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OF MENNONITE BRETHREN
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Foreword

In the Centennial year (1988) of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, the Board of Faith and Life agreed to prepare a second compilation of resolutions that have been adopted by delegates in Convention. This book is the result of that decision and undertaking.

Since the first compilation was published in 1975, the matter of Conference unity and growth have become dominant themes. At times these were more evident in the work of the Boards than on the Convention floor; nevertheless, they have always been present. It is the wish of the Board of Faith and Life that this book of resolutions will help to sustain a climate of unity while we anticipate the continuing growth of the Conference.

The preparation of this compilation was prompted by a growing awareness that leaders and churches were searching for guidance in matters of faith and life. We hope this book will help us walk together in this search.

This book of Conference resolutions will also be useful to historians. For them, however, it should serve mainly as an index. Most of the material that led to the resolutions is not included in this document. Some of it is printed in the *Yearbooks* and some of it is documented in the minutes of individual Conference Boards. Researchers are encouraged to go to these sources.

The preparation of this book required a great deal of work. Alvina Block did the typesetting and Susan Brandt prepared the layout. We gratefully acknowledge their services. John Epp and Allan Labun have given valuable counsel. Our special thanks go to the editor, Herb Giesbrecht, who has brought his skills and love of detail to this monumental task.

*Isaac Block, Chairman
Board of Faith and Life*

PREFACE

Why another compilation of Conference resolutions? That could be the initial reaction, understandably, of some within our Canadian Conference constituency to the publication of this compendium. It is really not my obligation, as editor, to justify this compilation since I have simply fulfilled, in seeing it through its editorial phase, a task assigned to me by the Board of Faith and Life of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Nevertheless, I want to make it clear—in order to defend both my personal integrity as a Christian and my capacity, hopefully, to ascertain what might or might not be helpful to our Brotherhood—that I believe that a well-organized collection of resolutions can serve those for whom it is intended in distinctly practical ways. Here I must agree with the cautious comment of one who was himself an untiring and competent compiler of information, Samuel Johnson of eighteenth century England: "That all compilations are *useless*, I [would] *not* assert."

A compilation of this kind can contribute, in its own modest way, to the realization of certain worthy goals. It can serve—for those who study these resolutions thoughtfully—to highlight what some of the dominant issues and concerns are which have engaged and challenged the minds and spirits of our Canadian constituency across the years. It is surely a salutary—even necessary—experience for us as Mennonite Brethren to occasionally survey the landscape of our common experience as a Conference: to note its prominent features, to discover embedded within that landscape significant patterns of development and change, and to determine whether these have been wholesome, unfortunate, or even injurious in nature and effect. Conference leaders in particular could ascertain more clearly, having reflected carefully upon such resolutions, what trends in Conference program planning and activity need to be pointed up to delegates, and could suggest which trends or developments need to be further promoted, seriously checked, or even reversed, as the case requires. Indeed, if both leaders and laity within our Brotherhood were to undertake this kind of task seriously and responsibly, from time to time, discussions *at* and *between* our many Conference conventions would undoubtedly become more meaningful and productive.

A compilation of this kind can also serve to remind individual Conference boards and committees of their specific mandates, particular ways of functioning, and continuing relevance to the situation and needs of the Conference constituency. Sometimes a specific board senses that particular shifts in orientation

or scope, and perhaps certain modifications in structure, are needed but introduces these in rather sporadic or haphazard ways without taking sufficient note of their implications for, and effect upon the scope or functioning of other boards. Several rather frustrating instances of this kind of lack of clear focus, and of confusing overlap and inconsistency, came to my attention, I need to confess, in compiling this set of resolutions, these instances having to do with the related areas of Christian education, higher education, and music ministry within our Canadian constituency (particularly during the mid-1960s). Necessary or desirable changes within our Mennonite Brethren fellowship and in specific board policies or structures cannot always be clearly anticipated, of course, but when they are in fact introduced they can at least be introduced and developed in the clear awareness of the functioning relationship of related boards, one to the other, and of their respective mandates and functions. An occasional review of previous resolutions can help individual boards, as they plan necessary changes, to shape board purposes, programs, and policies in ways that clearly differentiate them from those of other related boards even while they support and complement each other in terms of the program and mandate of the Conference as a whole.

A third purpose to be served by a compilation of this kind, I suggest, is that of providing a springboard for general instruction, within our individual congregations, concerning policies and programs of our Conference and, more importantly, concerning the significant questions and issues which have faced, and will continue to face our wider constituency. These are questions about which all of us should be concerned and to which all of us ought to give our honest attention. The examination of Conference decisions and resolutions, by leaders and laity alike, is one way, surely, of inducing thoughtful reflection upon matters which lie close to the heart of our Mennonite Brethren people with regard to their faith, church polity, and witness to, and within a desperately confused and needy world.

The present compilation covers the period between 1960 and 1990 only, this by the decision of the Board of Faith and Life, and incorporates the resolutions of its more immediate predecessor. The two predecessors of the present compilation, both still available, are: *Beschluesse und Empfehlungen der Kanadischen Konferenz der Mennoniten-Bruedergemeinde: 1910-1960*, compiled by Frank C. Peters (1961), and *Resolutions and Recommendations of the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church: 1961-1975*, compiled by Frank C. Peters and Heinrich Regehr (1976). Our compilation, it needs to be emphasized, encompasses only *actual* Conference resolutions—that is, only official decisions and declarations which were *acted upon* by the

Canadian Conference. It does *not* include such recommendations as are merely descriptive or explanatory in nature and which do not imply consequent action by the Conference or one of its agencies. These resolutions, covering Conference activity and action between 1960 and 1990, are grouped in *chronological* sequence under the respective Conference boards, committees and agencies which initiated (or at least recommended) them. However, the basic arrangement of the Conference boards and agencies (and a few broad Conference themes as well), under which the respective resolutions appear, is itself an *alphabetical* arrangement. Resolutions which *recur* in succeeding years, with little change in their intent and wording, are not repeated, as a rule. Rather, a simple note indicating the year(s) in which a given resolution reappears within this compilation has been appended to the *first* citation of the resolution in question. The resolutions themselves are enclosed within quotation marks *whenever they represent the actual wording of the original statements and/or decisions*. *Amendments to resolutions* do not appear separately but have been incorporated, generally speaking, within the original resolutions, this whenever these amendments carried in terms of delegate approval, of course. *Delegate votes, in terms of "yes" and "no" responses on specific resolutions*, have been omitted from this compilation. Several editorial notes have been inserted at the appropriate points to explain why, in consequence of the sort of ambiguity and confusion referred to earlier in this "Preface," some resolutions have been listed elsewhere rather than where the reader might ordinarily expect them to appear. A few cross references have been included as well to assist the user in locating specific resolutions more easily. A "key word" index at the rear of this compilation will, it is hoped, offer further assistance to users.

I wish to acknowledge, with a sense of genuine gratitude and appreciation, the general guidance and wise counsel which the Board of Faith and Life extended to me throughout this assignment. It is the earnest hope, to add a concluding word, of both editor and the Board, that this compendium of resolutions might be widely used within our Mennonite Brethren Conference, and be used with a view, always, to the spiritual progress of our people as one segment within that "eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" which embraces so many other Christian churches and believers throughout the whole wide world.

Herbert Giesbrecht
Compiler and Editor

ABORTION ISSUE

1979 Informing our Government about our position on the abortion issue.

"In view of a request from one of our churches that in this International Year of the Child our Canadian Conference send an official communication to our Canadian Government declaring our position on the sanctity of human life, our Board recommends that we accept the official position of the General Conference on abortion decided upon in 1972 (See *General Conference Yearbook 1972*, pp. 12-13) and on the basis of this position prepare and forward an official statement of our position to our Government." CCY, 1979, 13.

1983 Informing College of Physicians and Surgeons and Provincial Premiers of our stance on abortion.

Letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons:

"The members of the Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Canada are disturbed by the attitudes of many persons in the medical profession with regard to the destruction of human life in abortions. We have always looked to our doctors as to those who supported life, but have discovered in recent years that there are many who are very callous about its destruction. We urge you as a leader in your profession to use your influence to redeem your tarnished image and to put an end to this practice.

We assure you of our prayers and are prepared to assist you in any way possible to use acceptable alternatives."

Letter to the Premiers:

(appropriate name, title and formal address to be added.)

"The delegates to the Convention of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, consisting of an adult membership of over 23,000 in Canada, have taken the following position on abortion and bring it to your attention:

We believe that the deliberate termination of a pregnancy, except where the mother's life is seriously threatened, is a violation of God's will.

In view of this our stand, we express our concern about the blatant disregard for the sanctity of human life as witnessed by the many abortions in hospitals and clinics and we urge you to take appropriate steps to halt this practice.

We assure you that we want to provide caring facilities for those who choose to let their pregnancies go full-term rather than choosing abortion.

We also take this opportunity to assure you that we take the scriptural injunction, to pray for our leaders, seriously in our churches. May God give you courage and wisdom to act in a responsible manner in this so very important issue. Our prayers go with you."

CCY, 1983, 111-112.

ALCOHOL AND SOCIAL DRINKING

1977 Conference stance towards "social drinking."

"An example where study and help are requested, on the other hand, is the now increasing struggle in local churches with the issue of 'social drinking,' which seems to be on the increase to the degree that it may be well for us to 'look again' at the position of 'total abstinence' which is our official stance. It seems that most of our struggles are in areas of application of the 'new life' and that we are not greatly in disagreement on primary doctrinal stands. It will not do for us to deny reality by closing our eyes to practices which become common even in the face of a Conference position. Consequently, the Board is always concerned that a true and proper scriptural stance be maintained."

CCY, 1977, 13.

1978 Use of alcoholic beverages.

Resolution regarding the use of alcoholic beverages:

"1. Increasingly churches, industry and governments are recognizing the influence and the impact of alcohol on the individual, social and economic life of a country. There is an increasing recognition of the variety, the multiplicity and the interrelatedness of the problems which the use of alcohol brings with it. Governments and church bodies have assigned large sums of money and spent much time to study this complete situation and to gather reliable information.

2. In part, such studies have revealed that:

- a) There is a tremendous increase in the incidence of drinking at all age levels, but particularly among teenagers, and this increased incidence of indulgence brings with it an increased incidence of problem drinking. For example, juvenile arrests under the Liquor Act in the City of Winnipeg rose consistently from a total of 23 in 1957 to a total of 196 in 1966. Referrals to the Winnipeg Family Court because of breaches of the Liquor Act by juveniles increased by approximately 250% in one year—from 244 in 1965 to 611 in 1966. Similar figures could be cited for all other areas of the United States and Canada. In 1949 Dr. Jellinek of the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies compiled figures which placed the estimated number of alcoholics in the United States at nearly four million. In 1967 various estimates have placed the number between five and seven million. Alcohol authorities have suggested, on the basis of specific research projects, that for every alcoholic there are from one to four problem drinkers.
- b) There has been an alarming increase in the number of deaths arising out of traffic accidents. Various research surveys suggest that fifty percent or more of all fatal highway accidents have Alcohol as a causative factor. What statistics are available indicate a sharp increase in alcohol-related private flying and boating accidents.
- c) Increasing consumption of beverage alcohol has brought with it increasing costs to society. There are increased costs to government for law enforcement; also increased costs of rehabilitation centers, the maintenance of social service staffs to deal with the family problems that arise out of increased problem drinking. It has been said that the sale of alcoholic beverages is a source of revenue to governments (in 1966 the U.S. Federal Government reportedly collected \$3,800,000,000 in beverage alcohol taxes), but what figures are available indicate that such revenues are offset by higher expenses, sometimes as high as the ratio of 1 to 5. Industry too loses heavily through alcoholism. It is estimated that 6% of Canada's labor force are alcoholics; the figure for the United States has been set at 8%. Alcoholics lose from 14 to 22 days more per year than do non-alcoholic workers.
- d) Greater than financial losses, however, loom the personal losses—

losses to the person involved and losses to his family. How can the suffering, the heartache, the distortion of mind and spirit which arise where alcohol is freely used be evaluated? The broken homes, the psychologically damaged children, the broken lives are factors which defy estimation.

3. These factors, no doubt, apply particularly to situations in which problem drinkers or alcoholics are involved. But no one arrives at that state who does not first begin to drink, and for the most part moderately. Statistics have been advanced that show that one in nine social drinkers becomes a problem drinker and one in sixteen an alcoholic. A person cannot tell in advance whether he is a potential alcoholic.

4. There are three possible positions we can take:

- a) We can say that the Christian is not free to drink beverage alcohol; not to have anything to do with the total enterprise.
- b) We can say that moderation is the rule for the Christian. The evil is not in drinking alcoholic beverages, but in the excessive, uncontrolled use of them. We would then say that the Christian is free to use beverage alcohol, but he is not free to be impaired in any way.
- c) We can say that while the Bible does warn against the use of alcohol (Proverbs 20:1; 23:3), it does not explicitly forbid the use of beverage alcohol. The Bible does declare wine to be a benefit from the Lord (Gen. 27:28; Psalms 104:15; Isaiah 55:1, and others). Other scriptural texts would seem to point to a moderate use of these beverages as acceptable conduct. We must, however, also say that the Christian has a responsibility for his example and influence. In the present society, his awareness of this responsibility may lead him to exercise his freedom to participate moderately, in a negative way.

The Christian abstains, not because he believes that moderate drinking is condemned outright in Scripture, but that in the face of the staggering problems of alcoholism, love to the neighbor, and, in particular, love to the weaker brother, demands voluntary abstinence. His freedom to indulge moderately is therefore restricted by the necessity of using his freedom responsibly to help others and thus to serve and glorify God.

We therefore affirm and teach the position of abstinence from drinking beverage alcohol as a true expression of our divine calling as disciples with a

responsibility to God and man."

CCY, 1978, 17-19.

BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - See CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISM.

BETHESDA HOME FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (VINELAND, ON).

1960 Building program.

"1. We repeat our plea of last year for permission to erect the planned 40 x 80 ft. addition for the following reasons:

- a) To have sufficient room for the male patients and other necessities.
- b) To make it possible for the male patients to work and have appropriate and sufficient room where they can stay during the day.
- c) To permit us to separate the patients according to need and kind of treatment, and to raise the standard of treatment.
- d) In order, in due time, to receive from the Hospital Insurance better day rates for the patients treated.

2. We are asking the Conference to authorize the Board of Directors to make a loan of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the building project, and that the present Bethesda Fund of the Conference also be used for this purpose.

3. To pay this debt, we recommend that each church have two collections or one especially heavy one. Besides this, there will be an income from societies, Mennonite churches, non-Mennonites, and other sources flowing directly into the Bethesda treasury. Indirect assistance is received for the annual budget in the form of payments for depreciation on buildings and equipment from the Hospital Insurance."

CCY, 1960, 175.

1961 Support of the Bethesda patients who are no longer supported by the Ontario Government.

"1. That we hold four strengthened collections in the churches on a quarterly basis.

2. That where possible the patients concerned be taken back to the Western Provinces in accordance with the wishes of the family and in consultation with the physician of the Institution and the Provincial Relief Committee.

3. That we expect the family and relatives of the patients to contribute \$2.00 per day for their patients.

4. That we elect a committee to investigate new ways and means of solving this problem by contacting municipalities and provincial governments.

5. That the whole matter be considered again at the next Conference in order to arrive at a permanent solution if possible."

CCY, 1961, 206-207.

1962 Offering for Bethesda Home.

"That a larger offering be raised in all churches on the first Sunday in December, for the support of Bethesda. This regulation applies for one year only."

CCY, 1962, 211.

1963 Western patients.

"That the Bethesda Institution make an attempt, for one year, to assume the financial responsibility for the 11 Western patients presently at the Home for whom the Conference now pays \$3.00 per day, and that we not ask for an offering in the churches for their support. The funds for their support are to come from farm profits, careful administration and other sources. It is to be understood that the \$2.00 per day from families of patients will remain as heretofore.

That the number of Western patients whom the Institution will seek to support be set at a maximum of 11, unless special financial arrangements are made for additional patients."

1963 Residence for houseparents.

"To authorize the Bethesda Board to erect a residence for the houseparents on the premises. The cost of this house is to be financed in the same manner as that of the nurses residence. That would mean that the Conference would not be asked to contribute actual cash and that the repayment of the loan would be taken from the rent and the depreciation of the house."

1963 Recommendation of Special Bethesda Committee.

1. Since we have seen that our provincial governments are still working toward a uniform plan of hospitalization for all of Canada, we realize that Bethesda may be important to the Canadian Conference in the future. Hence we recommend to support Bethesda morally, through prayer and through offerings.

2. When we encountered difficulties two years ago, the Conference advanced money to pay the building debt. We recommend that we retain one collection for Bethesda to settle this debt.

3. Since Bethesda has some patients from Western Canada, we recommend that the Conference Executive nominate a special committee to solve questions related to Bethesda and to regulate acceptance, dismissal, and financing of patients from western provinces. We also recommend that the Committee be authorized to use monies from the collection for Bethesda for special cases of patients from Western Provinces."

CCY, 1963, 28-29.

1964 Western patients.

"That the Conference Executive nominate a Committee to regulate the financing, the acceptance and dismissal of Western patients.

