H. Criswell D. C. Andrews	St. Mark's Lakeland Joslyn Ave. Oakland Ave. Royal Oak Wayne  Military Ave. Church of the Atonement	James Woodard Leland Johnson Marvin Fauss Orval Robb Calvin Bowers James Payne  Warren Elliott Robert A. Larson (elder elect) Percy Sawle
A. G. Slade F. Dickson	Broadstreet Outer Drive Southfield	Edgar Seyb
J. A. Crawford	First, Detroit Auburn Heights	W. Dale Harbison Ray Stephens

The following members had sent requests to be excused from all or part of the sessions of Presbytery: S. C. Weir, travelling out of the country; E. W. Dunn, illness; T. R. Allebach, even session for city council issue. No objection. Approved.

Moved and seconded that Student William Palmer be heard in trial sermons for ordination. Carried. Moved and seconded that the Moderator be released from his obligation to preach. Carried.

Student William Palmer preached a sermon on the text II Chronicles 36:11-21 entitled "Our Broken Fellowship" using the divisions Union with God, Separation in Sin, and Reunion through Christ. Then he presented an outline for an expository sermon on the passage Mark 14:37-42 entitled "The Shepherd's Son". The main points expounded were The Shepherd and Sheep on the Road to Gethsemane, and The Son and the Sleepers in the Garden of Gethsemane. Other items presented were the doctrinal theses "The Christian Sabbath" which had received a grade of "A" from the Seminary, and the exegetical paper on Mark 2:23-28 also rated "A". Moved and seconded to accept the trials and to appoint a commission to examine the student in detail and to proceed to ordination if sustained by the commission. Adopted.

The Committee on Students, E. I. Watkins, Chairman, completed its report which is on file with the Clerk (Paper A). It was adopted as amended by the action above concerning student William Palmer, and included the following highlights of information: Dale Stewart, ordained, transferred to Presbytery of Lansing and there installed as Associate Pastor of the Howell Presbyterian Church.

James Rhaesa ordained, transferred to Presbytery of Kansas City, and there to be installed pastor of Denison, Kansas, Church.

Roy Lindahl, Jr., continues at University of Michigan; Harold Hunt, temporarily out of seminary because of illness plans to return in fall; Edward Krantz, a Junior at Sterling College; Lowell Conyers released from care of Presbytery; Allen McCallum and Neil Severance of Outer Drive and Ronald Kangas of Broadstreet taken under care of Presbytery.

The Moderator called on the Clerk to read the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 1958. Correction of the name and address of the correspondent of the Auburn Heights Church was noted. Motion to approve as corrected, seconded and carried. The Clerk read the minutes of the special meeting, May 5, 1958. Motion to approve, seconded and carried.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to several visiting elders with particular note of the presence of elder-elect Robert A. Larson of the Church of the Atonement mission soon to be organized.

Expense statements were referred to the Finance Committee.

Elders reported elected, ordained and installed were Calvin Bowers, Robert Stratton and Robert Wilson of the Royal Oak Church, February 2, 1958, and James Ewing of the Military Avenue Church, March 2, 1958.

The Committee on Missionary Budget (Stewardship and Promotion), T. R. Allebach, Chairman, presented its report (Paper B). With the consent of the chairman its recommendations were amended to include a Presbytery consultation of the retreat type for those responsible for local consultations. The local consultations were to operate on a team of churches basis, a team of officers from one church presenting the program to its partner church, and vice versa. This is recommended for two Tuesdays in September, perhaps 9, 16. Motion to adopt the report with its recommendations as amended. Seconded and Carried.

Commissioner to the General Assembly Grant Graham who had asked to be excused from the evening session was heard at this time reporting on the first three popular meetings at the Assembly. He reported being impressed with democracy in action in the Assembly's deliberations.

The meeting was recessed for dinner and committee meetings at 6:25 following prayer by Vice Moderator Lambert.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:35 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Reports of the Moderator and Clerk on the discharge of their duties since the last meeting. (Papers C and D) Approved. The clerk also presented reproductions of the History of Detroit Presbytery prepared by the late Dr. Andrew S. Creswell, then clerk, April 18, 1933. He reported that in line with the request of General Assembly for the Presbyteries and Synods to bring all records up to date and compile histories where feasible, that perhaps Presbytery would wish to assign to someone the task of bringing this history up to date. Moved and seconded that someone be assigned the task of bringing the history up to date. Approved.

R. F. Lambert was nominated for the office of Moderator for the coming year. Moved and seconded that the terms of officers be not to exceed one year but to be for the period needed for separate Presbyteries in the year of merger. Adopted. Moved and seconded that nominations for Moderator be closed and the clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Lambert. Adopted unanimously.

W. W. Moore was nominated for the office of Vice Moderator. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed and the clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Moore. Adopted unanimously.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 18, 1958, consisting of R. L. Dickson, Moderator, James Payne, M. H. Caldwell, vice-moderator Eugene Blevins, F. J. Irvine to handle all matters pertaining to the ordination of Student James Rhaesa and presentation to him of the call from the Denison

Kansas, Church, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Commission met at the close of Presbytery meeting and was constituted with prayer by the vice-moderator M. H. Caldwell. The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

The Moderator called a meeting for April 17, 1958, at the First United Presbyterian Church of Wayne, Michigan.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Elders E. A. Blevins, J. G. Payne, Ministers R. L. Dickson, F. J. Irvine, M. H. Caldwell.

After discussing all possible dates within the specified period, Sunday, June 8, was selected as the time for trials and examination, subject to confirmation by the ordainee. If the trials and examination are sustained the ordination service will take place June 11, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wayne Church. A reception for the new minister and his family will follow in the church social hall.

Complying with a request of the Ordainee, the Commission agreed to invite the Reverend Virgil A. Barnes, original pastor of the Wayne Church and responsible for the Ordainee's entering the ministry, to preach the ordination sermon.

The Commission selected Dr. Irvine to give the charge to the Minister Mr. Caldwell, the ordination prayer, Mr. Blevins, the Scripture reading, Mr. Payne, the evening prayer, Mr. Dickson to preside.

To avoid protracting the service the Commission requested the special music consist of one number by the local choir. The Commission adjourned with prayer to meet Sunday, June 8, at 3:00 p.m.