It is recommended that we no longer limit the support from our Conference to eleven patients but make our hospital available to all Western M.B. patients. The financing to be covered from the Bethesda Home up to a maximum of \$20,000.00, from the relatives \$2.00 per day and the balance from Conference offerings. (On this basis, 15 patients would cost \$1.00 per member.)

In order to carry this through, we recommend to the Conference to allow through the year two offerings for this purpose.

Families from the Western Provinces wishing to bring patients to the Bethesda Home should contact the respective provincial representative, or the chairman of the Special Bethesda Committee.

We recommend that the appointed Committee shall be named 'The Bethesda Committee for Western Patients.'

Editorial note: The above recommendations issued from the Special Bethesda Committee.

CCY, 1964, 100.

1965 Loan for Bethesda.

"That the Conference approve a loan to a maximum of \$18,000.00 to finance capital expenses during the fiscal year. Of this amount \$14,800.00 has already been spent, the balance of \$3,200.00 to be used towards the purchase and installation of a new boiler."

CCY, 1965, 159.

1965 Western patients.

"That we ask the Bethesda Home to continue to contribute to a maximum of \$20,000.00 per year out of the profits and depreciations to the maintenance of Western patients, the relatives to contribute again \$2.00 per day.

Whereas the \$20,000.00 will not cover the cost of Western patients, we recommend two offerings per year for this purpose, and any money not used for this purpose to go for retirement of debts."

CCY, 1965, 160.

1966 Appointment of Isaac I. Block as Chaplain.

"We ask the Conference to ratify the appointment of Brother Isaac I. Block, Chaplain and Social Worker, and that the Resolutions Committee prepare an appropriate resolution regarding his appointment and the retirement of Brother G. J. Epp."

CCY, 1966, 102.

1966 Association of the Mentally Retarded.

"To extend an invitation to the Association for the Mentally Retarded to consider Bethesda for this project.

To authorize the Bethesda Board to make further investigations and to present the findings to the Committee of Reference and Counsel."

CCY, 1966, 104.

1966 Western patients.

1. "In view of the fact that the Bethesda Committee is making a contribution of \$17,000.00 for Western patients, we recommend that the churches of our Conference contribute two strong offerings towards the support of Western patients and that relatives again contribute \$2.00 per day."

2. "We recommend that one of the duties of the Committee for Western Patients is to assist released patients from the Bethesda Home in a program of rehabilitation."

CCY, 1966, 104.

Editorial note: These two recommendations actually issued from the Special Committee for Western Patients.

1967 Reappointment of Administrator.

"That we reappoint Brother N. Braun as Administrator and Brother I. Block as Chaplain of the Bethesda Home. That this and all future appointments to these two offices be on a four-year period, subject to six month's notice from either party in case of termination of service prior to the expiration of the four-year period."

1967 Western patients.

"That for the next two years the Bethesda Home will contribute \$15,000.00 annually to the support of maintenance costs of patients who come to us from the Western Provinces.

In view of the fact that the Bethesda Committee contributes \$15,000.00 for Western patients, we recommend that the churches of the Conference contribute two liberal offerings towards the support of Western patients and that

the relatives contribute \$2.00 per day.

In view of the fact that there are patients in some of the Western Provinces which are considered by the Special Committee for accommodation in Bethesda, we recommend that the Board of Management be charged with the special duty to assume all responsibilities with regards to Western patients."

CCY, 1967, 130.

1969 Building project.

"That we plan for a building project, based on a proposed outlay of approximately \$1,160,000 of which the Ontario Government will pay two-thirds by way of capital grants and the balance of \$386,700 to be raised as follows:

That the Associations for the Mentally Retarded of the Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, be asked to contribute \$286,700 and our Conference \$100,000, with our portion to be paid over a period of ten years from funds received for depreciation, interest on investment and farm profits.

The Building Program would develop as follows:

1. To receive the Government's approval of the building project and commitment for a grant.
2. To receive assurance of active financial support by the Associations for the Mentally Retarded of the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario.
3. Final plans to be brought to Council of Boards for approval."

CCY, 1969, 126-127.

1970 Renovation and building project at Bethesda.

The following proposal was recommended:

- "1. Providing additional accommodation for 15 retarded persons on the third floor of our old building.
2. Renovate the main floor of the old building and use it exclusively for workshop facilities.
3. The sewing services and grooming facilities to be moved to the small residence.

4. Renovation of the main floor of the main hospital building to provide adequate office and dining facilities. Relocation of Ladies O.T. and Chapel.

5. The erection of a gymnasium."

CCY, 1970, 109.

1973 Sale of farm.

"That the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America sell the property commonly known as 'Bethesda Farm' to Henry Brenkelman at and for the sum of \$126,000.00, the sum of \$100,000.00 to be payable in cash on closing, and the Conference to take back a mortgage for the balance of \$26,000.00, repayable without interest within twelve months of the date of closing."

CCY, 1973, 63.

1977 Incorporation of a non-profit, Ontario-based corporation for Bethesda assets proposed.

Motion: "That the Board of Management be authorized, if it deems fit, to incorporate a non-profit, Ontario-based corporation and to transfer to that corporation such assets of Bethesda as it considers necessary, with the possibility that ownership or operation of this proposed corporation ultimately rest in the Ontario M.B. Conference, if that can be negotiated."

CCY, 1977, 60.

1978 Bethesda Home Incorporation

"That the Bethesda Home be incorporated as an Ontario non-profit corporation with the ownership thereof to be maintained by the Canadian Conference."

CCY, 1978, 34.

1980 Incorporation of Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped.

"After a number of years of negotiations and counsel the Convention, on the recommendation of the Board of Management, authorized the formation of a separate corporation for Bethesda Home. This corporation is now functioning as "Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped Incorporated." The former assets held by the Conference have been transferred out of the Con-

ference to the new corporation. This change is reflected in the balance sheet of the Conference as an investment in and not fixed assets of the Conference.

On the recommendation of the corporate auditors, the Bethesda Home Foundation Inc. was also incorporated. The purpose of this corporation is to keep the donated funds separate from the operating funds. All future capital expansions or capital funding will come from the Foundation, thereby clearly delineating between capital and operational funds.

The Ontario M.B. Conference was invited to officially elect four representatives to the Board of Directors of the Home. The purpose of representation was to have direct liaison in the operation to the Conference. At its last Convention the Ontario Conference accepted the invitation and has officially named its directors to the Bethesda Corporation."

CCY, 1980, 52.

1983 Proposed agreement for transfer of Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped.

"That the following Proposed Agreement be accepted as the official transfer of Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped Inc., The Bethesda Home Foundation Inc., and the 55-acre parcel of land.

1. Appropriate resolutions will be passed by the Ontario and Canadian Conference to amend the by-laws of the corporations to achieve the ends set out in paragraphs 4,5 and 8 below.

2. The title to the 55-acre parcel will be transferred to the Ontario Conference for the nominal consideration of \$1.00, with restrictions on title designed to achieve the ends set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 below.

3. All liabilities and receivables shall be paid as per previous agreement between the Canadian M.B. Conference and the Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped Inc., as specified below:

a) Bethesda long-term liability to the Canadian Conference –
\$41,132.00.

b) Canadian M.B. Conference long-term liability to Bethesda –
\$435.00.

4. Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped Inc. may sell or mortgage all or part of its lands, provided the proceeds of such sales are used solely for

the purpose of the ongoing Bethesda program.

5. In the event of dissolution of the Bethesda Corporations, their remaining property shall be distributed to such Ontario charities as the Ontario M.B. Conference and the Canadian M.B. Conference mutually agree upon, subject to the provisions of applicable Ontario charitable corporations law.

6. The Ontario M.B. Conference may sell or mortgage all or part of the 55-acre parcel, provided the proceeds of such sale are used solely for the purposes of the ongoing Bethesda program.

7. In the event of dissolution of the Bethesda Corporations, the legal title to the 55-acre parcel (or unsold portion thereof) shall immediately revert back to the Canadian M.B. Conference.

8. The Ontario M.B. Conference shall assume full control and responsibility for the Bethesda Home Foundation Inc. The Ontario M.B. Conference shall assume full control and responsibility for the program and property sales of the Bethesda Home for the Mentally Handicapped Inc.

9. That the constitutions of the Canadian and Ontario Conferences be amended to incorporate these changes."

CCY, 1983, 100-101.

1985 Transfer of Bethesda Home for the Handicapped to the Ontario Conference.

"The Bethesda Home for the Handicapped was transferred to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches during the year ended May 31, 1984."

CCY, 1985, 73.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Known, prior to 1963, as the CANADIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE).

Editorial note: This Board is not to be confused with either the INTERIM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (which functioned until about 1968) or the BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION assumed the mandate and functions of the CANADIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE after 1963 and the responsibilities of the INTER-

IM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE after 1968.

See also under *INTERIM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE* for resolutions pertaining to Christian education, particularly for the period between 1964 and 1968, and under *SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE* and *YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES* for the period, particularly between 1960 and 1964. Recommendations pertaining to music and music ministry in our Conference, however, all appear under *MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES*.

1960 Recommendations concerning our Bible schools and Christian high schools.

"That the Conference encourage representatives of the respective schools to meet during the next Conference year as heretofore to deliberate about and plan their work."

CCY, 1960, 170.

1960 Recommendations concerning a liberal arts school.

See under *BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION*.

1961 Further study of how we can help university and college students.

"That the Conference approve further studies as to how we can help our students at the colleges and universities of our country in their problems, and that the Education Committee then submit a proposal regarding this matter to the Conference next year."

CCY, 1961, 227.

1961 A proposal defining the functions and organization of the Education Committee.

"That the Conference reach a decision on the following proposal (see pp. 122-123 of *Canadian Conference Yearbook for 1961*) which defines the duties of the Education Committee more clearly and changes somewhat the regulation regarding their term of service."

CCY, 1961, 227.

1961 Education Committee to become a standing committee.

"That the Education Committee become a standing committee."

CCY, 1961, 227.

1961 Planning a Christian Education Conference for 1962.

"That the Conference allow the Education Committee to plan a Christian Education Conference for August, 1962. To this Conference, teachers of our high schools, Bible schools, Bible College, as well as teachers of the public schools would be invited. Group discussions and consultations at this Conference could have a beneficial influence on our efforts in education. At this conference, the annual meeting of the Bible school and high school teachers could take place."

CCY, 1961, 227.

1962 Election of chairman of Education Committee.

"That we abide by Conference resolution and elect the chairman of the Education Committee at large." CCY, 1962, 221.

1962 Investigation of the matter of spiritual care for our youth in secular higher education.

"That the Education Committee be given the task of thoroughly investigating this matter and making the results of the investigation available to the provincial conferences. That the provinces be made responsible for the spiritual care of the students."

CCY, 1962, 224.

1962 Postponement of Christian Education Conference.

"That the Conference permit the postponement of the Christian Education Conference from August 1962 to August 1963."

CCY, 1962, 234.

1962. Employment of our Bible Institute teachers during the summer.

"That we encourage the provincial conferences to find ways of employing Bible Institute teachers for more than six months a year and also making attendance at summer schools possible."

CCY, 1962, 234.

1963 Student services at the local level.

"That we as a Conference encourage student service work at the local level and endorse cooperation with the U.S. Mennonite Brethren Student Services Committee. That we indicate our cooperation by sharing the cost of the student survey and newsletter evenly with our U.S. brethren."

CCY, 1963, 88.

1963 Dissolution of the Education Committee and establishment of a Board of Christian Education.

"That whereas the present Canadian Education Committee is not meeting the educational needs in the Conference, neither is empowered to do so, the Conference dissolve this Committee. Since the Canadian Education Committee is recommending its own dissolution and the establishment of a Board of Christian Education, the CRC also recommends that this be done."

CCY, 1963, 89-90.

1963 Anniversary brochure on the Bible school movement.

"That we as a Conference sponsor the preparation of an anniversary brochure on the Bible school movement in Canada."

CCY, 1963, 89.

1963 Dissolution of the German Language Committee.

See under BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

1964 Employment of an Executive Secretary for Christian Education.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE and under (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

1964 Bursaries for MBBC music students.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1964 Recommendations of the Board of Christian Education.

"That we allow \$200 for travel, secretarial work, mailing and other expenses for study committees appointed by the Board.

That we again vote \$200 to be sent to the U.S. Mennonite Brethren Youth Committee to assist in their work on the student survey and the student newsletter.

That we permit the Board to appoint a member of our Conference to visit all the Canadian university campuses where we have students. These visits shall be to meet with students and to deliver a series of lectures. The cost of this is not to exceed \$1500.

That last year's unspent \$500 for printing a brochure be authorized now."

CCY, 1964, 64.

1965 Recommendations of the Board of Christian Education.

"That we allow travel expenses for at least one meeting per year.

That a budget of \$400 be granted for conducting and preparing the Canadian portion of the student survey.

That a budget of \$100 be granted for secretarial and correspondence expenses of the Board."

CCY, 1965, 112.

1966 Recommendations of the Board of Christian Education.

"That we continue the student survey and budget \$500 for this."

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1967.

"That we allow the Board up to \$150 for secretarial services if this is required."

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1967.

"That we continue studies on student service possibilities and permit travel as required to related meetings by Board representatives, with a limit of \$150.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1967.

CCY, 1966, 121.

1966 Canadian Conference subsidy for our Bible Institutes.

"That we begin direct subsidy of our Bible Institutes from Canadian Conference fund. That the subsidy be at the rate of \$100 per student enrolled in the school and \$2500 per school per year."

CCY, 1966, 121.

1967 Bursaries for MBBC music students.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1969 Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls programs in our churches.

"That we should play down the militaristic aspect in these programs.

That by undertaking these programs the local church is obligating itself to a certain financial support of the organization.

That churches wanting to begin the program contact our Executive Secretary for further information.

That this program should be a part of the total church program and not an end in itself.

That V.B.S., Camping, Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls

programs be used as outreach of the church."

CCY, 1969, 104-105.

1969 Recommendations of Music Committee.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1969 Sunday school education in our churches.

"That our churches continue to use M.B. Adult Quarterly materials in the light of forthcoming improved materials.

That we continue to promote the S.T.P. Program in our churches."

CCY, 1969, 105.

1969 Youth activities and projects within our Conference.

"That the Conference grant us permission to have a Canada-wide Youth Conference in 1971 and a Christian Education Conference in 1973.

That we recommend the observance of Youth Week in 1970, January 25-February 1, under the M.S.A.A. theme: 'Christ and the Inner Dimension.'

That the total Canadian goal for Canada youth projects be reduced to \$3000 and steps be taken to encourage the acceptance of smaller projects on local or provincial levels. The Canadian Projects Fund allocation is envisioned to be: two \$500 projects in Foreign Missions, three bursaries of \$200 each for students at MBBC, three bursaries of \$200 each for Bethel Bible school students in Quebec, and two \$400 projects in Missions in Canada."

CCY, 1969, 105.

1970 Continuation of Youth Week.

"That we continue Youth Week in 1971--publicity to be changed through preparation of Youth Week packet or brochure."

CCY, 1970, 114.

1970 Appointment of co-editor for youth magazine.

"Appointment of co-editor for youth magazine for Board of Christian

Literature. Brother Kornelson together with the B.C. brethren will select and appoint him as the Canadian representative."

CCY, 1970, 114.

1971 Recommendations concerning youth ministry activities.

"To conduct Banff 71 Youth Rally as planned.

To provide leadership and materials for Youth Week 72 and 73."

CCY, 1971, 39.

1971 Recommendations concerning Christian education activities.

"To conduct an all-Canadian Education Worker's Conference March 23-25, 1973 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

To conduct a leadership clinic in 1973 in conjunction with the Christian Education Conference.

To produce a brochure to assist churches in mid-week and cell groups. This is to be done in consultation with the Board of Evangelism.

To conduct a study commission on the Canadian level to review the philosophy and approaches to Christian education in our churches."

CCY, 1971, 39.

1971 Music ministry in our churches.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1973 Music workshops in our churches.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1973 Christian education conferences.

"That we conduct Christian education conferences during 1975-76 on a provincial basis in conjunction with the provincial Christian Education Boards."

CCY, 1973, 42.

1973 Use of Anabaptist curriculum materials in our churches.

"That the Canadian Conference of M.B. Churches not become publishing partners nor cooperating users of the Anabaptist Curriculum as projected in the 'Proposal for a Cooperative Curriculum by Churches in the Anabaptist and Believers' Church Tradition.'"

CCY, 1973, 43.

1973 Banff Youth Conference.

"That the projected Banff '74 Youth Conference be approved."

CCY, 1973, 42.

1976 *Youth Worker* as a joint venture of Canadian and U.S. Area Conferences.

"That the *Youth Worker*, presently published by the Canadian Board of Christian Education become a joint venture of the Canadian and U.S. Area Conferences."

The United States Board of Evangelism and Christian Education has shown interest in the *Youth Worker* and expressed a desire to be involved in its production.

The *Youth Worker*, published twice yearly, is not a magazine. Rather, it is a resource book for youth sponsors. Joint publication could provide a greater unity between area conferences in areas of Christian education. It would also provide a greater source of contributors. The cost of production would be shared by both Conferences and thus be less burdensome. The Board is of the mind that should the Canadian Conference accept this recommendation, the *Youth Worker* could become the responsibility of the General Conference Board of Christian Education."

CCY, 1976, 97-98.

1976 The appointment of an Associate Executive Secretary for Christian Education.

"That the Board of Christian Education seek to make alternative arrangements for assistance to the Executive Secretary for Christian education and, failing that, that it report to either the Council of Boards or the Conference in

session before any appointment of an Associate Executive Secretary is made."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original motion.

CCY, 1976, 98-99.

1977 Appointment of Ron Penner as Associate Executive Secretary of Christian Education.

"That the Canadian Conference of M.B. Churches ratify the appointment of Ron Penner as the Associate Executive Secretary of Christian Education."

CCY, 1977, 63, 65.

1982 Reappointment of Ron Penner as Executive Secretary.

"That the Conference ratify the reappointment of Ron Penner as Executive Secretary for 1982-83."

CCY, 1982, 92.

1983 Appointment of Ben Thiessen as Coordinator of Christian Education.

"That the Convention ratify the appointment of Ben Thiessen as the Coordinator of Christian Education for the Canadian Board of Christian Education."

CCY, 1983, 105.

1983 National Christian Education Week.

"That the week of September 11-17, 1983, be declared 'National Christian Education Week,' with September 11 as 'National Christian Education Sunday' in all our churches and institutions across Canada."

CCY, 1983, 105.

1984 Special Conference Christian Education times.

1. "That we designate September as 'Christian Education Month' and that this emphasis be repeated annually.

2. That we designate May as 'National Family Month.'

3. That the 'National Youth Week' be observed January 28-February 3, 1985."

CCY, 1984, 111.

1984 Family life seminars.

"That the Board of Christian Education offer to the provincial Christian education committees encouragement and help in setting up programming for a couples weekend in parenting and/or marriage enrichment."

CCY, 1984, 111.

1984 Banff Conference

"That we plan for Banff '86 from December 30, 1986-January 2, 1987."

CCY, 1984, 111.

1984 National Evangelism and Discipleship Institute (October 3-6, 1985)

"That we reaffirm our decision to have a joint Evangelism and Discipleship Institute, sponsored jointly by the Boards of Christian Education and Evangelism with the assistance of our Conference Minister."

CCY, 1984, 111-112.

1985 National Christian Education Month.

"That we approve and support 'National Christian Education Month'—September 1985."

CCY, 1985, 39.

National Youth Week.

"That we approve and support 'National Youth Week'—January 26-February 2, 1986."

CCY, 1985, 39.

1985 National Family Week

"That we approve and support 'National Family Month' —May 1986." CCY, 1985, 39.

1987 Appointment of Robert Rempel as Christian Education Coordinator.

"That we ratify the appointment of Robert Rempel as Christian Education Coordinator."

CCY, 1987, 125.

1988 Appointment of David Wiebe as Executive Director of the Board of Christian Education.

"That David Wiebe be affirmed by the Conference in his appointment as Executive Director of the Board of Christian Education to be effective August 1, 1989."

CCY, 1988, 132.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM (Earlier known as COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM).

Editorial Note: Resolutions pertaining to the Board of Evangelism's involvement in radio (Gospel Light Hour) broadcast ministries appear under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES. The most significant recommendations pertaining to the work of the Canada Inland Mission appear here, under BOARD OF EVANGELISM.

1960 Mission work in Quebec

"That the Canada Inland Mission Committee be authorized to further investigate the possibilities of doing mission work in Quebec in respect of a specific field, obtaining a charter and of finding appropriate workers for the field."

CCY, 1960, 164.

1961 Shift of Canada Inland Mission responsibilities to the provincial conferences.

"The Canada Inland Mission has given financial assistance to several provinces during the past years. In this matter we, together with the representation of the provinces, recommend that we strive for a final settlement. This settlement could be arrived at in the following manner: For the coming Conference year, B.C. receives \$6,750.00, and Saskatchewan \$3,000.00. This sum would be reduced by a third in every consecutive year. In four years the property and all responsibility could then be transferred to the respective provinces. The support for Ontario, however, is to be discontinued since the church in Toronto has already been accepted as a member of the M.B. Conference. The church in Toronto may, however, follow the customary procedure to complete its building project and ask the churches of our Conference for assistance."

CCY, 1961, 194.

1961 Service of Conference Evangelist.

"Since the question has been raised whether the Conference Evangelist may serve in summer camps, we recommend to sanction such work provided that these opportunities come during a time when the Evangelist is free from responsibilities in the churches of our Conference, and provided that the financing of the camp work would not affect the Conference budget.

Since various mission stations have asked whether they too could make use of the services of the Conference Evangelist, the Committee recommends that the mission stations be accepted into our evangelistic program, and that their requests be granted as far as possible."

CCY, 1961, 211.

1961 Exchange of Conference Evangelists with the U.S. Area Conference.

"The Committee recommends an exchange of Conference Evangelists with the M.B. Conference of the South on a trial basis.

The remuneration paid by both Conferences in such an exchange would be the same and would amount to \$100 per week."

CCY, 1961, 211-212.

1962 Several recommendations concerning Canada Inland Mission work in Quebec.

The Canada Inland Mission recommends:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge God's gracious provision for the beginning of the work in Quebec;
2. That we continue to intercede earnestly for our workers and work in Quebec;
3. That we accept the Clyde Shannons together with the Ernest Dyck family as labourers on this field; the appointment of the Shannons to be for one year.
4. That we face our assignment in the province of Quebec realistically and consider acquiring land and buildings for a permanent work there and that a fund be started. Fund to be \$2,500.00 this year;
5. That we designate our Easter offering for the work of the Canada Inland Mission;
6. That we allocate \$200-\$250 for the installation of water and sewage in the former Canada Inland Mission property in Blaine Lake, SK."

CCY, 1962, 197.

1962 Evangelistic ministry in the churches.

"Since the evangelistic ministry at mission stations and summer camps was greatly appreciated and beneficial, we recommend that the same be continued as initiated in 1961.

Since it is physically impossible for our Conference Evangelist to comply with all the requests of the churches, and since the service of other brethren has proved to be of great benefit in meeting the immediate spiritual needs, we recommend that such brethren as are requested by the churches also be enlisted. If the churches desire a list of available brethren for evangelistic work, the Committee would be willing to serve.

The interchange of U.S.A. area and Canadian Conference Evangelists has proved to be most satisfactory and of great blessing to both areas and evan-

gologists concerned. We recommend that this exchange continue."

CCY, 1962, 160.

1962 Mission fund for Quebec.

"That we face our assignment in the Province of Quebec realistically and consider acquiring land and buildings for a permanent work there and that a fund be started. Fund to be \$2,500.00 this year."

CCY, 1962, 197.

1963 Team evangelism in our churches.

"That the Conference endorse, on a trial basis, the new approach in campaign evangelism outlined by this Committee:

1. That a team instead of only one evangelist be used in certain campaigns;
2. That a visitation evangelism program be initiated in the local churches by stimulation and guidance of this Committee."

CCY, 1963, 36.

1963 Church building support in St. Jerome.

"That we approve the purchase of the two lots in St. Jerome, and that we undertake to build a suitable building to house a chapel and dwelling for the workers in St. Jerome for approximately \$27,000.00;

That we finance the balance owing on the land purchase and the new building from the Conference appropriation for the Canada Inland Mission. We would request that the Conference appropriation and the established subsidies to the provinces be designated for this project;

That the Conference secure a loan of \$25,000.00 to finance the building project and lot in St. Jerome, Quebec, and that such a loan be retired in three years according to provisions made."

CCY, 1963, 99, 127.

1964 Evangelistic cooperation with U.S. Area Conference.

"That the Conference endorse the functional relationship with the efforts in

evangelism of the U.S. Area Conference, as in:

1. Exchange of personnel;
2. Interchange of ideas and purposes;
3. Selection, preparation and production of literature;
4. Exploration of further areas of cooperation."

CCY, 1964, 43.

1964 Church building debt in St. Jerome.

"That the debt of \$25,000.00 on the building in St. Jerome be retired with an annual payment of \$7,000.00 plus interest (unless the Conference wishes to retire it more rapidly)."

CCY, 1964, 47.

1964 Affiliation of mission work in St. Jerome with the Canadian Conference.

"Since there are good prospects for organizing a mission church in Quebec in the near future, we recommend that this church be directly affiliated with the Canadian Conference because:

1. This church will be outside of the provinces where provincial conferences exist.
2. This church would not be ready to participate in any other provincial program.

Quebec has its particular needs. This church would function under the supervision of the Canada Inland Mission and assume its financial obligations within the Conference."

CCY, 1964, 47.

1965 Prayer for evangelism in our churches.

"That the brethren and sisters of our churches pray specifically for the following:

1. The work of evangelism through the Committee on Evangelism;

2. The work of evangelism in the local churches;
3. The need of securing an evangelist. We recommend that as a Conference we claim Matt. 9:38 as God's promise of provision for this need."

CCY, 1965, 103.

1965 Exchange of pastors for evangelism in our churches.

"That the Conference endorse a freer interchange of pastors for the work of evangelism in our churches, and that the Conference encourage the churches to release their pastors for such work."

CCY, 1965, 103.

1965 Acceptance of evangelism workers in Quebec.

"That we accept the Ernest Dycks and the Don Balzers for service in Quebec for the coming year."

CCY, 1965, 107.

1965 Purchase of property in Ste. Therese.

"That we authorize the purchase of property in Ste. Therese when a suitable opportunity presents itself."

CCY, 1965, 107.

1966 Appointment of J.J. Toews as Executive Secretary of Evangelism and Extension.

"That the Conference approve the appointment of Brother J.J. Toews as Executive Secretary of Evangelism and Extension and that intercession be made for him and for his family."

CCY, 1966, 93.

1966 Proposed approach to evangelism and church extension.

"That the Conference approve the following proposed approach to evangelism and extension:

1. Pre-preparation

The pastor considering such services should prepare his congregation with a series of appropriate messages.

2. Revival services

The services will have the emphasis and objective to lead Christians to a commitment to soul-winning.

3. Group instruction

Following the series of revival services, the Evangelist will conduct workshops on the practical aspects of personal evangelism.

4. Implementation

The Evangelist will be prepared to assist the local church in implementing the actual program of personal evangelism. We envision the program to be a maximum of ten days duration. Where and when desired the Executive Secretary would be prepared to conduct workshops with the pastors of the provinces on personal evangelism and church extension."

CCY, 1966, 93-94.

1966 Involvement of other evangelists as well.

"That we continue to conduct evangelistic services with other brethren serving as evangelists."

CCY, 1966, 94.

1966 Production of a Canada-wide radio broadcast program.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1966 Clerical secretary for Evangelism and Church Extension Office.

"That we engage the full-time services of a clerical secretary, serving half-time in the Evangelism and Church Extension Office and half-time in the Gospel Light Office."

CCY, 1966, 94.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1967.

1966 Canada Inland Mission Work.

"That the Canadian Conference commit itself to a program of further extension into new areas by authorizing the CIM to engage an additional worker, if and when its investigation should warrant such action."

CCY, 1966, 108.

1966 Involvement in "Sermons from Science" at Expo 1967.

"We recommend our involvement in 'Sermons from Science' at Expo '67 to the extent that we supply one counsellor for a six-month period involving:

- a) Expenses\$ 692.00
- b) Salary for four months.....\$1,000.00"

CCY, 1966, 108.

1966 Cooperation between Canada Inland Mission and Provincial Home Missions Committees.

"We recommend a closer cooperation between the Canada Inland Mission and the Provincial Home Missions Committees in the following areas:

1. Local pastors inform the Home Missions Committee whenever an M.B. member moves to a locality not served by an M.B. Church, that the Home Missions Committee encourage personal spiritual involvement of that member in active witness.
2. Provincial Home Missions Committee would share with the Canada Inland Mission possibilities for future church extension and present service opportunities. The CIM would then become the channel through which the entire brotherhood would receive information regarding Christian witness and service opportunities."

CCY, 1966, 108.

1966 Continued support of church building ventures in Quebec.

"That the Conference continue its church building support in Quebec so that after the completion of payments for St. Jerome a church building could be started in Ste. Therese. This would be approximately in the fall of 1967."

CCY, 1966, 108.

1967 Sabbatical leave of, and replacement for Executive Secretary.

"We approve a sabbatical leave of absence for the Executive Secretary, the time of this leave to be arranged in consultation with the Board of Evangelism.

We seek to acquire and engage the services of a substitute during the Executive Secretary's absence."

CCY, 1967, 109.

1967 Congress on Evangelism.

"That we join the U.S. Brethren in conducting a Congress on Evangelism which is planned biennially and would alternate between Canada and U.S.A. and that we assist the Board of Evangelism in sending some of its members to this Congress."

CCY, 1967, 109-110.

1967 Canada Inland Mission work in the Maritimes.

"That we approve the Canada Inland Mission Committee's decision to enter the Maritimes with a mission and church building program."

CCY, 1967, 116.

1967 Appointment of the Walter Epps in mission work in the Maritimes.

"That we ratify the appointment of Brother and Sister Walter Epp as our workers in the Maritimes. Brother Epp will also serve our Christian Service personnel as chaplain.

We recommend to the Canadian Conference and to the Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Services that our worker be responsible to the Board of Evangelism and receive direction from them as mutually agreed upon by the Canada Inland Mission and the representative for Christian Service."

CCY, 1967, 116.

1967 Appointment of the Ben Dycks and Martha Wall in mission work in Quebec.

"That we welcome Brother and Sister Ben Dyck as their (Brother and Sister Ernest Dyck's) replacements and our new workers in Quebec.

We recommend the appointment of Sister Martha Wall on a part-time basis. Her work will consist of 1) church visitation, 2) literature distribution, 3) follow-up work from a) radio broadcast, b) enquiries resulting from contacts in 'Sermons from Science.'"

CCY, 1967, 56-57.

1967 Possible assumption of the Gospel Light Hour broadcast by the Canadian Conference.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1967 Financial assistance for the Gospel Light Hour broadcast over Saskatoon station.

Submitted Question:

"The Manitoba Conference appreciates the assistance given by the Canadian Conference in airing the Russian Gospel Light Hour program over the Saskatoon station and would again ask the Conference to contribute \$1,000.00 for this cause.

The question was referred to the Board of Evangelism at session 6. This Board presented a recommendation to grant the request."

CCY, 1967, 22.

1967 Mission expansion in Quebec.

"That because Eastern Canada is presently in a state of flux, economic expansion, and religious upheaval and because of the changes presently taking place in the Roman Catholic Church, the Committee feels that all opportunities for expansion should be seriously considered and asks that the Canadian Conference commit itself to a program of expansion by authorizing the Canada Inland Mission to hire an additional worker, if and when such action seems necessary."

CCY, 1967, 116.

1969 Appointment of René Hainaut in Quebec.

"The Conference ratify the appointment of Brother René Hainaut as a worker of the Board of Evangelism in Quebec."

CCY, 169, 40.

1969 Possible development of a short-term service program in Canada.

"That the Board of Evangelism, in consultation with the Board of Missions and Services, explore the possibilities of developing a short-term service program to be administered in Canada. The result of this study is to be presented to the Council of Boards for further direction."

CCY, 1969, 40.

1969 Retention of services of Rudy Boschman as Conference Evangelist.

"That we retain the services of Brother Rudy Boschman to work as an Evangelist until July, 1971."

CCY, 1969, 40.

1970 Continued service of Rudy Boschman.

"That the services of Rudy Boschman be retained beyond July, 1971. He will continue in the present ministry with a greater emphasis on team evangelism." CCY, 1970, 111.

1970 Interdenominational evangelism emphasis in Canada.

"We recommend that the Council of Boards appoint a member from the Board of Management to the finance committee of this interdenominational evangelism thrust projected for 1973."

CCY, 1970, 112.

1970 Participation in an Inter-Mennonite Consultation on Evangelism (Probe 1972).

"That we go on record as morally supporting the Inter-Mennonite Conference on Evangelism and we encourage voluntary participation. We wish to receive further direction from this body."

CCY, 1970, 112.

1970 Airing of Canadian Conference radio program in provinces.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1971 Participation in Probe 1972.

"That three men be sent to Probe '72 (Inter-Mennonite Consultation on Evangelism) and that informational material be sent to the churches and that the churches be encouraged to participate on a voluntary basis by sending representatives." (Three men to be sent are the Executive Secretary of Evangelism, the Conference Evangelist and the Chairman of the Board of Evangelism.)

CCY, 1971, 22.

1971 Concerning the development of a short-term service program in Canada.

"That we do not establish a Canadian administered short-term Christian Service Program separate from the BOMAS Christian Service but that we commit ourselves to a close and continuing working relationship with BOMAS Christian Service."

CCY, 1971, 22.

1971 Discontinuance of Board sponsorship of Canadian Gospel Light Hour program.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1971 Appointment of Jacob Schmidt as speaker-producer of Canadian Gospel Light Hour program.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1971 Appointment of Isaac Bergen and Danny Wolfe.

"That we ratify the appointment of Isaac Bergen for service in Dartmouth, NS, and Danny Wolfe for service in the Montreal area."

CCY, 1971,24.