The Commission met at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8, in the Wayne Church. It was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Present were: Elder Blevins, Ministers Irvine, Caldwell, Dickson. Mr. Caldwell was appointed clerk pro tem in the absence of Elder Payne. Mr. James W. Rhaesa presented himself before the Commission and preached a textual sermon on Matthew 28: 1-10. A doctrinal thesis and exegetical paper were before the members previously for examination, also another textual sermon and an expository lecture.

Remarks by the members of the Commission were made on his preached sermon and his written work. It was moved by Elder Blevins, seconded by Irvine to sustain the trials and proceed to the ordination June 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wayne Church. Motion carried.

It was reported that the inclusion of the item of one month vacation has been agreed to by the Denison Congregation.

The Moderator read the Call and presented it to Mr. Rhaesa.

Terms of Call: Salary, 11% pension payment, one month vacation.

The Call was signed by 67 members, 23 adherents, and 7 officers.

It was further reported that Mr. Barnes is coming and will preach the sermon. Motion was made to recess until 7:40 p.m. June 11.

Seconded and carried. Recessed at 4:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened with prayer by the Moderator on June 11 at 7:50 p.m. Moved by Irvine, seconded by Caldwell to approve the order of service as presented by the Moderator. Carried.

Moved by Caldwell, seconded by Payne to receive the Reverend V. A. Barnes as a corresponding member of the Commission. Carried.

The Commission then proceeded to the sanctuary.

The worship service and the Act of Ordination having taken place with all members of the Commission taking part, the Commission

again met in the Pastor's study. Dr. Irvine moved to release the newly-ordained minister to the Kansas City Presbytery. Seconded and Carried.

The clerk of Presbytery was requested to send a certificate of standing and dismissal transferring the membership of the Reverend James W. Rhaesa to Kansas City Presbytery and a certificate of ordination to Mr. Rhaesa.

The Minutes of all meetings of this Commission were read and approved.

Moved by Blevins and seconded by Caldwell to adjourn. Carried. The Commission was adjourned with prayer by the vice moderator.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ James G. Payne, clerk

/s/ Robert L. Dickson, moderator.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 18, 1958, consisting of S. C. Weir, Moderator, F. Dickson, R. Stanbery, W. W. Moore, vice-moderator, elder Malcolm MacKay to handle all matters pertaining to the installation of the Reverend James A. Crawford at First Church, Detroit, were read, adopted, and are as follows:

"The Vice-Moderator, W. W. Moore called a meeting of the Commission following the meeting of Presbytery:

- A. The meeting was opened with prayer by W. W. Moore
- B. R. H. Stanbery was elected Secretary
- C. It was decided that this Commission would adjourn until the Moderator S. C. Weir, calls the next meeting.
- D. It was mentioned that the Reverend James A. Crawford would be installed some time after Easter.
- E. Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.
- F. Closed with prayer by R. H. Stanbery.

Presbytery's Commission to install James Crawford as minister of First United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, met on March 31, 1958, at 7:40 p.m. at the Outer Drive Church.

Present were Samuel Weir, Wilson Moore, Malcolm MacKay, Robert Stanbery, Francis Dickson.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, prayer offered by Mr. Dickson, who was then appointed clerk of the meeting.

A communication was read by Mr. Weir from Mr. Crawford requesting his installation to be set for May 4. It was moved by MacKay, seconded by Moore that the installation service be held in First Church on Sunday evening, May 4. Motion carried. After discussion it was moved by Dickson, seconded by MacKay and carried that the time of the service be set for 7:00 p.m. in order to provide time for an informal reception after the installation and to provide an opportunity for the young people and children to attend the service.

The following order of service was then arranged:

Presiding minister, Mr. Robert Stanbery  
 Scripture Lesson, Mr. Malcolm MacKay  
 Evening Prayer, Mr. Paul Sutton  
 Constitutional Questions, Mr. Samuel Weir  
 Charge to the Pastor, Mr. Samuel Weir

Charge to the Congregation, Mr. Francis Dickson  
 Sermon, Mr. Wilson Moore  
 Benediction, Mr. James Crawford

After the formal service an opportunity will be given for greetings from the Detroit Presbytery, U.S.A. by Mr. Kenneth Neigh, Executive of the Detroit Presbytery, or Mr. Harold Fredsell, Seated Clerk, or Mr. Albert Riddering, Moderator.

Moved by Moore, seconded by Dickson, and carried that the above order of service be adopted, and if changes are needed the Moderator of this Commission is empowered to make them.

Moved by MacKay, seconded by Moore, and carried that this Commission will next meet on May 4 at 6:40 p.m. at First Church.

Moved by Dickson, seconded by Moore that the meeting adjourn. Carried. Closed with prayer by Mr. Moore.

Respectfully submitted  
 /s/ Francis Dickson, clerk

Presbytery's Commission met at First Church, Detroit on Sunday, May 4, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. S. C. Weir, at 6:50 p.m. The opening prayer was given by W. W. Moore. The secretary continued in person of Stanbery.

Present were S. C. Weir, R. H. Stanbery, Malcolm MacKay, P. H. Sutton, W. W. Moore.

The Moderator presented the certificate of transfer of the Reverend James A. Crawford from the Presbytery of Des Moines of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Motion by Moore, seconded that the certificate of transfer be received. Motion passed.

Motion by Moore, seconded by MacKay that the Commission be adjourned at the termination of the worship-installation service. The worship service will be closed with the Benediction by the Reverend James A. Crawford, the newly-installed pastor. Motion passed.

Pastors and Elders participating in the worship-installation service were:

Elder Malcolm A. MacKay, Reading of the Scripture  
 Minister Wilson W. Moore, Sermon, "The Church of Christ"  
 Minister Paul H. Sutton, Evening Prayer  
 Minister Samuel C. Weir, Statement of the Moderator, Installation Questions, Charge to the Minister  
 Minister Francis Dickson, Charge to the Congregation  
 Minister Kenneth G. Neigh, Word of Greeting from the Presbytery of Detroit, U.S.A.  
 Elder Earl B. Young, Sr. Vice-Moderator of the Session of First Church.  
 Minister Robert H. Stanbery, presiding  
 Minister James A. Crawford, Benediction

The Reverend Francis Dickson, Outer Drive, arrived during the worship service.

Respectfully submitted  
 /s/ Robert H. Stanbery

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 18, 1958, consisting of E. I. Watkins, Moderator and the Committee on Students, plus S. C. Weir and Elder Glenn Stewart, to handle all matters pertaining to the ordination of Student Dale Stewart when a proper call is received, were read, approved, and are as follows:



"The Commission met Tuesday evening, February 18, 1958, at the Joslyn Avenue Church with the Moderator, Edwin Watkins, presiding. Meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator. J. E. Wadsworth, Jr., was elected clerk.

The Commission voted to meet again when they received a call for Mr. Dale Stewart and then will complete all matters regarding his ordination as it affects our Presbytery.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by R. H. Stanbery.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ E. I. Watkins, Moderator  
 J. E. Wadsworth, Jr. Clerk  
 R. H. Stanbery  
 Dr. Kirkendall

The Commission convened at 8:30 p.m. at the Outer Drive Church, with prayer by the Moderator. Probationer Dale Stewart was examined for ordination according to the provisions of the Book of Government and Worship of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. After extensive questioning Mr. Stewart was dismissed and the Commission voted by roll call on sustaining Mr. Stewart in his trials. The vote was unanimous to sustain him and proceed to his ordination. Mr. Stewart was recalled, the result of the vote announced to him, and discussion concerning his ordination plans was engaged in.

The Commission authorized his ordination on Sunday, April 27, 1958, at the Littlefield Blvd. Church at 7:00 p.m. Elder Glenn Stewart was directed to prepare and read the proper edict. At Mr. Stewart's request, the Commission invited the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Howell, Michigan to participate in his ordination by bringing greetings from that church. An order of service was to be prepared and printed by S. C. Weir. Elder Glenn Stewart was appointed to read the Scripture, Minister James Wadsworth, Jr. was appointed to preach the sermon, Minister Mark Caldwell was appointed to give the invocation prayer, Minister E. I. Watkins was to moderate the meeting, ask the questions, and give the ordination prayer. Minister S. C. Weir was appointed to give the charge to the ordained.

Commission adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ E. I. Watkins, Moderator  
 /s/ J. E. Wadsworth, Clerk

The Commission met Sabbath evening, April 27, 1958, at 6:40 p.m. at the Littlefield Blvd. Church. Moderator opened with prayer. Elder Glenn Stewart reported the edict had been read and no objections presented, returned the same to the commission. The order of service was reviewed. Dale Stewart was asked if he would accept the call and declared his willingness to do so. The Commission recessed to conduct the service of ordination as heretofore planned. Following the ordination service, the Commission reconvened and enrolled Mr. Stewart on the roll of Presbytery.

The Commission adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ E. I. Watkins, Moderator  
 /s/ J. E. Wadsworth, Jr. Clerk

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 18, 1958, consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Moderator, E. I. Watkins, D. C. Andrews, Elder Oren Shearer to handle all matters pertaining to the Call of the Lakeland Church for installing the Reverend Roy F. Lambert as its pastor, were read, approved, and are as follows:

"Commission met at the close of Presbytery and was constituted with prayer by E. I. Watkins in the absence of the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Commission met at 7:00 p.m. in the pastor's study of the Lakeland Church, April 27, 1958.

Present were: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, Donald C. Andrews, Elder Oren B. Shearer and Clifford H. Haskings, Pastor of the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. Absent: E. I. Watkins.

Meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

It was duly moved and seconded by Shearer and Andrews that the Reverend Clifford H. Haskings be a corresponding member of the Commission. Motion carried.

The edict was declared read.

Moved by Andrews and seconded by Shearer that the service of installation proceed as per the following outline. Motion carried.

Presiding - Teeuwissen

Prayer - Haskings

Sermon - Teeuwissen

Narration, Constitutional Questions, Installation Prayer,  
Teeuwissen

Charge to Pastor - Andrews

Charge to People - Shearer

Benediction - Lambert

Motion by Shearer and seconded by Haskings that the Commission be adjourned with the Benediction by Pastor Lambert at the conclusion of the service. Motion carried.

Prior to the service in the sanctuary the Moderator presented the Reverend Mr. Lambert with the Call which had been previously declared regular by action of the Presbytery. The Call was accepted. Terms of Call: Salary \$4000., 11% Pension Payment, \$200. car allowance, one month vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ D. C. Andrews, Clerk

/s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Moderator.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery February 18, 1958, consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, T. F. Allebach, vice-moderator, R. F. Lambert, Elder Jack Spencer to handle all matters pertaining to the organizing of the Church of the Atonement Mission as a Congregation were read, approved, and are as follows:

"The Commission met on February 18, and constituted in the absence of the Moderator by T. R. Allebach with prayer.

Adjourned to meet at call of Moderator.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Moderator at 7:50 p.m., May 22, 1958, in the Pastor's study of the Church of the Atonement mission. Present were: W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Moderator, R. F. Lambert, T. R. Allebach, and Elder J. Spencer.

It was announced by Andrews that the edict had been properly read.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the order of service proceed as follows:

Presiding - Teeuwissen  
 Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
 Hymn  
 Invocation  
 Responsive Reading  
 Choir Anthem  
 Evening Prayer - T. R. Allebach  
 Hymn  
 Scripture - J. Spencer  
 Sermon - R. F. Lambert  
 Statement by Moderator Teeuwissen  
 Sacrament of Adult Baptism  
 Recognition of New Members received into the Church  
 of the Atonement by the Provisional Session  
 Declaration of Organization by the Moderator  
 Election of Ruling Elders to the Provisional Session  
 Hymn  
 Benediction  
 Postlude

R. F. Lambert moved and S. Spencer supported the motion to dismiss the Commission with the Benediction. Carried.

Note: The congregation was organized with 66 Charter Members (roll to be kept open until June 30, 1958), 29 coming by Letter of Transfer, 37 by Profession or reprofession of faith. There were 14 adult baptisms.

At the ecclesiastical meeting under the Provisional Session Andrew McConnaughey, Robert A. Larson, and Ray A. Young were elected Elders.

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ T. R. Allebach, Clerk  
 /s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Moderator

(Note by Clerk of Presbytery: The Charter Membership Roll was closed June 30, 1958, with 86 communicants. Elders-elect Robert A. Larson, Andrew McConnaughey, and Ray A. Young were ordained and installed by the Provisional Session on June 29, 1958.)