1971 Explo 1972.

"That we fully endorse and promote Explo '72 (a Campus Crusade-sponsored Institute for Evangelism in Dallas, June 12-17, 1972) and that we encourage our churches to send their young people."

CCY, 1971, 24.

1973 Purchase of facilities for local church planting.

"The Board of Evangelism in consultation with the Board of Management recommends that up to \$25,000.00 maximum (or fifty percent) be allocated for the purchase and preparation of facilities for local church planting."

CCY, 1973, 55.

1973 Appointment of Jean Tremblay in Quebec.

"The Board of Evangelism recommends the appointment of Jean Tremblay as a full-time worker in Quebec."

CCY, 1973, 55.

1973 Solicitation of funds for camp property in Quebec.

"We request permission from the Canadian Conference to solicit funds on deputational visits for purchase of camp property in Quebec."

CCY, 1973, 55.

1975 Study commission to explore possibility of Canadian participation in programming of Gospel Light Hour (now Mennonite Brethren Communications) ministry.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1975 Funds for purchase of church building in Dartmouth, N.S.

"That this Convention allow for the release of necessary funds in the form of grants and loans for the purchase of a church building in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, provided that the local group first raise twenty percent of the amount."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original motion.

CCY, 1975, 104.

1976 Support for church buildings in Dartmouth, N.S. and Ste. Rose, Quebec.

"That we recognize the generous support of the churches in the purchase of the church building at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and at Ste. Rose, Quebec, and in their support of the Olympic witness."

CCY, 1976, 90.

1976 Establishment of the Laval Bible Institute.

"That we endorse the action of the Board of Evangelism and the Quebec churches in establishing the Quebec Laval Bible Institute."

CCY, 1976, 90.

1976 Canadian Conference appreciation for outreach events in Quebec.

The representatives of the Quebec churches will be meeting for a conference, September 10-12. Special events taking place that weekend will be the dedication of the Ste. Rose building, and the opening of the Quebec Bible Institute program. Therefore we recommend: "That the churches of the Canadian Conference announce these events and join our Quebec churches in prayer and praise to God for this occasion."

CCY, 1976, 90-91.

1978 Use of Bible study guide *The Church Alive*.

"That each congregation seriously consider using *The Church Alive*, a six-week Bible study guide prepared by the Board of Evangelism, for use in home Bible study groups."

CCY, 1978, 131.

1978 Assisting churches with evangelism seminars.

"That churches seriously consider greater emphasis on the training of their members for the work of evangelism so that evangelism becomes an integral part of lifestyle."

CCY, 1978, 131.

1978 Assumption of Domestic Christian Service Program by Board of Evangelism.

"That the Board of Evangelism assume responsibility for the Domestic Christian Service Program in Canada."

CCY, 1978, 131-132.

1978 Funding for the St. Eustache Church (Quebec).

"That the necessary funds be made available in accordance with the above formula. Once the 20% local capital is available, the 30% loan and the 50% grant will follow. Offerings, if taken in the churches, should be applied to the 50% grant."

CCY, 1978, 132.

1978 Guiding principles for Mass Media Ministries.

"1. For international programming:

An international board is responsible (e.g. BOMAS).

2. For national programming:

A national board is responsible (e.g. Board of Evangelism).

3. For provincial programming:

A provincial board is responsible (e.g. in Manitoba - M.B. Communications)."

CCY, 1978, 132.

1979 Restructuring of Board of Evangelism.

"That the previous organization of the Board of Evangelism including the Canada Inland Mission be discontinued and that it be replaced by the following ministries:

1. Church Planting Ministries:

To assist provinces and churches with church planting in:

- a) Quebec
- b) The Maritimes
- c) Other provinces and territories.

2. Church Growth Ministries:

- a) To conduct Church Growth seminars;
- b) To assist churches with Deeper Life and Evangelism ministries.

3. Christian Service ministries:

To develop and administer the Christian Service Program in Canada.

4. Mass Media Ministries."

CCY, 1979, 19-20.

1979 Receiving and assisting Asian refugees.

"1. That this Conference go on record as strongly urging our Canadian Government to give further consideration to increasing the quota for receiving Asian refugees and other immigrants.

2. That we as Mennonite Brethren Churches respond quickly to the needs of the Asian refugees, and that we take advantage of the Refugee Sponsorship opportunities that are available."

CCY, 1979, 53.

1980 Student residence at Laval Bible Institute.

"That we approve the plans for the student residence at Laval Bible Institute at a total cost of \$200,000.00 with building to commence as soon as \$100,000.00 is raised in cash and pledges. The remaining \$100,000.00 is to be borrowed from the Endowment Fund, amortized over 15 years, to be repaid through rental payments for the suites."

CCY, 1980, 41.

1980 Appointment of Ben Klassen as Interim Director of Laval Bible Institute.

"That in the light of the resignation of Herb Wiens, we affirm the appointment of Ben Klassen as Interim Director of Laval Bible Institute."

CCY, 1980, 41.

1980 Resignation of Ernest and Lydia Dyck.

"That in the light of the resignation of Ernest Dyck as pastor of the Ste. Rose Church, and from the Laval Bible Institute, we acknowledge with gratitude the many years of faithful work in Quebec by Ernest and Lydia Dyck. They have been an inspiration to the Canadian Conference. We wish them the Lord's blessing as He directs them in future service."

CCY, 1980, 41.

1980 Commission to study feasibility of Canadian Conference assuming responsibility for M.B. Communications.

"That in response to a request from the Manitoba Conference of M.B. Churches this Convention establish a Commission to study the feasibility of the Canadian Conference assuming responsibility for M.B. Communications. This Commission should be prepared to report to the 1981 Convention."

CCY, 1980,41.

1980 Implementing a church growth strategy in our churches.

"That we urge the churches of our Conference to reaffirm the priority of

evangelism by implementing a church growth strategy." CCY, 1980, 41-42.

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original recommendation.

1981 Appointment of James Nikkel as Executive Director of Board of Evangelism.

"That we appoint Brother James Nikkel as the Executive Director of the Canadian Board of Evangelism. We anticipate that he will begin his ministry April 1, 1982."

CCY, 1981, 105.

1981 Purchase of new church building for the St. Laurent Church (Quebec).

"That the Conference support the St. Laurent Church's decision to purchase a new church building at a cost of approximately \$190,000.00, including \$25,000.00 for repairs and renovations. (The Church has \$75,000.00 in cash on hand and anticipates being able to service the amortized loan for the balance.)"

CCY, 1981, 105.

1982 Canadian Consultation on Evangelism.

"That we promote and participate in the Canadian Consultation on Evangelism, June 6-9, 1983, in Waterloo, Ontario (University of Waterloo)."

CCY, 1982, 104.

1982 Planting a new church in Quebec City.

"That we plant a new church in Quebec City together with the Association Quebécoise, beginning in August of 1982."

CCY, 1982, 104.

1982 Solicitation of funds for Quebec projects.

"That our Board be permitted to solicit 'above budget' funds totalling \$76,000.00 to assist St. Donat and Camp Peniel."

CCY, 1982, 105.

1982 Special offering for work of evangelism in Canada.

"That we designate Easter Sunday as a day for a special offering for the work of evangelism or that churches arrange for a suitable amount to be placed in the churches' annual budget."

CCY, 1982, 105.

1982 Day of fasting and prayer in Canadian churches.

"That we observe a Sunday in January as a day of fasting and prayer for renewal along with the national week of prayer."

CCY, 1982, 105.

1983 Support of work and leadership of Board of Evangelism.

"That we support the concerns registered in this report, and that we as churches and educational institutes covenant together to accept gratefully the leadership of our Board of Evangelism in the resolution of these concerns."

CCY, 1983, 26.

1983 Planting a church in Ottawa.

"That the Board of Evangelism be charged with the responsibility of planting a Mennonite Brethren Church in Ottawa and be responsible through appropriate consultations for the appointment of a pastor."

CCY, 1983, 26.

1983 Purchase of the New Richmond Church (Gaspé) building.

"That the Canadian Conference purchase the New Richmond Church in the Gaspé at a cost of \$39,678.02."

CCY, 1983, 26.

1983 Planting a church in the Rosemont area (Montreal).

"That another church be started in the Rosemont area of Montreal."

The sponsoring church of this new work will be the St. Laurent Church pastored by Andre Bourque."

CCY, 1983, 27.

1984 Planting a church in Campbellton, N.B.

"That the Campbellton, New Brunswick church planting opportunity be accepted as an official project of the Board of Evangelism."

CCY, 1984, 75.

1984 Acceptance of the Quebec Association of M.B. Churches into the Canadian Conference.

"The Board of Evangelism and the Canadian Conference Executive with joy recommend the acceptance of the Quebec Association of M.B. Churches as full members in the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities that this entails.

The conditions of this acceptance are in accordance with the previously published paper 'Basic Assumptions for Affiliation.'"

CCY, 1984, 76.

1986 Planning for a 1988 Disciple-making Institute.

"1. That the Board of Evangelism of the Canadian Conference take the initiative to plan for a Fall 1988 Disciple-making Institute;

2. That the Board of Evangelism invite planning help from those Canadian Conference Boards who wish to join the Board of Evangelism in this venture."

CCY, 1986, 73.

1987 Planting a new church in 1988 in the Maritimes (Antioch Plan).

"That the Board of Evangelism, together with the Maritime Churches, be authorized to plan for the planting of a new church in 1988 as part of the Antioch Plan for the Maritimes."

CCY, 1987, 99.

1987 Conference endorsement of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada National Task Force on Evangelism.

"That we as a Convention endorse and take ownership of the goal of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada National Task Force on Evangelism. Specifically to:

1. Engage in regular prayer for the nation;
2. Double the evangelical presence in the nation by the year 2000."

CCY, 1987, 99.

1988 Youth Mission 100.

- "1. That the Youth Mission 100 program be approved for one more year;
2. That \$6,000.00 be allotted in this year's budget toward this program."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original motion.

CCY, 1988, 103.

1988 Fundraising for the Campbellton Church (New Brunswick).

"That the Campbellton Church be granted permission to appeal to the Canadian Churches regarding funds for that church building project."

CCY, 1988, 103.

1989 Board to serve as umbrella agency for the promotion of evangelism and church planting across Canada.

"That the Board of Evangelism in cooperation with the provincial church extension boards be regarded as an umbrella agency for the promotion and resourcing of evangelism/growth and church planting across Canada."

CCY, 1989, 117.

1989 Antioch Plan as national strategy of growth.

"That the Centennial Antioch Plan be officially accepted as our national Canadian M.B. strategy of growth for the decade of the nineties."

CCY, 1989, 117.

1989 Board to establish a program department for New Canadian language groups.

"That the Canadian Board of Evangelism establish a program department for New Canadian language groups for the purpose of research, church planting, coordination and counsel for provincial boards regarding church planting ministries among New Canadian language groups in Canada."

CCY, 1989, 118.

1989 Board to explore, together with M.B. Communications, options in respect to church planting/evangelism strategies among non-English language groups by means of radio/TV/video/tape.

"That the Canadian Board of Evangelism explore closer working relationship/program/contract options with M.B. Communications or other producing agencies in regards to radio/TV/video/tape evangelism as a strategy of church planting/evangelism among non-English language groups such as the Indo-Canadian or French Canadians, etc."

CCY, 1989, 118-119.

Youth Mission 100 as an ongoing ministry under auspices of the Board.

"That the Youth Mission 100 (YM 100) be accepted as an ongoing ministry, to 1992, by the Board of Evangelism."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original motion.

CCY, 1989, 119.

1989 A new church to be planted in the Dartmouth/Halifax area in 1990.

"That the Conference approve the planting of a new church in the Dartmouth/Halifax area beginning in the spring of 1990."

CCY, 1989, 119.

BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE (Known as BOARD OF SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL CONCERNS prior to 1988).

1960 Provincial representation in MBBC Committee

See under BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

1960 Members leaving local church in irregular ways.

See under CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1960 Shortening Canadian Conference Conventions

"In the year 1960 all the Committees present their reports and recommendations to the Conference. In the future the following Committees are to present their cause every second year: Canada Inland Mission, Youth Committee, Music Committee, Peace Committee, Committee for German Language. Reports of all Committees are to be included in the annual *Yearbook* of the Conference. Such an arrangement should make it possible for the Conference to close its sessions at Wednesday noon."

CCY, 1960, 155.

1960 Voting on issues in local churches which are channelled to them through Conference leadership.

"In all questions of committees, channelled through the Conference leadership into the local churches for the purpose of consideration and of reaching decisions, two-thirds of the votes cast at the church meetings (*Gemeindestunden*) are decisive. In all cases the decisions thus reached are considered as decisions made by the whole church. Mennonite Brethren Churches have always dealt with questions and problems according to this principle."

CCY, 1960, 153.

1960 Traveling expenses for delegates from abroad to the next General Conference Convention.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel recommends "an extra levy of 50 cents per church member in order to defray the travel expenses of three international delegates (one each from India, Africa, and South America) to the next General Conference Convention."

Editorial note: This resolution represents a compressed statement of the original one.

CCY, 1960, 156.

1960 Compilation of resolutions and decisions of Canadian Conference.

"That the responsibility of having this material printed and of the two named brethren (F. C. Peters and H. Regehr) being duly remunerated for their work, be assigned to the Publications Committee."

CCY, 1960, 155.

1960 Purchase of a home for missionaries Rev. and Mrs. J.J. Dick.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel "recommends to the Canadian Conference to approve this plan and to raise a collection in each church for the purchase of a house. After the sale of the house in Vancouver, another \$4,000.00 will be required to purchase a house in Clearbrook."

CCY, 1960, 155-156.

1960 Election of a Constitution Committee to review the constitution of Canadian Conference.

"The election of a three-member Constitution Committee which is to review the constitution and make the necessary changes."

CCY, 1960, 198.

1960 Purchase of Christian Press and election of a temporary Publications Committee.

"That in the event that the Christian Press Ltd. is purchased by the Canadian Conference, it should be understood that the Conference is not tied down to the present inner regulations nor to the present personnel.

That the temporary Publications Committee be set up for the period of transition. It is to consist of:

1. The Publications Committee of the Canadian Conference;
2. The present Board of Directors of the Christian Press.

In electing the Publications Committee the Constitution of the General Conference is to be our guide, namely, that no one hired as a staff member of the Christian Press can be a member of the Committee." (See *Conference Yearbook* for 1956, p. 56, 1-c)

CCY, 1960, 184 (also CCY, 1956, 56, 1-c).

1960 Appointment of a full-time Conference Treasurer.

"That a full-time Treasurer be hired."

Guiding principles of engaging a full-time Treasurer worked out by the Committee of Reference and Counsel:

1. The hiring of a Conference Treasurer:

- a) The Committee of Reference and Counsel hires the Conference Treasurer.
- b) The wages of the Treasurer are determined by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.
- c) The Treasurer is to be engaged for two years.
- d) The Treasurer is responsible to the Committee of Reference and Counsel but he is not a member of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, according to the Constitution.

2. Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer:

- a) The Treasurer is responsible for the Conference treasury.
- b) He gives the annual report at the Canadian Conference.
- c) He is to assist the Budget Committee in drawing up the annual Conference budget.
- d) The Auditing Committee has the right to audit the treasury in the course of the year.

3. The Budget Committee:

A two-member Budget Committee is to be appointed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel at each Canadian M.B. Conference. This Committee and the Treasurer are to prepare the budget for the Conference. "The Committee of Reference and Counsel recommends the election of Brother Gerhard

Sukkau as treasurer of the Conference."

CCY, 1960, 207-208.

1961 Election of Provincial Conference representatives to Publications Committee.

See under BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1961 Establishing of a Conference Pulpit Committee.

"That the Conference permit the Committee of Reference and Counsel to elect three brethren who would act as mediators between churches and ministers when churches are in need of ministers. On the other hand, names of ministers and ministers-elect who are free to serve in churches could be submitted to this Committee. The Committee would be listed in the *Conference Yearbook*."

CCY, 1961, 206.

1961 Adoption of new terminology for segments of our Brotherhood.

"That for the sake of uniformity, we adopt the following terminology and names for our Brotherhood and that this be presented as a recommendation to the Area Conferences in session in 1961: The General Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The B.C. Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Alberta Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The North Saskatchewan Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The South Saskatchewan Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Manitoba Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Ontario Provincial Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Central District Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Southern District Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren; The South American Conference of Mennonite Brethren."

CCY, 1961, 202.

1961 Canadian Conference representation on the Tabor College Board.

At the General Conference the offer was made to the Canadian Conference to elect an observer into the Tabor College Board.

1. Because education is a matter for the Areas, the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Conference recommends "that for the time being no observer be elected for the Tabor College Board. When the whole school question has been settled in the Areas, the question could be taken up again. Meanwhile, the Canadian Conference thanks our American brethren for the friendly offer."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment to the original motion.

CCY, 1961, 207.

1961 Canadian Conference employees and representation on Conference Boards/Committees.

"No full-time paid worker in a Conference project (institution, school, office, etc.) may at the same time be a member of the Committee in charge of the respective work of the Conference. He may, however, be elected into one of the other Conference Committees. Similarly, no member of a Committee may be appointed to a full-time position with full pay to any position supervised by this Committee unless he resigns as a Committee member prior to the engagement."

CCY, 1961, 224.

1961 Traveling expenses for those in attendance at Conference Committee meetings.

"Every standing committee has one or more complete sessions yearly according to Conference resolutions as found in the minutes. All the traveling expenses to such meetings are to be paid by the Conference treasury. Traveling expenses to all additional meetings must first be approved by the Executive of the Conference."

CCY, 1961, 224.

1962 Election of chairman of Education Committee.

See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1962 In support of the publication of the *Canadian Mennonite*.

See under BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1962 Concerning Educational Endowment and Trust Funds.

"In view of the fact that the U.S.A. Area Educational Committee received permission at the Reedley Conference to withdraw its part of the Educational Endowment Fund, the Canadian Conference herewith asks for its part of the Educational Endowment Fund and wishes that these monies of the Fund be placed at the disposal of the Canadian Conference to further the cause of education in the Canadian Area.

That the churches which desire more information contact Brother C. C. Warkentin, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the General Conference.

That the Board of Trustees accept Trust Funds (loans) at the rate of 4% interest for shorter or longer periods of time and advertise this in our papers."

CCY, 1962, 223.

1962 Investigation of the radio work in the provinces of our Conference.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1962 Spiritual care for our students in secular higher education.

See under EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

1962 Larger projects of the Canadian Conference.

"That larger projects first be brought before the Conference and then be sent to the churches for discussion and approval."

CCY, 1962, 224.

1962 Consideration of larger Conference projects by local churches.

The CRC approves of the resolution of the Ontario Conference and recommends the following: "That larger projects initiated by the Canadian Conference should first be brought before the Conference and then sent to the churches for discussion and approval."

Editorial note: This resolution represents a compressed statement of the original one and its amendment.

CCY, 1962, 224.

1962 Day of Prayer for separated families.

"That Sunday, August 26, be reserved for the purpose of praying for the reunification of separated families."

CCY, 1962, 225.

1963 Dissolution of the German Language Committee.

"The Committee of Reference and Counsel approved the request of the German Language Committee and recommends that the Canadian Conference dissolve the German Language Committee and that it commission the Education Committee to take over the task of furthering the study of languages for missionary purposes."

CCY, 1963, 117-118.

1963 Appointment of a Conference committee to study the matter of a pension plan for Conference employees.

"The CRC is to appoint a committee to study the matter of a pension plan and prepare a proposal that will be sent through the Conference leadership and the CRC to the churches to be acted upon."

CCY, 1963, 118-119, 122-123.

1964 Work of the Conference Secretary.

"This year provision has been made to write and read the minutes at the Conference in German and to translate them into English.

Both *Conference Yearbooks*, the German as well as the English, are to be considered official. If the Conference so desires, it may have the minutes written and read in English next year and to have them translated into German."

CCY, 1964, 120.

1964 Appointment of members for the Radio Study Commission.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1964 Commission for investigation of giving in our Canadian Conference.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel nominated several brethren to this Commission. Suggested areas of investigation:

- a) The method of soliciting funds in our churches.
- b) The percentage of our monies channeled into other missions.
- c) The proportion of monies designated to the various branches of our work under a budget plan.
- d) The amount of money received by new groups who solicit one offering from the churches of the Conference for church building.
- e) How much money do the established churches spend on new church buildings of their own.
- f) A church building fund on a Canada-wide basis.
- g) Monies spent for administration.
- h) Investigation of all possible areas such as schools, old folks homes, etc.

CCY, 1964, 125.

1965 Production of a Canada-wide radio broadcast by Canadian Conference.

See under RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1965 Appointment of a study commission to study the overall structure of our Canadian Conference.

"That a three-man study commission be appointed to study the total structure of our Conference including the advisability of changing to biennial sessions, and then bring to the next Conference appropriate recommendations; That the CRC appoint this three-man study commission carried."

CCY, 1965, 40-41.

1965 Establishment of date for official church membership count.

"The Committee recommends that the date for the establishment of official church membership for Conference purposes be May 31 instead of January 1 as in the past."

CCY, 1965, 40.

1966 A Canada-wide study conference for ministers and deacons to consider doctrinal and ethical issues.

"That a Canada-wide faith study convention for ministers and deacons planned by the CRC to discuss relevant questions of doctrine and ethics be called for February 15 and 16 at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College."

CCY, 1966, 36-37.

1966 Proposed reorganization of the Canadian Conference.

1. The CRC recommends that the Conference act upon the recommendations regarding the structural reorganization of the Canadian Conference as sent to the churches:

- a) That the regular Conventions of the Conference be held annually and that the emphasis at these Conventions be on planning for the future with just enough reporting on past progress to give a sense of direction. Business and 'faith' Conventions are to alternate annually.
- b) That the Conference operate according to our organizational chart.
 - i. That the Bible schools, high schools, student services, and bur-saries be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education.
 - ii. That the mid-week program be listed as a responsibility of the

Board of Christian Education.

- c) That each Board be composed of eleven (11) members:
- i. Five members of each Board to be elected by the provinces directly, with each province electing one representative to each of the six Boards.
 - ii. Six elected by the Canadian Conference.
- d) That all Boards meet twice a year, at the same time, and that part of that time be devoted to joint sessions as a Council of Boards. Boards would subdivide into committees with each committee charged with one or more areas of responsibility.
- e) That the Conference Executive, consisting of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Secretary also function as Executive of the Council of Boards.
- f) That the Convention program be prepared by the Conference Executive, and by the Provincial Executive of the inviting Conference.
- g) That a Nominations Commission be appointed by the Board of Reference and Counsel, and that each Provincial Conference elect one member to the Nominations Committee one year in advance. In addition to the candidates submitted by the Nominations Commission for the six Boards, nominations from the Convention floor are also in order.
- h) That the following schedule be adopted for the implementation of this organization:
- i. Adopt the new structure at the 1966 Convention.
 - ii. Implement the organization at the 1967 Convention.
 - iii. Adopt the revised constitution at the 1969 Convention.
- i) Executive Secretary - That he be appointed by the Executive of the Conference, be responsible to the Conference Executive, but that the appointment be approved by the Conference.
- j) That the Convention, at some later date, reconsider present provincial boundaries to ascertain whether such 'political' boundaries are the best divisions for Conference purposes."

CCY, 1966, 31-37.

Editorial note: The above recommendations incorporate amendments, in some cases, to the original ones.

1966 Selection of delegates to the Mennonite World Conference.

"That delegates to the Mennonite World Conference be selected by the Provincial Conferences according to the pattern set by the Canadian Conferences in the past. Information will be submitted to the Provincial Executive as soon as available."

CCY, 1966, 36, 38.

1966 Peace teaching workshops.

Peace Committee visits.

See under PEACE COMMITTEE AND PEACE AND NONRESISTANCE ISSUES for both of these recommendations.

1966 Publication of a *Minister's Manual*.

"That we work together with the U.S.A. Conference in publishing a *Minister's Manual*."

CCY, 1966, 27.

1967 The collection of contributions in local churches.

"That local churches be given as much autonomy as possible in gathering their contributions in order that those churches operating on budget systems and making their contributions by this method rather than by taking the designated offerings may feel that they operate within the wishes of the Conference."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Canadian Conference treasurer to be assistant treasurer of the Board of Missions and Services.

"That upon the request of the Board of Missions and Services the treasurer of the Canadian Conference be appointed assistant treasurer of the Board of

Missions and Services."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Election of Conference Board chairmen.

"That since according to the old constitution standing boards and committees organize internally, this method of electing chairmen and other board officers be continued this year."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Terms of service of Board members.

"That provincially elected members from the Boards of B.C. and Manitoba serve for a two-year period, and members of the Boards elected by the provinces a four-year period."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 First meeting of the Council of Boards.

"That the first meeting of the Council of Boards be held December 28 and 29, 1967."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Publication of *Conference Yearbook Minutes for 1969* in both German and English.

"That the minutes of the 1969 Business Session be published in German as well as English in order to accommodate our older brethren in our Conference."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Result of vote in churches on Conference reorganization proposal.

The result of the vote of the churches on the proposal for reorganization was as follows:

1. Business and Faith Sessions Alternating
In favour - 1943 Opposed - 597

Percent in favour - 76.49

2. Conference Reorganization

In favour - 2060 Opposed - 391

Percent in favour - 84.04

3. Executive Secretary

In favour - 1628 Opposed - 612

Percent in favour - 72.68

CCY, 1967, 23.

Editorial note: The outcome of this church plebiscite confirms the action taken at the 1966 Convention on the reorganization of the Conference.

1967 Teaching of peace doctrine.

See under PEACE COMMITTEE AND PEACE AND NONRESISTANCE ISSUES.

1969 Appointment of Conference Archivist.

"That Herb Giesbrecht, College Librarian, be appointed Archivist for the Canadian Conference to spend a quarter of his time in this work."

CCY, 1969, 83.

1969 Appointment of Conference Executive Secretary.

The Executive recommended the postponement of the appointment of an Executive Secretary for the Canadian Conference.

CCY, 1969, 57.

1969 Conference statement on situation ethics.

"We, the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in session, profess and affirm that:

1. We believe that ethics and theology are inseparably linked and that this places upon us the obligation to insure that in our homes, and in our schools and in our churches, we teach and preach clearly the doctrines of Scripture which provide the basis and content of our ethical norms.

2. We believe that changes in the ethical expression of the Christian life should be an evidence of a position and dynamic discipleship which arises out

of a growing understanding of the implications of the Gospel together with a better knowledge of the world in which we live.

This calls for an unswerving commitment to the Word of God as the final authority for the Christian life, as well as a sensitive discernment of the values inherent and operative in the world in which we live.

3. We believe that our life and involvement in a fallen world will occasionally place upon us as individuals the necessity to choose between conflicting demands. We believe, however, that we must as individuals be ready to submit such decision to the counsel of the community of disciples given in obedience to the principles of Scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

4. We believe that situation ethics has some emphases which are good and worthwhile. But we further believe that we cannot accept its basic theological presuppositions nor the answers which arise out of these, in our search for answers consistent with the nature of the Christian life, in the moral issues we face because situation ethics promotes:

- a) The right of the individual to assume full responsibility for decisions regarding the principles governing ethics, thereby ignoring the principles of Scripture and the counsel of fellow believers.
- b) A separation of love from law which leaves love without guidance and directive in decision-making, thus abandoning the person to the influence of sentiment and sublimated selfishness.
- c) A false conception of man in that there is an overestimation of his innate capacity to love, and an underestimation of the radicalness of his depravity.
- d) A limitation of the 'situation' to the immediate circumstances, thereby ignoring the fact that a 'situation' may be much more comprehensive and far-reaching in its influence and involvement.
- e) A faulty understanding of the total relationship between God and man, and man and his fellows in such ways as: (i) a failure to concede that every action is made before a loving God who is at the same time a God of holiness and justice and One who has revealed His will to mankind. (ii) a failure to concede that it is God who defines sin, and that although two persons may agree to a certain action, it may still be sin. (iii) a failure to recognize that every act has an eschatological significance rather than significance only for

the here and now."

CCY, 1969, 48-49.

1969 Basis of our peace witness.

See under PEACE COMMITTEE AND PEACE AND NONRESISTANCE ISSUES.

1969 Procedure in the ordination of ministers and deacons.

"That the Convention be prepared to undertake a study to develop a unified procedure of ordination of ministers and deacons."

CCY, 1969, 49.

1969 Proposed Constitution of the Canadian Conference.

"That the proposed Constitution (see pp.50-56 of *Conference Yearbook*) as presented to the churches be accepted with some changes and additions."

CCY, 1969, 49

1970 Minutes of the 1970 Winter Session of Council of Boards.

"That the minutes of the Winter Session of the Council of Boards be circulated in the churches."

CCY, 1970, 113.

1971 Study Conference paper on the "Charismatic movement."

See under CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT.

1971 Procedure in the ordination of men to the ministry.

"A. Who initiates the procedure?"

1. The local congregation.

a) feels a need and looks for a man to meet that need;

b) recognizes a gift a man has and wishes to acknowledge this and thus give the man incentive and freedom.

2. The candidate

- a) may begin to exercise his call within the church community before the church officially recognizes his gift;
- b) may share with the church what he considers to be his call of God.

B. Why should the Provincial Conference be involved in the procedure?

1. To acquaint the wider fellowship of men who are called of God for the ministry.
2. To advise a church which may be too hasty in moving toward ordination, or to give clarification concerning such ordination.
3. To counsel a brother who may be seeking ordination and finds the church reluctant to comply.

C. What is the nature of the examination?

1. The examiners

- a) The local church examines the candidate;
- b) Then the Provincial Conference shares in the examination.

2. The purpose of the examination

- a) To assess the candidate's call and fitness for the task;
- b) To give necessary correction and encouragement.

3. The content of the examination

- a) **Doctrine:** The candidate must be in agreement with the 'Confession of Faith' of the M.B. Church.
- b) **Personal life:** The candidate must be well thought of by those in the church as well as those outside. His life must conform to Christian ethical principles.
- c) **His task:** The candidate must have an understanding of the Christian church—its nature, its task, and its hope—and of his specific function in it.
- d) **Personal qualities:** The candidate must have wholesome motivation and adequate goals. He must have some awareness of his per-

sonality strengths and weaknesses.

NOTE: The examination should be written and oral.

D. What of the ordination itself?

1. Its meaning:

The church and the candidate enter into a covenant relationship in which the church confers upon the candidate a function status—this ministry of the Word of God. (This will be broadened.)

2. The promises:

a) The candidate's promise to the church:

- i. to remain true to the Word of God in his ministry;
- ii. to seek to understand the age in which he lives and the people whom he serves;
- iii. to remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit so that in his ministry he might bring together the truth of God and the needs of men.

b) The promise of the church to the candidate:

- i. to accept the candidate as chosen of God to serve them;
- ii. to be open to his ministry and obedient to the truth;
- iii. to make necessary provision for the performance of his task.

3. The role of the ordained man:

a) He is a servant of the local Christian community in some area of the Christian ministry.

b) He is open to a ministry within the wider Brotherhood."

CCY, 1971, 12-13.

1973 Acceptance and transfer of non-immersed members.

See under CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISM.

1973 Strengthening Mennonite Brethren identity.

"1. That we encourage our homes, our churches, and our schools to teach the 'whole counsel of God,' including such doctrines (or distinctives) which Mennonite Brethren have always considered as an integral part of the New Testament message, (e.g. discipleship, peace and nonresistance, mutual aid,

relief, etc.).

2. That we encourage our homes, our churches, and our schools to provide instruction in the 'Confession of our Faith,' and to acquaint members and students with the spiritual heritage of our Brotherhood. A knowledge of our historical background can play an important role in strengthening our spiritual identity.

3. That we strengthen our ties in certain areas with other Anabaptist-Mennonite bodies with whom we share not only a common spiritual heritage, but also common contemporary concerns in both missions and services. We will also continue to cultivate our fellowship with other evangelicals with whom we share a basic understanding of the Gospel. In both cases we must exercise spiritual discernment in areas where principles and practices are contrary to our understanding of the teachings of Scripture.

4. That we provide more Christian literature in harmony with our 'Confession of Faith,' recognizing the fact that the literary diet in our homes, schools, and churches molds our spiritual vision and affects our spiritual and denominational identity."

CCY, 1973, 9-10.

1973 Indebtedness for Canadian Seminary students at MBBS (Fresno, CA).

"That \$500 indebtedness be cancelled for those Canadian Seminary students at Fresno who prior to 1972 have borrowed money from the Seminary loan fund and have as yet not repaid it. This applies only to those Canadian students who have returned to Canada after their study and have subsequently undertaken a pastoral ministry in a Canadian M.B. church."

CCY, 1973, 10.

1973 Role of women in the church.

See under WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRIES, ROLE OF.

1973 Examination of candidates for ordination to the ministry.

"That the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns be authorized to prepare a questionnaire to be used by the Provincial Conferences in examining candidates for the ministry and that brethren from other denominations entering

the M.B. ministry be asked to submit to the same examination."

CCY, 1973, 10.

1973 In support of the General Conference Historical Commission work by J.B. Toews in our local churches.

"That the Provincial Conferences and the local churches support the work of the General Conference Historical Commission as Brother J.B. Toews visits the Conferences and the churches in the interest of this work."

CCY, 1973, 9.

1975 Combining "Faith and Life" and "Business" Conventions into one annual Convention.

"That in the future the 'Faith and Life' and 'Business' Conferences be combined into one annual Conference and that this Conference begin on a Saturday."

CCY, 1975, 68.

1975 Resolution concerning giving in the Canadian Conference.

"That we gratefully acknowledge the benefits that have accrued to us by this long-term experiment of assessing ourselves on the basis of membership for the support of our Conference ministries.

That we continue our present method of calculating but refrain from the use of such terms as 'levy,' 'assessment,' etc. that imply compulsion.

That where and when it seems advantageous the Conference readjust the percentage of operational income anticipated from Conference grants and/or from special donations."

CCY, 1975, 14-15.

1975 Reexamination of need for a Conference Executive Secretary.

"That the incoming Executive reexamine the concept of an Executive Secretary as provided for in the constitution and present its findings and recommendations to the next Conference in session."