The Minutes of Commission appointed by Presbytery, February 18, 1958, consisting of W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., Moderator, R. H. Stanbery, Vice-Moderator, M. H. Caldwell, John Anderson, Jerald Bevis to receive the transfer of the Reverend Paul H. Sutton from the Presbytery of Nebraska, and to handle all matters pertaining to his installation as pastor of the Southfield Church, were read, approved, and are as follows:

"Commission met on February 18, 1958 at Joslyn Ave. Church. In the absence of the Moderator, the meeting was constituted with prayer by the Vice Moderator R. H. Stanbery after which he said he would contact the Moderator for procedure of the installation of the Reverend Mr. Sutton on or about March 16, 1958.

Meeting closed with prayer by M. H. Caldwell.

Commission met again on March 18, 1958, prior to the installation service. All members of the Commission were present. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. The edict was declared read. Moved and supported by Anderson and Caldwell that the Reverend C. J. Sutton be invited to

become a corresponding member of the Commission. Motion carried. The order of service was arranged as follows:

Presiding - W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
 Scripture - Bevis  
 Sermon - C. J. Sutton  
 Narration & Constitutional Questions - Teeuwissen  
 Installation Prayer - watkins  
 Charge to Pastor - Caldwell  
 Charge to People - Stanbery  
 Benediction - P. H. Sutton

Moved and supported that the service and meeting adjourn with the Benediction. Motion carried. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.  
 Moderator.

The report of the Financial Agent, Jerald Bevis was presented (Paper K) and was adopted on recommendation of the Finance Committee to which it had been referred.

Reports were heard from the General Assembly Commissioners as follows:

Ivan R. Hamel, Military Avenue Church, reported on the Centennial Services, the tours of points of interest in Pittsburgh, the Pageant, and the elders' breakfast.

Roy F. Lambert, Lakeland, reported on the Conference on Evangelism on Monday preceding the Assembly, with keynote by Dr. A. H. Leitch, seminars on current work in evangelism, addresses by Moderator Montgomery and Brazil Moderator Jose Borges dos Santos, and the evening popular meeting on evangelism at the Syria Mosque with speakers Latta, Skinner, and H. R. Anderson. His impression of the Assembly as a whole was that there was not total agreement, there was even tension at times, but a good spirit.

Edmond I. Watkins, Joslyn Avenue, reported on some of the actions of the Assembly. Six congregations which had petitioned the 100th U.P.N.A. Assembly to withdraw because of the union were denied except one. The 170th merged Assembly addressed a letter to all congregations entitled "In Unity-For Mission", adopted a budget program with possibilities of 39 million dollars, made a declaration protesting atomic testing, adopted the new Constitution.

Mark H. Caldwell, Littlefield Blvd. reported on the final popular meetings including an address by retiring moderator Sir George MacLeod of the Church of Scotland on the theme suffering with Jesus outside the camp. On Monday evening the Pageant, The Visited Plant" was held in Pitt Stadium in spite of set difficulties caused by a tornado. The last evening meeting was a program by five Presbyterian Moderators from Egypt, Brazil, Cameroun, Thailand, and Korea.

Report of the Superintendent of Missions was presented (Paper L), was adopted with its recommendations and is summarized as follows:

Review: I Southfield - Paul H. Sutton installed,  
 March 18, at 7:30 by Commission.

- II Auburn Heights - J. R. Beal appointed by S.M. to moderate a Call for F. William Palmer, Jr. on April 30, 1958. Ordination scheduled for June 22, 1958 at Calvin Church, and installation June 29, 1958 at Auburn Heights.
- III First, Detroit - James A. Crawford installed, May 4, 1958.
- IV Lakeland - Loan secured from Board of American Missions and work under way on educational wing addition.
- V Wayne - Loan from Board of American Missions to assist in financial matters.
- VI Church of the Atonement - organized as a congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, May 22, 1958, by Commission. 66 Charter Members with promise of about 30 more before roll closed. Average attendance at May services 108, Bible School average 196, enrollment 335. Bright future under Missionary Andrews.

SM Activities: Attending monthly - Board of Church Extension Participated in General Council of Synod of Mich. and various sub-committees of same. Chairman of sub-committee to study boundaries of Presbyteries of the Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That, although it has not been a requirement of our Presbytery in the past that self-supporting congregations have the approval of Presbytery before they are permitted to mortgage their properties, but in view of such a requirement as part of the policy of the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. which policy we presume will prevail in the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., we therefore recommend that Presbytery go on record as approving the mortgaging of the properties of the Oakland Avenue Church as a condition of obtaining a loan from the Pontiac State Bank and the possible mortgaging of the properties of the Auburn Heights Church for the same purpose. Both mortgages are in connection with building programs.
2. That the Call from Auburn Heights Church for F. William Palmer, Jr. be sustained as regular and presented to him. Terms of Call: Salary \$4000, 11% pension payment, manse, one month vacation. Signed by 8 elders, 117 members and adherents.
3. That a Commission be appointed to proceed with the installation of F. William Palmer, Jr. on June 29, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., S.M.

Synod of Ohio Field Secretary, H. M. Luce reported briefly suggesting need for much informal discussion on procedures in this time of preparing for united presbyteries to work as one. He also offered willingly to help any church which wishes to use his services.

The Committee on Nominations, S. C. Weir, Chairman, reported on proposed committee and other appointments of Presbytery for the year or part thereof before Presbytery merger becomes effective. Francis Dickson, temporary chairman presented the report (Paper M) in the absence of the chairman. These were adopted as corrected in the item of Chairman on Christian Education and are as follows:

Nominations to General Assembly already approved:

Financial Agent	Jerald H. Bevis
Superintendent of Missions	W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.
Chairman of Christian Education	Robert H. Stanbery

Committee on Missions

W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr. Chairman	Fred Froede, Oakland Ave.
S. C. Weir	Lesley Lucas, Broadstreet
P. H. Sutton	Clarence Oak, Southfield
H. M. Luce	

Committee on Evangelism

J. H. Criswell, Chairman	Lloyd Bowden, Sr., Lakeland
D. C. Andrews	

Committee on Students

E. I. Watkins, Chairman	Dr. John Kitzmiller, Outer Drive
J. A. Crawford	
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	

Committee on Christian Education

R. H. Stanbery, Chairman	
J. R. Beal	Secretary of Youth Work
Mrs. Doris McCallum, Outer Drive	Secretary of Children's Work
F. J. Irvine	Secretary of Adult Work
J. Parsons, Cherry Hill	Secretary of Audio-Visual Work
R. L. Dickson	Secretary of Temperance and Social Education

Committee on Pensions

E. W. Dunn, Chairman	Hearl Kuykendall, Military Ave.
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Committee on Social Service

A. G. Slade, Chairman	James Shirley, St. Mark's
W. W. Moore	

Committee on Missionary Budget (Stewardship & Promotion)

T. R. Allebach, Chairman	John Hazlett, Drayton Plains
	James Hurst, St. Mark's

Advisory Board of United Christian Fellowship at Wayne State University

M. H. Caldwell (end 1958)	
E. B. Young (end 1959)	Cherry Hill
J. G. Payne (end 1960)	Wayne

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 (Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations)  
 Mrs. Joseph Lemon, Broadstreet

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/ Francis Dickson,  
 Temporary Chairman  
 S. C. Weir  
 Eugene Blevins  
 James Payne

The Committee on Finance, J. R. Beal, chairman reported (Paper N). This report was adopted with its recommendations and is as follows:

1. We have received a copy of the Treasurer's report and the Financial Agent's report and find it in its usual good order. Once more we commend him on his clear and neat work and recommend the adoption of his reports.
2. We have received a number of travel statements to the Synod of Michigan meeting held at Alma College and recommend following payments:
 

M. H. Caldwell	\$ 11.52
R. L. Dickson	10.56
R. F. Lambert	8.80
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	9.20
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	11.97
3. We have received a statement for expenses incurred by J. R. Beal as Secretary of Youth Work in attending as delegate representative a Spring Rally of Westminster Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. at Adrian, Michigan, and an officers' executive meeting of Michigan Synod Westminster Fellowship at Flint, Michigan. We recommend that \$17.35 be paid.
4. We have received expenses of the office of Clerk in the amount of \$2.09 and from the S.M. in the amount of \$29.15 and recommend that they be paid.

/s/ H. C. Kuykendall  
 /s/ L. H. Lucas  
 /s/ J. R. Beal

The Clerk called attention to the recommendation of the General Assembly's Committee on Historical Records which was adopted that Clerks of Sessions and other judicatories note the change of name of the denomination which is now "The United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", effective May 28, 1958. Presbytery noted this historic change.

A call from the Auburn Heights congregation was presented to F. William Palmer, Jr. and was accepted by him. Terms of the call: Salary \$4000, 11% pension payment, one month's vacation.

A Commission consisting of H. M. Luce, Moderator, E. W. Duhn, D. C. Andrews, Ray Stephens, Fred W. Anglin, and W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., was appointed by the Moderator to examine student William Palmer and handle all matters pertaining to his ordination and installation as pastor of the Auburn Heights Church. Moved and seconded that this be Presbytery's Commission. Approved.

Jerald Bevis brought a report from the meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men and noted some of the coming events in Men's work. He brought information that the new President is Detroitter Lloyd Collins.

The Clerk reported a communication from the Department of Ministerial Relations telling of the services which the department is ready to render to ministers and confregations.

The Secretary of Youth Work, Jr. R. Beal reported plans for the Fall Planning Retreat to be held at Cedar Lake Group Camp, Chelsea, Michigan, September 5-7. He also reported an approaching problem in lack of facilities for camps and conferences for youth.

It was moved and seconded to send a representative to Alma College for the Fall Planning Conference of the Michigan Synod Council of Westminster Fellowship, August 10-16, and to ask the Christian Education Committee to designate the representative. Carried.

Appreciation was expressed by the Moderator to the host church, Broadstreet and its pastor A. G. Slade for the hospitality extended to Presbytery during its sessions.

James A. Crawford. Pastor of First Church, Detroit, invited Presbytery to hold its October meeting in that church. It was moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted with pleasure. Adopted. The October meeting was announced for Tuesday, October 21.

Retiring Moderator Wadsworth welcomed the new Moderator, Roy F. Lambert to the chair.

The new Moderator announced the following committee appointments:

- Committee on Nominations: S. C. Weir, Chairman, F. Dickson, J. Payne, J. Hazlett.
- Committee on Finance: J. R. Beal, Chairman, L. Lucas, H. Kuykendall.

Moved and seconded that these appointements be confirmed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery adjourn. Carried. Presbytery adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Lambert.

*James E. Wadsworth, Jr.*  
Moderator

*Mark H. Caldwell*  
Clerk

*Approved  
The Synod of Ohio  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1958  
J. Paul Abraham  
Clerk*



October 21, 1958

The October meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit was called to order by Moderator Lambert at 4:30 p.m. in the First Church, Detroit on the above date. The Moderator conducted a devotional service and brought a message on the text Isaiah 62:10 using the phrases of the text as the divisions: Go Through the Gates, Prepare Ye the Way of the People, Cast up the Highway, Gather out the Stones, and Lift Up a Standard. He constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The Clerk called the roll and announced a quorum present as follows:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S.C.Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	Glenn Stewart
F.J.Irvine	Cherry Hill	Jerald Bevis
E.W.Dunn	Calvin	George Cunningham
W.J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains	Floyd Wilson
H. M. Luce		
M. H. Caldwell		
R.F.Lambert	St. Mark's	Howard Cottman
E.I.Watkins	Lakeland	Jack Spencer
T.R.Allebach	Joslyn Avenue	Warren Stewart
W.W.Moore	Oakland Avenue	Alex McAllister
J.R. Beal	Royal Oak	J. R. Wilson
R.L.Dickson	Wayne	Emil Anderson
R.H. Stanberry		
J.H. Criswell	Military Avenue	James Ewing
D.C.Andrews	Church of the Atonement	Andrew McConaughy
A.G. Slade	Broadstreet	James Gilmore
F. Dickson	Outer Drive	Donald Chandler
P.H. Sutton	Southfield	Walter Veighey
J.A. Crawford	First, Detroit	John Dagg
F.W. Palmer, Jr.	Auburn Heights	William Vancil

J.E. Wadsworth, Jr. was excused from Presbytery because of being absent out of the city on vacation. T.R. Allebach was excused from part of the evening session for duties at an evangelistic service. Absent was: D.L. McBride.