CCY, 1975, 67.

1975 Excommunication or not of church members involved in marriage to unbelievers.

See under EXCOMMUNICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

1975 Stewardship of our material resources.

"As a Conference we affirm the scriptural principle that we and all that we have belongs to God. In His wisdom God has endowed our Church Conference with many gifts including the gift of administration. This includes the ability to manage our material resources.

We, therefore, resolve that the lordship of Christ shall determine the exercise of this gift. In the acquisition and distribution of material wealth we want to be governed by the principles of God's Word and not primarily by the standards of our society or business world. The principles of honesty and love to fellowmen shall prevent the exploitation of our fellowmen, be they employers, employees, or any other with whom we deal in our business world.

We further affirm that in the expression of our stewardship we want to contribute a significant portion of our income to support the Christian ministries of the church. In this we want to be motivated by a deep love for Christ rather than a desire for a further material reward by God. We want to give, realizing that Christ's simple life style is worthy of emulation.

Because we recognize a need for more knowledge and discipline in the area of stewardship we resolve that we emphasize stewardship training in our homes, our churches, and our church related institutions."

CCY, 1975, 10.

1975 Mobilization (stewardship) of our human resources.

"We acknowledge that God has endowed our Brotherhood with a great potential of human resources and we recognize our responsibility to use it.

We challenge our leaders to encourage the members to become involved in the work of the Kingdom of God. We wish to recognize those who have received spiritual gifts and we want to channel them into active participation. Furthermore we challenge the membership to obey the scriptural injunction to 'earnestly seek the better gifts' (I Cor. 12:31).

As a Conference we pledge ourselves to create a climate in our churches in

which our human resources can develop to their fullest capacity. Too often our service has become so stereotyped that there is not sufficient room for the available gifts. Rigidity of structure stifles activity. We desire to keep our programs tentative, functional, and flexible."

CCY, 1975, 9.

1975 Counseling of families in our churches.

"The eroding effects of a materialistic society on the family and the marriage relationship call for reaffirmation of the lordship of Christ over man, woman, and the family.

In the light of focused truths 'highlighting' the Biblical teachings regarding marriage and the family, it is essential that the church reaffirm its acceptance of the revealed Scriptural precepts. It is proposed that local churches assume responsibility in planning teaching and learning situations to reemphasize the family unit as an institution ordained of God. It is necessary that this reach as much of each local church as possible in circumstances where the persons can become involved in discussion and interaction. We further suggest that local churches utilize the study paper as a basic premise and that the teaching persons utilize the bibliographic resource material.

We further propose that local churches consider training specified persons in the local church in family guidance (pastor, deacon, or...) and counselling. Potential 'family guidance' counsellors should, as necessary, be subsidized to gain training at recognized clinics so as to aid the local church on family levels. These persons, having the confidence and support of the local church, will become nurturing and healing gifts to families of the church and community."

CCY, 1975, 9.

1975 Role of women in the Conference.

See under WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRIES, ROLE OF

1976 Acceptance of new churches into the Conference.

"That we amend our Canadian Constitution in order to bring our procedure in regard to the reception of churches into our Conference in harmony with our General Conference Constitution." CCY, 1976, 15.

1976 Call to the ministry and leadership in the local church.

"Re Team Leadership:

- a) We reaffirm the many blessings that have come to our congregations through God-anointed pastors.
- b) God has given many gifts to the church to complement the work of pastors and we encourage that these be utilized in shared leadership in our congregations.
- c) We reaffirm the (s)election of the leadership group in the local congregation be made on the basis of their spiritual maturity, their gifts, and their willingness to exercise them.
- d) We encourage the leadership group to prayerfully come to a brotherly consensus as they give sensitive direction toward a congregational consensus.
- e) We encourage the leadership group to function in unity and thereby be an example of mutual ministry to the congregation."

CCY, 1976, 16, 89-90.

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates several amendments to the original one.

1977 Membership in Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

See under EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA.

1978 Use of alcohol and social drinking.

See under ALCOHOL AND SOCIAL DRINKING.

1978 Divorce and remarriage.

See under DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

1978 Article on divorce and remarriage by G.W. Peters.

See under DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

1978 Membership in Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

See under EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA.

1979 Membership of the Conference Executive in the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns.

"That we postpone the constitutional item referring to the Executive and its membership in the BSSC until next year's Convention and that early in 1980 the considerations for such action be circularized in the churches to allow for full study."

CCY, 1979, 7-8.

1979 Abortion issue.

See under ABORTION ISSUE.

1979 Search for a Conference Minister.

"That the Conference authorize the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns to proceed with a 'Search Committee' with the objective of placing a Conference Minister to serve the Canadian Conference Brotherhood."

CCY, 1979, 53.

1979 Church leadership and baptism by immersion.

"That as a Conference we reaffirm the principle that we require all persons who hold positions in churches which normally call for ordination, or that are considered eligible for ordination, to be baptized by immersion. In addition to pastors, this requirement would concern associate or assistant pastors, although these may not be serving in a pulpit ministry.

That we cut off the debate and refer the question back to the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns who shall refer the matter to the General Conference."

CCY, 1979, 53.

1979 Screening of pastoral candidates.

"That we follow the practice of carefully screening pastoral candidates (of

all types of appointees) as described above, as early in their ministry as possible, by asking them to complete the questionnaire within one year, concerning doctrinal beliefs and ethical views normally required of candidates for ordination, as well as to interact with the appropriate supervisory committee or body, even though such persons may not choose to proceed to ordination."

CCY, 1979, 54.

1980 Appointment of Peter R. Toews as Conference Minister.

"That P.R. Toews be appointed as the Conference Minister."

CCY, 1980, 12.

1980 Reorganization of Canadian Conference structure.

"Regarding constitution changes:

Article V - Organizational Structure of the Conference Section 5 - Nominating Commission - each Provincial Conference, one year in advance of the Canadian Convention at which elections are to be held, appoints one person to serve as its representative on the Nominating Commission. This person should be a member of one of the Boards of the Conference. The Secretary of the Conference is the Chairman of this Commission.

Section 6 - Elections and terms of office for the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Higher Education, the Board of Management, and the Board of Publication.

(The rest of the section remains unchanged)

Section 7 - Elections and terms of office for the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns:

- a) Each Provincial Conference elects its representatives to this Board.
- b) The Canadian Conference elects 5 members at large.
- c) The Moderator of the Canadian Conference is an ex-officio member of this Board. He does not necessarily serve as chairman of this Board.
- d) The term of office of members shall be:
-provincial representatives and members at large - 4 years.

-the Moderator is a member as long as he is Moderator of the Conference.

Section 8 - Election and term of office of the Board of Missions and Services.

(the rest of the section remains unchanged)

Section 9 - Election and term of office of the Board of Stewardship.

(the rest of the section remains unchanged)

Article VI - Duties

A - Executive of the Conference

Section 1 - The Executive Officers

a) Moderator

5) as ex-officio member of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns

b) Assistant Moderator

1) he assists the Moderator and serves in his stead when circumstances require it.

2) serves as supernumerary, ex-officio representative of the Executive Committee in Boards of Conference as assigned by the Executive Committee.

c) Secretary - the Secretary serves as -

4) supernumerary, ex-officio member representing the Executive Committee on Boards of the Conference as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Note 1 - 'ex-officio member' has full voting privileges, but is a member by virtue of having been elected to a position which should be represented on that particular Board.

Note 2 - The effect of the proposed changes are:

a) Nominating Commission - because the provincial representatives are also members of one of the Conference Boards, they will be in attendance at the mid-year Council of Boards meeting and the Commission will normally do most of its work at that time, making extra travel costs unnecessary.

b) Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns - to keep the Moderator informed as to various issues which affect his work as Moderator, it

was felt that he should be a member of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns.

- c) Other Conference Boards - the Executive Committee will assign the Vice Moderator and the Secretary to various Boards as ex-officio but supernumerary members for purposes of keeping the Executive Committee in touch with the programs and plans of the various Boards of the Conference."

CCY, 1980, 12-13.

1981 Conference support of, and official Conference representation on the Board of MCC (Canada).

"That all Mennonite Brethren and congregations and Conferences support MCC (Canada) wholeheartedly."

Recommendation re MCC representation:

"1. That in the future the four official Canadian M.B. representatives on MCC (Canada)'s Board constitute a Committee of the BSSC.

2. That the four MCC (Canada) representatives be elected members of the BSSC with the proviso that in exceptional situations the BSSC be allowed to have, or to appoint, one or two MCC (Canada) representatives who are not currently members of the BSSC.

3. That no official MCC (Canada) representative may serve in that position for more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, a person may subsequently be reappointed.

4. That this change of procedure take effect in July, 1981, for the two positions to be filled in 1981 and in 1983 for the two positions to be filled in 1983.

5. That, beginning 1981, one of the four MCC (Canada) representatives be designated as Chairman of the BSSC MCC Committee and that this Chairman must always be a member of the BSSC."

Note: (1975 *Canadian Conference Yearbook*, p. 138) Bylaws of the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.

"Article VI - Duties

G. Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns, Section 4 - The Board shall be

responsible for fostering wholesome contacts in inter-church relations as well as for contacts with other church-related bodies."

CCY, 1981, 144-145.

1981 Attendance of Conference Board members at annual Conventions.

"That all Board members attend the annual Convention sessions and that they sit as delegates. Since this requires a change in the Constitution, we recommend that in the interim all members of the Council of Boards be given full speaking privileges."

CCY, 1981, 146.

1982 Questionnaire for ordination to the ministry and the examination of all new pastoral candidates.

"That the questionnaire for ordination to the ministry as accepted by the General Conference of M.B. Churches, and as recorded in the *1981 Yearbook*, pp. 9-11, be used by provincial ordination review committees or similar bodies to examine all new candidates for pastoral ministry in the M.B. Conference." CCY, 1982, 81, 105.

1982 A Ministers' and Laymen's Institute for 1983.

Recommendation #2—regarding a Ministers' and Laymen's Institute for March 7-11, 1983.

Representatives from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns have negotiated an orientation for new pastors coming into leadership in the Canadian M.B. Conference of Churches. Since many of these new leaders are from non-Mennonite Brethren background and training, we suggest orientation and training under the following topics:

1. Heritage of Faith
2. Mennonite Brethren Institutions
3. Missions and Evangelism
4. Leadership

5. Issues

Recommendation: "That this orientation be implemented at the Ministers' and Laymen's Institute, March 7-11, 1983, at MBBC and that we encourage churches to send their pastors, especially those who are new to our Conference."

CCY, 1982, 81-82.

1982 A Leadership Congress for May, 1983.

"That we convene a Leadership Congress on May 20-22, 1983, Friday evening to Sunday noon."

CCY, 1982, 82.

1982 Appointment of Henry Brucks as new Conference Minister.

"That this Convention ratify the appointment of Brother Henry Brucks as Conference Minister."

CCY, 1982, 82-3.

1983 Abortion issue.

See under ABORTION ISSUE.

1984 Administration of ordinances of the church.

"That ordained ministers and/or those authorized as leaders by the local church may administer the ordinances of the church."

CCY, 1984, 103.

1984 Peace marches (walks) and our Conference.

See under PEACE AND NONRESISTANCE ISSUES.

1984 Teaching and practising the peace message in our churches.

"We live in a time when people's hearts tremble and fear, fear that we are reaching the end of the road. With the psalmist we are compelled to pray, 'Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.'

1. We confess:

- a) That we have neglected to teach and to practice the whole message of peace that Jesus brought.
- b) That at times we have neglected to intercede for those in authority and have been unduly critical.
- c) That we have failed to be public enough in the witness for peace in a world crying for help.
- d) That we have neglected to proclaim the whole Gospel of love, peace, and reconciliation and all that it implies for our day.

2. In view of the above and in view of the nuclear threat of our day, be it resolved:

- a) That we take seriously the admonition to pray for political leaders who are responsible for major decisions related to the nuclear threat (I Tim. 2:1-3).
- b) That we take seriously the admonition to pray for our enemies (Luke 6:27, Rom. 12:20).
- c) That we take seriously the Great Commission, proclaiming the whole gospel of Jesus Christ so that people will be saved (Matt. 28:19-20).
- d) That we take seriously our responsibility to work for peace and reconciliation wherever there is a potential for conflict (Matt. 5:9).
- e) That we seriously search for ways to speak responsibly to political leaders regarding our concern for the safety of the people of this global village.
- f) That we call our leaders and our teachers to present clear teaching on issues pertaining to reconciliation and peace (II Tim. 3:16).
- g) That we call on our people to put their confidence in God who continues to exercise His sovereign power and will to overrule in the world affairs (Psalm 2:1-6)."

CCY, 1984, 104-105.

1986 Projecting a Conference on Medical/Ethical Issues for 1987.

"That we convene a Conference on Ethical Dilemmas on the specific topic of reproduction, in 1987, for the purpose of providing support and guidance for medical personnel, church leaders, and students."

CCY, 1986, 99.

1986 Constitutional changes in regard to the acceptance of the Quebec Mennonite Brethren Conference.

"That the notice of amendment regarding changes in the Constitution in relation to the acceptance of the Quebec Mennonite Brethren Conference be duly processed by circulating it in the churches for acceptance in the coming Conference year."

CCY, 1986, 99.

1986 Merging of certain functions of the Board of Trustees of the General Conference into the Boards of Management/Trustees of the two National Conferences.

The Boards of Trustees of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and of the U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and the Board of Management of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, all join together in recommending the adoption of a resolution intended to merge most of the functions of the General Conference Trustees into the equivalent boards of the two National Conferences.

It is recommended "that the Trustees of the two National Conferences assume responsibility for the following funds and programs which have hitherto been the responsibility of the General Conference Trustees, namely:

1. Endowment, annuity, deposit, and trust funds;
2. RRSP (Canada) and IRA (U.S.) programs;
3. The assets and liabilities of the General Conference as situate in, pertaining to, or referable to their respective areas (with exception of special provisions regarding the seminary as detailed below);
4. The national share of the General Conference budget for their respective area;

5. Stewardship services in their respective areas.

There would continue to be a General Conference Board of Trustees but it would be made up of three appointees from the Board of Trustees/Management from each National Conference respectively."

CCY, 1986, 99.

1986 Publication of Harold Jantz's paper on pornography.

"That the paper on pornography by Harold Jantz be edited and printed in French and English in pamphlet form for distribution to our churches, to members of Parliament and interested individuals and organizations."

CCY, 1986, 100.

1987 Appointment of Roland Marsch to the office of Conference Minister.

"That the appointment of Roland Marsch to the office of Conference Minister be ratified."

CCY, 1987, 74.

1987 Canadian Conference restructuring proposal.

See under CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1987 A special projects fund for initiatives that have Conference implications.

"That the Canadian M.B. Conference through the Board of Management establish a special projects fund for initiatives that have both national and provincial implications but do not have an obvious connection with one of our Conference Boards.

The process would be as follows:

1. Initiatives for special projects come from the Provincial Conferences.
2. The responsibility for special projects is taken by the Provincial Conference.
3. The Provincial Conference makes a referral to the BSSC and the Board

of Management.

4. All special projects must be approved by the Conference."

CCY, 1987, 119.

1987 Conference paper on "Dealing with Grievances in Pastor/Church Relationships."

"That the Conference accept the paper 'Dealing with Grievances in Pastor/Church Relationships' which was sent to the churches during the past year, as our Conference position on the matter." (It will then be sent to the churches to be inserted into the *Minister's Manual*.)

1987 Assumption of costs by Canadian Conference of translation into French, and publication, of BSSC materials.

"That our Conference assume the full cost of the translation into the French language and the publication of all materials produced by our BSSC for our churches in order to give our Quebec M.B. Conference equal access to them."

CCY, 1987, 119.

BOARD OF GENERAL WELFARE (CANADA)

Earlier known as KOMITEE FUER DIENST AM EVANGELISM and also as KOMITEE FUER ALLGEMEINE WOHLFAHRT.

1960 Collections for Board of General Welfare (Canada) ministry.

"That two collections a year be given for the cause of 'Dienst am Evangelium.'"

CCY, 1960, 161.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation, increasing the number of collections to three, appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966!

1962 Renaming of the "Dienst am Evangelium" Committee.

"That this Committee be named Board of Welfare (Canada), corresponding to its name in the M.B. General Conference."

CCY, 1962, 194.

1962 Budget for Christian Service Program.

"That the Canadian Conference treasury budget \$3,000 for M.B. Christian Service."

CCY, 1962, 194.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-books for 1963, 1964 and 1965.

1962 Transfer of Christian Service Program to Board of General Welfare.

"That the Christian Service Program for young people be turned over to the Board of General Welfare."

CCY, 1962, 194.

Editorial note: The original recommendation has been compressed and rephrased here in the interest of clarity.

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

1960 Ministers Course at MBBC.

"That the two-weeks Ministers Course be held this coming year, but that the Conference consider having the course only once in two years."

The question was brought up by the Committee of the College whether the Ministers Course should be held once in two years. The Conference, however, decided to have it annually.

CCY, 1960, 151.