Minutes of the June 17, 1958 regular meeting were read by the Clerk. Correction was made in the reference to Dale Stewart as assistant Pastor. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

The Moderator reported on the discharge of his duties: He along with the clerk signed a certificate of standing and dismissal for the Reverend J. Harvey McCann to the Presbytery of Muskingum. He also invited the Vice-Moderator W. W. Moore to bring greetings to the Lakeland Church at Dedication of its new educational unit. Action confirmed.

The Clerk reported on his duties. (See Paper A) This included referral recommendations to appropriate committees of some items. Action confirmed. One item required separate action. This was an amended resolution adding certain details to the Resolution for Presbytery Merger adopted May 5, 1958.

#### RESOLUTION FOR PRESBYTERY MERGER

The Presbytery of Detroit, formerly United Presbyterian Church of North America, at a regular meeting on October 21, 1958, at the First United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, did hereby resolve

"That the Presbytery of Detroit, formerly United Presbyterian Church of North America be merged with the Presbytery of Detroit, formerly Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to form the Presbytery of Detroit, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and that it be the ecclesiastical and legal successor of each, effective January 1, 1959.

"That the boundaries of the merged Presbytery be the boundaries of the Presbytery of Detroit, formerly Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., which wholly include the Presbytery of Detroit, formerly United Presbyterian Church of North America.

"That the two present Moderators of the Presbyteries being merged serve as conveners of a meeting January 27, 1959, at the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, to complete the merger.

"That Presbytery appoint a Commission of three (3) members to complete any further necessary arrangements for the merger of the Presbyteries."

The Resolution for Presbytery Merger was adopted unanimously.

Moderator Lambert appointed Elders McConnaughey and McAllister to complete the Committee on Finance.

Expense statements were presented for referral to the Committee on Finance.

Session minutes were received by the Clerk for review.

Report of the Financial Agent (Paper B) was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Alex McAllister of the Oakland Avenue Church presented a brief report as Commissioner to the General Assembly.

Presbytery recessed for dinner and committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. with prayer.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:15 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed by Presbytery in June 17, 1958, consisting of E.W. Dunn, Moderator; H.M. Luce; D.C. Andrews; R. Stephens; F.W. Anglin; W.J. Teeuwissen; Jr. to complete examination of Student William Palmer and to handle all matters pertaining to his ordination and installation as pastor of Auburn Heights Church were read, adopted, and are as follows:

The Commission met at 10 p.m. following Presbytery in the Broadstreet Church June 17, 1958. Present were: Luce, Andrews, Teeuwissen, Stephens, Anglin.

In the absence of the Moderator the Commission was constituted with prayer by Dr. Luce. Teeuwissen was appointed Clerk.

Mr. Palmer was also present and the Commission heard his requests concerning the details of the ordination service to be held at 8 p.m. June 22nd at Calvin Church.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Donald Andrews, to meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 22nd at Calvin United Presbyterian Church.

On June 22 the Commission met in the pastor's study at Calvin Church, at 6 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present were Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen, Rev. Harvey M. Luce, Rev. Ernest W. Dunn, and Elder Ray Stephens. The candidate for Ordination, Mr. F. William Palmer, was examined at length as to his call to the ministry, his experience and training. His exegetical paper and doctrinal paper were also examined. Following the examination it was moved and carried that the trials for ordination be approved and that we proceed with the program of ordination, with the exception that Dr. Leland M. Miller, who was to have a part, did not participate.

E. W. Dunn, presiding  
 R. Stephens, Scripture  
 W. J. Teeuwissen, prayer  
 E. W. Dunn, narration of proceedings  
                   questions  
                   ordination with prayer  
 H. M. Luce, charge to pastor  
 F. William Palmer, benediction

It was moved and carried that the commission proceed with the installation of Mr. Palmer on Sunday evening, June 29, at Auburn Heights. The commission recessed to reconvene on June 29. Rev. Harvey M. Luce led in prayer.

The commission reconvened on June 29 at the Auburn Heights Church. Rev. W. J. Teeuwissen led in prayer. The commission then proceeded with the installation following the order of service as follows:

E. W. Dunn, presiding  
  
 W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., sermon  
 E. W. Dunn, narrator of proceeding  
                   questions to pastor and congregation  
                   installation  
                   charge to pastor  
 W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., charge to congregation  
 F. W. Palmer, benediction

The Commission was dismissed with the benediction by the newly installed pastor, Rev. F. William Palmer.                   /s/ E. W. Dunn, Moderator

The Committee on Social Service, A. G. Slade, chairman, reported orally on the current problems on integration in Detroit and Michigan and suggested attitudes and approaches for Christian Churches in helping in this area. Received.

The Committee on Christian Education, R. H. Stanbery, Chairman, made its annual report on program for the fall and winter. (Paper C). Adopted. Announcements of special interest in the report included the Pastors' Curriculum Conference, October 23, at Cherry Hill Church, Fall Rally for Builders-Fellowship November 9 at Littlefield Blvd. Church, Fall Rally for Pioneers, December 6. Also the new schedule of camps and conferences for the summer.

James Payne, a representative of the Advisory Board of Wayne State University United Christian Fellowship reported on recent activities including a work camp

by 15 students at the inter-racial community known as Koinonia, Americus, Georgia. He also reported the move to new quarters at 97 W. Warren, Detroit.

The Committee on Finance, J. R. Beal, Chairman, reported (See Paper D). He moved the adoption of the Financial Agent's report. Adopted. A special vote of thanks was given to Jerald Bevis, Financial Agent, for his nearly five years of excellent service.

The report of the Committee on Finance with its recommendations was adopted and is as follows:

1. We have received the reports of the Treasurer and Financial Agent of Presbytery and note that they are in their usual clear and concise presentation and move their adoption.
2. We would like to call special attention to Mr. Jerald Bevis who has served as Treasurer and Financial Agent for the past four years with faithfulness and exactness and recommend a special vote of thanks for Presbytery to him.
3. We recommend that the following bills be paid:
 

\$38.00 to J. R. Beal	SYW expenses to National Council
24.00 to W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	SM expenses
13.04 to R. H. Stanbery	CCE expenses to Synod Committee meeting
50.00 to J. H. Bevis	FA salary until merger
37.50 to W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	SM salary until merger
37.50 to M. H. Caldwell	Clerk salary until merger
4. We recommend that any bills incurred in the name of Presbytery between now and the merged Presbytery will be sent to the Clerk for approval and be passed to the Treasurer (F.A.) for payment.
5. We recommend that a special assessment of two cents (2¢) per member be made and is to be paid immediately to enable Presbytery to complete the year with all bills paid.
6. We recommend that the balance, if any, in Presbytery's account at the end of this year be transferred to the Treasurer of the merged Presbytery.
7. We call to Presbytery's attention the proposed 1959 Budget for the merged Presbytery. (See Paper E). This proposed budget has been approved by Detroit Presbytery, (formerly Pres. Ch., U.S.A.) at this time. It will have to be fully approved at the merged Presbytery meeting in January, 1959. We recommend that this Presbytery tentatively adopt this proposed budget and ask all churches to take into consideration the proposed assessments in making up the 1959 budgets in the local churches. We further recommend that Dr. Harvey Luce speak to this matter for clarification at this time.

/s/ Andrew McConnaughey

/s/ Alex McAllister

/s/ J. Rodney Beal

Field Secretary of Ohio Synod (formerly United Presbyterian, North America), H. M. Luce, reported calling attention to some differences in rules of the new constitution. He announced that General Assembly Moderator T. M. Taylor would be the guest speaker at the meeting of the former Pres. Ch. U.S.A. Presbytery of Detroit, November 4, at the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Ferndale. He explained the arrangements of assessment and synod and presbytery causes in the merged church.

It was moved and seconded to adopt this oral report and to express appreciation to Dr. Luce for his service in these difficult months of transition. Adopted.

The Committee on Missions, W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr., S.M. reported (Paper F). It was adopted with its recommendations and is summarized as follows:

Review: Progress of Church of the Atonement.

Church School enrollment over 400

Encouraging attendance at other activities

Ordination and installation of William Palmer, Auburn Heights Church construction at Cherry Hill, Oakland Avenue, Auburn Heights, and Drayton Plains

SM Activities: Attending meetings of Board of Church Extension  
Serving on committees of Synod of Michigan

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery formally take action supporting and endorsing the required applications for aid for the Church of the Atonement for the year 1959.  
(Adopted by roll call vote: 37 present, 37 ayes, 0 noes)
2. That the Presbytery reappoint Donald C. Andrews as Stated supply for 1959.
3. That the Presbytery's appointments to the Provisional Session be reduced by 3 at the request of Wayne Rose, Auburn Heights; Tom Mackie, Oakland Avenue; and Francis Oak, Joslyn Avenue, effective October 21, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.

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Committee on Students, E. I. Watkins, chairman, reported (See Paper G).

1. Application for Student Beneficiary Aid was requested from the Board of Christian Education by Harold Hunt of the St. Mark's Church.

Moved and seconded that Presbytery endorse the application and certify the status of Harold Hunt to the Board. Adopted.

2. The following students are under Care of Presbytery:

Roy Lindahl, Jr. of Drayton Plains Church

Received 12 June 1951

Licensed 19 June 1956 expiring 19 June 1959

Still pursuing graduate studies at University of Michigan

Richard C. Smith, Drayton Plains Church

Received 16 October 1956

Licensed 18 June 1957 expiring 18 June 1960

Student pastor of Congregational Church, McKeesport, Pa.

Edward Krantz of Dryaton Plains Church

Received 21 June 1955

Junior at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

Harold Hunt of St. Marks Church

Received 16 February 1954

Middler at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary

Allen W. McCallum of Outer Drive Church

Received 17 June 1958

Junior at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio

Neil Severance of Outer Drive Church  
 Received 17 June, 1958  
 Junior at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary  
 Ronald Kangas of Broadstreet Church  
 Received 17 June, 1958  
 Sophomore at Wayne State University

3. Other students who have applied to the Committee:  
 Thomas Henstock of Littlefield Blvd. Church  
 Paul Milio of Calvin Church  
 John Peters of Drayton Plains  
<sup>spelling corrections made</sup> Geraldine Osborne of Outer Drive (Christian Education)

Moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Students be received as a whole. Adopted.

Moved and seconded that the time of membership in the local church in the case of John Peters and the time between application and approval in all four cases under 3. above and in others who may apply before merger be waived. Adopted by more than three-fourths majority. (i.e. unanimously)

Moderator Lambert named F. J. Irvine, Chairman, S. C. Weir and M. H. Caldwell to serve as the committee on bringing the Historical Records up to date.

A question was raised and discussed at length as to the status and well-being of the Presbytery during the time between January 1 and the merger meeting January 27, 1959. Motion made in this connection was later withdrawn with consent of the second.

The Clerk reported that the Minutes of Session for 16 churches has been received for review. Motion that the Minutes be approved with certain notations for correction as indicated below. Adopted:

Military Avenue	Approved					
Outer Drive	Approved					
Calvin	Approved					
Joslyn Avenue	Approved					
Wayne	Approved					
Lakeland	Approved					
St. Marks	Approved					
Broadstreet	Approved with minor notations for correction					
Drayton Plains	"	"	"	"	"	"
Littlefield Blvd.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cherry Hill	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oakland Avenue	"	"	several	"	"	"
Church of the Atonement	"	"	minor	"	"	"
Royal Oak	"	"	"	"	"	"
Auburn Heights	"	"	"	"	"	"
Southfield	"	"	"	"	"	"

Moved and seconded that the Minutes of First Church, Detroit session be reviewed when ready - by the Clerk. Adopted.

Moved and seconded that Moderator Lambert appoint the Commission of 3 for interim arrangements. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the officers of Presbytery, R. L. Lambert, J. Bevis, M. H. Caldwell to be the Commission for necessary arrangements before the merger. Commission is to meet at close of Presbytery to organize. Confirmed.

Announcements were made concerning the Church Officer Training Seminars for pastors at Flint, October 30 and 31; the Curriculum Conference also for pastors at Cherry Hill Church, October 23.