1960 Provincial representation on the MBBC Committee.

"To elect one representative into the College Committee from each province which has a membership of 2,000. The Conference elects a representative from a province if its membership is less than 2,000. Another representative is elected if there is a membership of over 2,000 and up to 4,000 and still another one is elected if there are more than 4,000 and up to 6,000 members. Three representatives must be elected from Manitoba because the Executive is to be close to the College."

CCY, 1960, 152-153, 157.

"Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, the members of the Bible College Committee are elected for one year only until the Constitution will be changed accordingly next year."

1960 Teaching of liberal arts program at MBBC.

"In view of our responsibility to help our young people in these demanding times to prepare themselves for life and in view of the fact that a general interest in liberal arts education has increased in our circles, and in view of the fact that it does not appear advisable for the Conference to gather large sums of money for the erection of a Liberal Arts School, would it not be in order to consider whether our present needs could be met by the services of MBBC without seriously changing its program. Enlargement of the ministry of the Bible College could be envisioned as follows:

1. That we arrange for a special Department of Liberal Arts to function under the administration of the School.
2. That the College administration and College faculty find the right procedure in counseling students about this Liberal Arts program.
3. The courses offered in Liberal Arts shall, as much as possible, be taught by the teachers of the College. And in any case only true believers are to instruct secular subjects in the program.
4. That students who come to College with senior matriculation be permitted to take six Liberal Arts courses in two years besides the appropriate Bible subjects. Students who have a Bible School education should be allowed to spend a year entirely in the Department of Liberal Arts.

Further Recommendations:

"1. That for the last two years of secular education our young people be directed to Tabor College. We are thinking especially of such students who are preparing for public ministry in the Kingdom of God. For those who plan to teach in Canadian schools, it is probably more profitable to complete their secular education in Canada.

2. That all provinces be represented on the Education Committee in the future."

CCY, 1960, 171-172.

1960 MBBC Day in our churches.

"The Bible College Alumni is asking for permission to have a College Day in the churches, when former College students in particular can further the College cause. If at all possible, this work should be done on the same Sunday, November 27, and in a way that fits in with the situation and possibilities of each individual church."

CCY, 1960, 213.

1961 Voting rights for MBBC alumni representative on College Board.

According to a resolution of the Conference, the alumni has a representative on the College Board, but this representative has no right to vote. This is not sufficient, and we recommend "that the Conference extend the right to vote to the alumni representative."

CCY, 1961, 175.

1961 Loan fund for needy students at MBBC.

"That a loan fund for needy students be established. Brethren who are able to lend their money without interest for a minimum period of three years are asked to support this fund. Students making use of this fund would begin to repay the money two months after they leave the School or graduate. The Committee responsible for this bursary fund should consist of three brethren: the Treasurer of the Conference, a member of the Board, and a member of the faculty. If in exceptional cases the necessity should arise, the Conference would guarantee the loan."

CCY, 1961, 175.

1961 Introduction of B.D. program at MBBC.

"That the Conference accept in principle that we introduce the B.D. program into our College as was resolved at the 1958 Conference (page 90). It is anticipated that 1962-63 will be the last year of the present program."

CCY, 1961, 175.

1961 Affiliation of MBBC (College of Arts division) with Waterloo Lutheran University.

"For students who do not have a university education, certain liberal arts subjects are given at the College. For quite some time efforts have been made to secure recognition for these subjects at a university. This possibility now exists through an affiliation of our College with the Lutheran University at Waterloo. This University makes a very suitable offer which would not change the nature of our College. Since, however, the university cannot affiliate with a Bible College, the name of our College must be changed to 'Mennonite Brethren Bible College and College of Arts.' We recommend that the Conference sanction this affiliation as well as the change of name."

CCY, 1961, 175.

1961 Erection of a new building (A.H. Unruh Memorial Hall) at MBBC in memory of Dr. A.H. Unruh.

"Since Brother A.H. Unruh, educator and founder of the M.B. Bible College, has been a blessing to all of our churches, we recommend a memorial to him in the form of a building designed to meet the needs of the College. The name of the building could be 'A.H. Unruh Memorial Hall.' In order to finance this project we ask for permission to raise a fund of about \$50,000.00. We would ask all former students and friends of Brother Unruh to contribute to this fund. The provincial committees under the leadership of the College Board could be responsible for soliciting the monies for this fund. We recommend that the Conference approve of this plan and that we begin to raise funds this year. Concrete plans of the building and financing could be presented to the Conference at its session next year."

CCY, 1961, 176.

1961 Scholarship for music students at MBBC.

"We recommend a scholarship of \$500.00 for two music students. This is to be an annual project for our choirs. For this purpose choir programs in the local churches could be offered on which collections could be held for this purpose. In order to make these contributions more or less equal, the following categories are suggested:

Choirs of 15 singers or less	\$ 6.00
Choirs of 15 - 25 singers.....	12.00
Choirs of 25 singers and over.....	20.00

The student qualifying for this scholarship is to be recommended by the College staff and by the Executive of the Provincial Conference. The scholarship fund is kept in the Canadian Conference treasury."

CCY, 1961, 221.

1961 Sale of McIntosh Avenue property belonging to MBBC.

"We recommend that the sale of the house on McIntosh Avenue and the purchase of the house on Talbot Avenue be approved."

CCY, 1961, 171.

1962 Plans for building (A.H. Unruh Memorial Hall) project at MBBC.

According to a resolution passed last year, the College Board should present architectural and financial plans for the building project. We recommend "that the prepared building plans be evaluated and if possible approved and that a way be found to complete the building project."

"This recommendation, with a clear explanation as to the necessity of the building project and the manner of financing it, is to be sent to the individual churches who are to inform the Secretary of the Conference of their decision by January 1, 1963. Two-thirds of the votes cast at the church meetings (*Gemeindestunden*) are required for a decision. (See *Conference Yearbook* for 1960, p. 153). A building plan is to be included in the circular sent to the churches."

CCY, 1962, 171, 172.

1963 Appointment of J.H. Quiring as President of MBBC.

"We request that the Conference ratify the appointment of Brother J.H. Quiring as President of the College."

CCY, 1963, 48.

1963 Assumption of mortgage on McIntosh House (MBBC) property by Board of Trustees.

"That the Board of Trustees assume the mortgage on the McIntosh House and that the funds be turned back into the College building fund."

CCY, 1963, 48.

1963 MBBC Sunday in our churches.

"At the instigation of the Alumni, we request that this year each church again observe College Sunday, for which occasion we recommend that Alumni members cooperate in planning with the church. We suggest the third Sunday in November as College Sunday."

CCY, 1963, 48.

1963 MBBC building project.

"We express our thanks to the churches for ratifying the College building program. The Committee has agreed not to begin with construction until \$50,000.00 has been collected in cash or pledges. We request that the Conference aid us in completing this initial collection as soon as possible."

CCY, 1963, 48.

1964 Financing the MBBC building project.

"1. That the following plan for paying the building debt be adopted:

- a) \$15,000 a year, from the \$1 levy for the building fund. Our Education Board is to send detailed information concerning our schools to the churches.
- b) \$6,000 a year, from the Endowment Fund for a period of five years.

- c) \$7,000 a year from rent income provided that the building debt be paid out of the Conference treasury.

That the Board of Trustees be permitted to borrow \$180,000.00 to complete the building project."

The question was asked whether the Education Endowment Fund of \$60,000 which was transferred to us from the General Fund of the U.S.A. was previously discussed at the Canadian Conference. Brother C.C. Warkentin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Conference, said with reference to this money that the Canadian Conference has the right of administering it.

CCY, 1964, 75-76.

1965 Expansion of the MBBC building project.

"That the College Board be allowed to plan for the expansion of the physical plant provided that this does not necessitate an increase in Conference levy."

CCY, 1965, 129.

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates an amendment approved by the Convention.

1966 Appointment of Interim Administrative Committee at MBBC.

"That the Conference approve the appointment of the Interim-Committee, consisting of the Brethren David Ewert (Chairman), J.A. Toews, and H.H. Voth to carry on the administrative duties of the President for the year 1966-67."

CCY, 1966, 135.

1966 Conference loan fund to assist teachers at MBBC for study purposes.

"The Board requests the right to borrow from the Conference treasury up to \$6,000.00 at current bank rate to assist teachers who have accepted a call to teach at the College and are at this time studying in preparation for His service."

CCY, 1966, 135.

1967 Conference support for renewed commitment to the purpose of MBBC and College of Arts.

"That this Conference clearly indicate its support of the renewed commitment to the purpose of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and College of Arts as outlined in the report of the President-elect."

CCY, 1967, 76.

1967 Appointment of Victor Adrian as President of MBBC.

"That the Board's appointment of Brother Victor Adrian as President of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College be confirmed by the Conference."

CCY, 1967, 76.

1967 Further planning for building project at MBBC.

"That this Conference permit the Board of Higher Education to present building plans for a College Girls Dormitory and Dining Hall to the Council of Boards during the course of the next year and then to the churches for final approval."

CCY, 1967, 76-77.

1967 B.D. program at MBBC.

"That the Conference encourage the faculty of MBBC to do as well as possible in the B.D. program offered at the College at the present time." CCY, 1967, 77.

1969 Appointment of Herb Giesbrecht as Conference Archivist.

"We recommend that Herb Giesbrecht, College Librarian, be appointed Archivist for the Canadian Conference, to spend a quarter of his time in this work."

CCY, 1969, 83.

1969 Affiliation of MBBC with the University of Winnipeg.

"That the Mennonite Brethren College of Arts be given the right to continue its discussions with the University of Winnipeg to complete the affiliation

relationship."

CCY, 1969, 83.

1969 Appointment of Peter Hamm to MBBC faculty.

"We recommend the appointment of Brother Peter Hamm, India, to serve on the College faculty, largely in the field of missions to begin in the Fall, 1970."

CCY, 1969, 83.

1969 Addition of College Alumni member to MBBC Committee.

"That a member of the MBBC Alumni, as designated by the Alumni Association, be added as a voting member to the MBBC Committee as constituted by the Board of Higher Education."

CCY, 1969, 89.

1969 Building project at MBBC.

"1. Since the Conference in 1965 and again in 1967 approved further planning for a building program, and since we were allowed to expand our physical plant provided this not necessitate an increase in the Conference levy, we recommend that we proceed immediately with the building program (as outlined in Exhibit D).

2. We recommend that two-thirds majority of those voting in the churches be required for the approval of the Building Program."

CCY, 1969, 83, 89.

1970 Postponement of building project at MBBC.

"We recommend the postponement of the MBBC building project until a more favorable economic climate exists, and that with the acceptance of the postponement of the MBBC building project, the approximate \$6,500 expenditures incurred thus far in this project be borne by the Conference."

CCY, 1970, 115.

1970 Renovation of Ebenezer Hall at MBBC.

"That the Council of Boards approve a \$30,000 renovation of Ebenezer Hall using already available funds."

CCY, 1970, 115.

Editorial note: The same resolution appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1971.

1971 Phasing out of B.D. program at MBBC.

"That the B.D. program be phased out at MBBC."

CCY, 1971, 66.

1971 Ratification of "core curriculum" at MBBC.

"That the Conference ratify the 'core curriculum' as spelled out in the President's report."

CCY, 1971, 66.

1971 Budget for Conference Archivist.

"That \$500 per year be budgeted for the next two years to cover expenses incurred by the Archivist."

CCY, 1971, 66.

1971 Commission to study the future of post-graduate theological training.

"That a Commission be appointed to study the future of post-graduate theological training in terms of:

- a) A cooperative arrangement with the Fresno Seminary (through U.S. area Conference).
- b) A transdenominational or cluster Seminary.
- c) Other possibilities.

That the appointment of this Commission be the joint responsibility of the Board of Higher Education and the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns."

CCY, 1971, 66.

1973 Future role of MBBC.

"That the Conference ratify the 'core curriculum' as spelled out in the President's report." See *Conference Yearbook* for 1971, page 66, for the report itself.

CCY, 1973, 20-21, 34.

1973 Board of Higher Education to handle matters pertaining to Canadian Seminary students.

"That the Board of Higher Education be charged with the responsibility of handling all necessary matters relating to the Canadian Seminary students."

CCY, 1973, 31.

1973 Conference Archivist.

"That in future the Archivist be responsible to the Board of Higher Education."

CCY, 1973, 31,35.

1976 Purchase of Mighton Avenue Apartments for MBBC.

"That the Conference ratify the purchase of the Mighton Apartments for \$156,000."

CCY, 1976, 84.

1976 Sale of McIntosh Avenue property at MBBC.

"That the McIntosh residence be sold and the proceeds used to reduce the second mortgage on the Mighton Apartments."

CCY, 1976, 84.

1976 Establishment of a Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Canada at MBBC.

"That a Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies in Canada be established at

the College."

CCY, 1976, 84.

1976 Establishment of a Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of Canada.

"That a Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of Canada be established."

CCY, 1976, 84.

1977 Purchase of Henderson Highway property for MBBC.

"That the Conference purchase the two houses on Henderson Highway, numbers 85 and 95, for \$38,000."

CCY, 1977, 95.

1977 Financing of multi-purpose building project at MBBC.

"That the Conference authorize the Board to collect funds for the construction of the multi-purpose building (Phase 1, Stage [A]) costing \$500,000 (80% special donation and 20% Conference grant), including furnishing and financing, subject to the following conditions.

2.1 - That 80% or \$400,000 be collected on a voluntary basis; 40% or \$200,000 in cash and 40% or \$200,000 in pledges before construction begins. The pledges are to be realized over a three-year period.

- That the proposal be sent to the churches for a vote.

- That the proposal be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast. The vote is to be taken by September 30, 1977.

2.2 - If the conditions of 2.1 are met, the Board of Higher Education be authorized to proceed with construction.

2.3 - That the 20% Conference grant or \$100,000 be made available after the approval for construction to begin has been granted.

2.4 - If the conditions are not met, then the proposal for a new building be presented to the Convention in 1978."

CCY, 1977,95-96, 104.

1979 Possible government funding of program at MBBC.

"1. That the autonomy of the school (academic program, faculty appointments, student admissions, etc.) be kept intact.

2. That such grants not create a functional dependence upon government funds so that withdrawal of such grants or refusal to accept them would jeopardize our continued operation and viability."

CCY, 1979,46.

1981 Periodic institutional evaluation of MBBC.

"That a comprehensive institutional evaluation of MBBC be conducted periodically, every 5 to 8 years, and that major recommendations for institutional improvement derived from such an evaluation be included in the Board's report to the Conference."

CCY, 1981, 156.

1982 Appointment of Dr. David Ewert as President of MBBC.

"That we affirm the appointment of Dr. David Ewert to the presidency of MBBC."

CCY, 1982, 73.

1983 New building project at MBBC.

"That the construction of a three-level building, located between the A.H. Unruh Building and Riverton Hall, to provide for a new kitchen/dining facility and office space be approved subject to ratification by the churches of our Conference by November 1, 1983, and continue with this on the basis of an information packet, including the results of a financial impact study undertaken by a Joint Committee of the Board of Management and Board of Higher Education."

CCY, 1983, 61.

1983 Lease agreement for Talbot property at MBBC.

"That the offer of a lease agreement for the 209 Talbot Avenue apartments with an investment group of Winnipeg brethren be accepted."

CCY, 1983, 61.

1983 Conversion of Riverton Hall into dormitory for single students at MBBC.

"That Riverton Hall be converted into a dorm for single students."

CCY, 1983, 61.

1983 Financing strategy for new building project at MBBC.

"That the financing strategy for this project include the following:

1. A long-term loan from the General Conference Board of Trustees to be amortized by a lease agreement with the GCBT for office space\$320,000.00
2. A long-term loan from the GCBT to be amortized by college operations of the new facilities190,000.00
3. Cash to be received before ground breaking250,000.00
4. Pledges to be realized over a three-year period..... 115,000.00
- TOTAL\$875,000.00"

CCY, 1983, 61-62.

1984 Affirmation of MBBC "vision statement."

"That the 'vision statement' of MBBC be affirmed."

CCY, 1984, 68.

1984 Housing needs at MBBC.

"That the Board of Higher Education be authorized to meet the housing needs of MBBC at their discretion with the provision that:

1. Any project undertaken:
 - a) Will not affect the Conference capital fund;
 - b) Will not result in an increase in the operating budget i.e. will not affect conference contributions, either by grant or donations;

c) Will not result in a general solicitation of funds

2. In the event that this becomes a building project, the plans and funding strategy will be submitted to the Executive of the Board of Management for approval, and submitted to the churches for information."

CCY, 1984, 68-69.

1984 Completion of a student centre at MBBC.

"That MBBC be allowed to proceed with the completion of the basement of the new building for the purposes of a student centre at a cost estimated to be \$55,000.

1. The costs be covered by:

- a) \$10,000 from the 1984-85 capital budget
- b) \$8,000 from student projects
- c) \$10,000 from student labour
- d) \$10,000 from donations in kind, and building materials and furnishings, to be secured before construction begins
- e) \$17,000 from individuals who have already indicated an interest/intent to contribute to this project, to be secured before construction begins

2. It is further understood that:

- a) No general solicitation will take place;
- b) Construction will begin when plans have been approved by the Executive of the Board of Management."

CCY, 1984, 69.

1984 Advanced Seminary standing for studies at MBBC.

"That the Board be authorized to engage in exploratory discussions with the Seminary regarding advanced standing for study at MBBC."