The Moderator expressed appreciation to the host church, First, Detroit, and its pastor, J. A. Crawford, for its hospitality to the Presbytery.


The first meeting of the merged Presbytery was announced to be January 27, 1959 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

A Commission consisting of the Committee on Students, E. I. Watkins mod., was appointed to examine and receive under care of Presbytery students for the ministry and Christian education vocations. This Commission is to meet following Presbytery for organization. Confirmed.

The Minutes of the present meeting of Presbytery were read by the Clerk and approved.

Adjourned at 10:45 p. m. with prayer by Vice Moderator W. W. Moore.

  
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Moderator

  
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Clerk

January 6, 1959

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit met in special session at the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, this date at the call of the Moderator. The meeting was a joint one with the Presbytery of Detroit (formerly Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) assembling in the chapel where it was constituted with prayer by Moderator Lambert at 7:30 p.m.

The clerks called the rolls of the respective Presbyteries and men formed a procession line as they responded. A full quorum was present. H. M. Luce was excused because of duties with his soon-to-be-assumed work as General Presbyter in another Presbytery. Present were:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
S. C. Weir	Littlefield Blvd.	Donald Exelby
F. J. Irvine	Cherry Hill	Arnold Hartig
E. W. Dunn	Calvin	Willis Jewett
W. J. Teeuwissen, Jr.	Drayton Plains Commun.	Gerald Shell
M. H. Caldwell		
J. E. Wadsworth, Jr.	St. Marks' Community	Yancey Griggs
R. F. Lambert	Lakeland	Leland Johnson
E. I. Watkins	Joslyn Avenue	Marvin Fauss
W. W. Moore		
T. R. Allebach	Oakland Avenue	Howard Webb
J. R. Beal	First, Royal Oak	Calvin Bowers
R. L. Dickson	First, Wayne	Donald Paxton
R. H. Stanbery		
D. C. Andrews	Church of the Atonement	
A. G. Slade	Broadstreet	Robert Forster
F. Dickson	Outer Drive	Fred Garrity
	Military Avenue	James Ewing
P. H. Sutton	Southfield	George Watts
J. A. Crawford	First, Detroit	Dale Harbison
F. W. Palmer, Jr.	Auburn Heights	Grant Graham

Absent were: H. M. Luce, excused; D. L. McBride, HR; J. H. Criswell; elder from Church of the Atonement.

A congregation had assembled in the sanctuary and members of the Presbyteries called to consummate the merger, processed at 8:00 p.m. singing "The Church's One Foundation".

Moderator Lambert led in the Convocation Prayer and the Responsive Scripture (Psalms 95 and 96).

Following the Gloria Patri, the Chancel Choir of First Church sang "The Lord Is Our Fortress" by Brahms.

Moderator Simpson (formerly Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) read John 21 and received the offering for the expenses of the evening.

The Presbyteries proceeded to the Act of Union (see Paper A). Moderator Lambert read The Resolution:



WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in special session on May 5, 1958, meeting at the St. Marks' United Presbyterian Church of Detroit, voted to concur with the overture relative to the union of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in regular session on May 13, 1958 at Garden City, Michigan, voted to concur with the overture relative to the union of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Synod of Michigan of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, meeting at Alma College, Alma, Michigan on June 10, 1958, voted to concur with the action of the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the Presbytery of Detroit of the Synod of Ohio of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to form the Presbytery of Detroit in the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Special Administration Commission of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. voted on November 25, 1958 to approve the overture from the Synod of Michigan to merge the former United Presbyterian Presbytery of Detroit with the former Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the former Presbytery of Detroit to become the Presbytery of Detroit of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., effective January 1, 1959,

THEREFORE, be it declared that the two presbyteries are now constituted as one body,

AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the union preserves as one presbytery the official records, property and interests of the two presbyteries, constituting the union now consummated,

AND BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the two presbyteries are known as the Presbytery of Detroit of the Synod of Michigan of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to the Glory of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moderator Simpson led in the Constituting Prayer.

Moderator Lambert entertained a motion to adopt the Recommended General Rules for Judicatories of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and the Rules of Order of the Presbytery of Detroit (formerly Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.). (Note: The Moderator shall appoint a special committee to review the Rules of Order, during 1959, and to submit these recommended Rules of Order for adoption.)

Seconded and Adopted.

Moderator Simpson presided over the election of a new Moderator who is John Arthur Visser, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

Moderator Visser was escorted to the chair and after expressing appreciation of the privilege to be the first moderator of the merged Presbytery, called for the report of the Nominating Committee (See Paper B).

The following officers were elected:

Frank J. Irvine, Vice Moderator  
 Harold F. Fredsell, Stated Clerk  
 R. A. N. Wilson, Permanent Clerk

Motion was entertained to receive the report of the Nominating Committee, close the nominations, and to elect those nominated. Adopted.

Chairman Newberry moved that the report of the Nominating Committee on Committees of Presbytery be received. Received.

Moved to elect the persons nominated to these committees. Clerk cast unanimous ballot.

Moderator Visser then appointed the Standing Committees for the year (see Paper C).

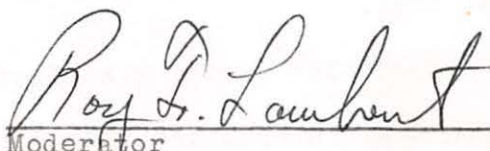
The Choir sang "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord" by Tschaikowsky.

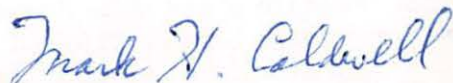
Dr. Samuel C. Weir, pastor of the Littlefield Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, Michigan, addressed the Presbytery and Congregation on "A Three-Dimension View" speaking of the history of the United Presbyterian Presbytery, the situation today, and the hope for the future.

Dr. Allan M. Frew, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, addressed the Presbytery and Congregation on "Screening the Horizon", reviewing the early history of Detroit and of the Church in the city.

After the singing of the 23rd Psalm by all assembled, Moderator Visser pronounced the benediction and adjourned the Presbytery at 9:35 p.m.

respectfully submitted  
 as the final minutes of the separate  
 Presbytery of Detroit (formerly  
 United Presbyterian Church of  
 North America)

  
 Moderator

  
 Clerk