CCY, 1984, 70.

1985 Seminary-approved courses at MBBC.

"That the arrangements for offering Seminary-approved courses at MBBC be formalized by designating selected courses as graduate offerings."

CCY, 1985, 110 (also 18).

1987 Appointment of Dr. James Pankratz as President of MBBC.

"That we ratify the appointment of Dr. James Pankratz as President of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College to go into effect in 1988."

CCY, 1987, 133.

1987 Approval of new gymnasium building project at MBBC.

"The Board of Higher Education recommends to the Conference the approval of the gymnasium proposal:

1. Subject to an affirmative vote to ratify the project by the churches of the Conference (this vote to be taken before November 1, 1987).
2. Subject to receipt of cash and/or pledges from individuals for at least \$550,000.
3. Subject to receipt of cash and/or pledges to cover the projected three-year operational needs, i.e. \$120,000."

CCY, 1987, 133.

1988 Designation of November 6, 1988 as Laval Bible Institute (IBL) Sunday.

"That we designate November 6, 1988 as IBL (Laval Bible Institute) Sunday."

CCY, 1988, 146.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (formerly BOARD OF TRUSTEES).

1961 Member levy for an English language family paper.

"That we introduce a levy of \$1 per member for an English family paper, and that every family receive this paper free for one year."

CCY, 1961, 28-29.

1961 Payment of shareholders of Christian Press.

"That the Board of Trustees make a loan and pay the shareholders of the Christian Press.

That the sum for the payment of the shares be paid from the profits of the Christian Press in the course of 5 or more years."

CCY, 1961, 229.

1962 Board of Trustees to accept Trust Fund loans at rate of four percent.

See under BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

1962 Levy to pay for loan for Christian Press.

"The Board of Trustees and the Publications Committee recommend a levy of \$2.50 per member, half of which is to cover the loan for the Christian Press and the other half is to subsidize the *M.B. Herald*."

CCY, 1962, 235.

1963 Purchase and sale of Conference property.

"That all business transaction, such as purchases and sale of Conference property or the completion of building contracts, should be carried out by the Committees concerned only after consultation and cooperation with the Board of Trustees."

(See Article IX, D, page 22, *Charter and By-Laws*)

CCY, 1963, 127.

1964 Collecting funds within our Conference.

Request from North Saskatchewan to allow churches to apply their own method of collecting Conference funds, that is, of using the budgetary system. This mode of giving is applied in some churches already. The Reference and Counsel believes that churches ought to have perfect freedom in the collecting of funds; however, in order to help the churches in the matter of giving for the Lord and for the purpose of giving an insight regarding the giving and distribution of Conference funds, the Reference and Counsel recommends "the appointment of a Commission which is to study the matter of giving in our Conference and in what proportion to each other our funds are distributed in the various branches of missionary activity. The Board of Reference and Counsel is to appoint this Commission and to give it directives as to the task it is to perform."

CCY, 1964, 12-13.

1964 Appointment of a Commission to investigate methods of collecting monies within our Conference.

"Suggested areas of investigation:

1. The methods of soliciting funds in our churches--offerings or budget plan, etc.
2. The percentage of our monies channelled into other missions.
3. The proportion of monies designated to the various branches of our work under a budget plan.
4. The amount of money received by new groups who solicit one offering from the churches of the Conference for church building.
5. How much money the established churches spend on new church buildings of their own.
6. A church building fund on a Canada-wide basis.
7. Monies spent for administration.
8. Investigation of all possible areas such as schools, old folks homes, etc."

CCY, 1964, 125.

1965 Conference annuities for financing capital projects.

"In view of the expansion of Conference activities, of the increased cost in capital construction, of the continual demands for capital funds in mission work, of the inadequacy of past methods of financing to meet present expansion, and in view of the danger that the present areas of work might have to be restricted, we recommend that the Conference:

1. Approve the annuity method for financing capital projects.
2. Authorize the Board of Trustees to arrange the necessary changes in the charter to enable the implementation of this program.
3. Authorize the Board of Trustees to arrange a contract with a Trust or Insurance Company until the necessary amendment to the charter becomes effective."

CCY, 1965, 76.

1965 Financial Needs Study Commission.

The CRC recommends to the Conference "that this Commission continue to work under the direction of the Committee of Reference and Counsel during the coming year and that the Commission be permitted to meet once during this time at the expense of the Conference."

CCY, 1965, 41.

1965 Conference inventory at Christian Press.

"That the inventory of stocks be given the Christian Press and that in future the Christian Press management be responsible for inventory and for keeping the Committees informed as to stocks on hand."

CCY, 1965, 76.

1966 Membership in the Board of Trustees (now Board of Management).

"That the Canadian members on the General Conference Board of Trustees be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Conference, that the chairman of the Canadian Board of Trustees be an ex-officio member on the General Conference Board of Trustees, and that we recommend this to

the General Conference, Board of Trustees."

CCY, 1966, 59-60.

1966 Air travel fares for Canadian Conference Committee/Board members.

"That economy air fares be paid for by the Conference for Committee members where overnight train travel is not available. Maximum of two trips per year; any trips over the maximum would have to be approved by the Conference Executive. Committee members having their trips paid for by the Conference should be present for all Committee sessions."

CCY, 1966, 59-60.

1967 Local church budgets.

"That local churches be given as much autonomy as possible in gathering their contributions in order that those churches operating on budget systems and making their contributions by this method rather than by taking the designated offerings may feel that they operate within the wishes of the Conference."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Canadian Conference Treasurer to serve also as Assistant Treasurer of Board of Missions/Services.

"That upon the request of the Board of Missions and Services the Treasurer of the Canadian Conference be appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions and Services."

CCY, 1967, 25.

1967 Combining different Conference treasuries under one treasurer.

"That the new Board of Management be charged with the responsibility of looking into the feasibility of combining the different Conference treasuries under one treasurer."

CCY, 1967, 52.

1969 The study of methods of collecting monies for Conference projects.

"That the Board of Management is to study the question of the method of collecting funds to finance Conference projects, and to report at the winter session of the Council of Boards."

CCY, 1969, 127.

1969 Salaries for Canadian Conference workers.

"All basic salaries for Conference workers in Canada are to be equalized according to the College schedule which calls for a starting salary of \$6,500 plus regular annual increment of \$300. A five percent increase is to be added to salaries for the year 1970-71, in order to give the Board time to study the matter of salaries, group insurance, and pension plans for Conference workers and pastors. The study report is to be presented to the Council of Boards in 1970-71 for further action."

CCY, 1969, 128.

1971 Cost of living increment for Canadian Conference workers.

"That a three percent increase, based on the basic individual salary, be granted to Conference workers. This adjustment to be effective June 1, 1971."

CCY, 1971, 71.

1971 Pension and Group Insurance Plans for Conference workers.

"1. That the Group Life Accidental Death Indemnities and Long Term Disabilities be implemented immediately. The total annual cost to the Conference now will be approximately \$1,200.00.

2. That the Pension Plan be implemented immediately."

CCY, 1971, 71-72.

1971 Promotion of stewardship in Conference.

"Board is to promote stewardship in the Conference."

CCY, 1971, 72.

1973 Purchase of facilities for local church planting.

"The Board of Evangelism in consultation with the Board of Management recommends that up to \$25,000 maximum (or fifty percent) be allocated for the purchase and preparation of facilities for local church planting."

CCY, 1973, 55.

1975 Canadian Conference assessment (levies).

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the benefits that have accrued to us by this long-term experiment of assessing ourselves on the basis of membership for the support of our Conference ministries.

2. That we continue our present method of calculating our budgetary requirements on the basis of membership but refrain from the use of such terms as 'levy,' 'assessment,' etc. that imply compulsion.

3. That where and when it seems advantageous the Conference readjust the percentage of operational income anticipated from Conference grants and/or from special donations."

CCY, 1975, 14-15.

1976 Establishment of an endowment fund to finance the Seminary.

"Full support for the Seminary to become the responsibility of the General Conference.

1. A \$600,000 endowment fund for the Seminary shall be raised.

\$300,000 from Canada

\$300,000 from U.S.A.

Earnings to go to the Seminary subsidy."

In anticipation of the above recommendation, the Board of Management provided for information to the Canadian Conference in session in July, 1975 in Regina, Saskatchewan, the following proposal #4 (See page 97 of *Canadian Conference 1975 Yearbook*):

"That an Endowment Fund be established to assist in funding the Seminary

operations.

We propose initial establishment of the Endowment at the commencement of the second triennium at an amount of \$600,000 to be contributed equally by the Canadian and U.S. Areas at time of establishment. It is proposed that this initial fund be treated as a perpetual trust permitting the use of investment income only. Subsequent contributions to this Endowment Fund should be welcomed and solicited and should be used in accordance with the terms of trust upon which they are made. In the event of establishment of such an Endowment Fund, we would recommend that the Canadian Conference make its contribution from its available capital funds to a maximum of \$300,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis with the U.S. Area Conference."

Editorial note: The above resolution conflates several original motions.

CCY, 1976, 12-13.

1976 Salary schedules for Conference workers.

"In order to comply with the constitutional requirements of the Board of Management of '...providing salary schedules for Conference personnel' (Article E, Sec. 6), we recommend that the following information be supplied by the Conference Boards when submitting their proposed salary schedules:

1. The reference groups that are used to establish salary schedules.
2. Job descriptions for each class of employees or employee."

CCY, 1976, 107.

1976 Budgetary control and Conference Boards.

"In order to enable the Board of Management to carry out adequate budgetary control, we recommend that over-expenditures or reallocation of budgetary provision by any Board be allowed only upon application to and approval by the Board of Management for such changes and upon ratification by the Conference."

CCY, 1976, 107.

1976 Loan for purchase of Mighton Apartment for MBBC.

In order to facilitate the purchase of the Mighton Apartment for the MB Bible College, we recommend

"That the Conference authorize the Board of Management to make a loan of \$156,000 to facilitate the apartment purchase."

CCY, 1976, 107.

1977 Presentation of Board budgets at outset of Convention.

"That each Board bring its budget at the very outset of the Convention but that no action be taken on any budget until the final figure can be studied and then acted upon toward the end of the Convention."

CCY, 1977, 106.

1978 Reinstatement of mid-year meetings of Council of Boards.

"That the Council of Boards mid-year meeting be reinstated for the purpose of continuity and coordination of Conference programs. The meeting shall be held in Winnipeg."

CCY, 1978, 33.

1978 Canadian share of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary budget.

That because the General Conference norms will increase on account of additional Seminary funding, and because the General Conference norms are collected as part of the Canadian Conference budget, we recommend "that we remit the Canadian share of the General Conference Seminary budget in U.S. funds at the currency exchange rate prevailing when that budget is fixed." CCY, 1978, 33-34.

1979 Incorporation of a new Donor's Foundation (Fund).

1. That the Foundation be approved in principle with authority given to the Board of Management to proceed with incorporation and organization.

2. That the Provincial Conferences be invited to become Deemed Members of the Foundation.

3. That the Board of Management be authorized to solicit funds for a period of one year with the objective of raising approximately one million as a start-up fund for the Foundation.

4. That the Board of Management become the Interim Directors of the Foundation."

CCY, 1979, 36.

1979 Capital loan from Conference to Fellowship Bookcentre.

Regarding the loan to the Fellowship Bookcentre:

"1. That the Conference authorize a working capital loan to Fellowship Bookcentre for working capital to the amount but not to exceed \$30,000.

2. That the Conference, through the budget of the Board of Publications, annually absorb the Conference share of any operating deficit or profit of Fellowship Bookcentre."

CCY, 1979, 36-37.

1980 Fundraising for the Donor's Foundation (Fund).

"That the preliminary fundraising campaign for the Donors Foundation be extended for one year."

CCY, 1980, 55.

1980 Acceptance of overall Conference budget and funding formula.

"That the total budget and the funding formula be accepted."

CCY, 1980, 55.

1981 Transference of Donor's Fund from Board of Management to General Conference Board of Trustees.

"That the Board of Management requests approval by the Convention to transfer the Donors Fund from the Board of Management to the Trustees of the General Conference Board of Trustees (Canadian Section, Board of Stewards)."

CCY, 1981, 20.

1982 Reduction of personnel employed by Canadian Conference.

"That the numbers of personnel employed by the Canadian Conference of

M.B. Churches be reduced (and/or held to a minimum) wherever possible."
CCY, 1982, 50.

1982 New terminology for Conference support: "Conference Ministries Support."

"That the terms 'Conference dues, norms, or levies (*Steuer*)' be replaced with the more positive term of 'Conference Ministries Support.'"

CCY, 1982, 50.

1982 Statements to churches on "Conference Ministries Support" participation.

"That a statement on Conference Ministries Support be forwarded to each church directly or through the Provincial Treasurer. This shall take place on a monthly basis."

CCY, 1982, 50.

1982 Implementation of salary changes for Conference workers.

"That any salary changes for each fiscal year should be implemented after Conference acceptance of its budget--not before. All changes then to be adjusted retroactively."

CCY, 1982, 50.

1982 Notice of amendment of Constitution in respect to Board of Management.

"That the Constitution of the Canadian Conference be amended to exclude the assets and liabilities administered by the Board of Stewards of the General Conference from the responsibilities of the Board of Management of the Canadian Conference."

Upon motion, this notice of amendment was approved for distribution and will be sent to the churches for an official vote with an adequate preamble as to the reason for such a change.

CCY, 1982, 50.

1983 Calculation of "Conference Ministries Support" amount per member.

"For the purpose of calculating this year's Conference Ministries Support the Board of Management recommends that for Conference Ministries Support funding purposes we utilize a base membership of about 20,000 instead of about 23,000, resulting in a tentative Conference Ministries Support of \$75.00 per member, subject to the review and approval of the budget of the individual Boards by the delegates."

CCY, 1983, 38.

1983 Special appeals as source of Conference revenue.

"The Board of Management recommends continued use of the special appeals as a source of revenue for Conference Boards provided all projects and programs for expenditure receive approval from the Convention and that the Board study the long term impact of special appeals and report to our Convention next year."

CCY, 1983, 39.

1983 Commission to study church involvement in support of Conference budget.

"That the Executive Committee be responsible to appoint a Commission to study the presentation of appropriate recommendations on how we can involve our churches in facing the challenges of meeting our growing financial needs as a Brotherhood."

CCY, 1983, 38.

1983 Special offering to cover Conference budget deficit.

"That we take an offering at this Convention and in our local churches to raise funds to liquidate our present deficit of the past fiscal year."

CCY, 1983, 39-40.

1983 Reduction of Conference levy.

"That the coming year's per member fee for Conference Ministries Support be calculated at \$70.00."

CCY, 1983, 110.

1984 Calculation of per member amount of the Conference Ministries Support Fund.

"We recommend the following method for calculating the per member Conference Ministries Support fund (C.M.S.F.) by adding:

1. The Conference approved C.M.S. budget.
2. Plus an anticipated shortfall.
3. Plus the previous year's deficit, if any.
4. Divide the sum of 1, 2, and 3 by the full current membership.

$$\text{C.M.S. per member} = \frac{1 + 2 + 3}{4}$$

Example:

$$1984-85 = \frac{1,580,590 + 214,328* + 69,022}{23,753} = 78.91$$

*Result of C.M.S. budget x 5 year average shortfall."

CCY, 1984, 59.

1984 Salary increases for Conference employees.

"We recommend a general increase of salaries of 7.3% for the year 1984/85 and that adjustments and inequities between employees be corrected in the fiscal year 1985/86."

CCY, 1984, 59.

1984 Establishment of a Personnel Compensation Commission to formulate equitable salary guidelines for Conference employees.

"Board of Management Proposal:

1. A Personnel Compensation Commission be established as a standing committee of the Board of Management and be organized as follows:

3 members of the Board of Management

1 member of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns

1 member of the Conference Executive

2. Each Board elect or appoint a person to present their employee salary requirements to the Personnel Commission on an individual basis.

3. The Personnel Commission determine the general salary and compensation structure for all conference employees, including new employees prior to their appointment.

4. The Personnel Commission present their salary schedules to the Board of Management for budget purposes and for final acceptance by the Conference.

5. The Personnel Commission together with the various Board representatives establish equitable guidelines and programs, etc., for all Conference positions during the 1985/86 Council of Boards meeting, to be used to determine 1985/86 salaries as well as future Personnel Commission's guidelines."

CCY, 1984, 60.

1985 Elimination of the 1984-85 Conference deficit.

Recommendations:

"1. The Board of Management together with the members of the Council of Boards will organize into provincial committees and undertake to solicit funds to liquidate the deficit of \$158,280.00 by appealing to individuals in the Conference.

2. The Board of Management together with the Council of Boards will promote the Conference programs in the constituency and solicit the support of pastors, moderators and treasurers of congregations for C.M.S. funding."

CCY, 1985, 104.

1985 Conference employees salaries grid and employment benefits.

Personnel Compensation Committee (P.C.C.)

Preamble to:

1. Group Structure

The PCC has considered each Conference position (with the exception of College teaching staff) and has grouped these positions, based on:

- a) Level of responsibility in our Conference
- b) As perceived in the secular world

2. Grid Program

The basis of the grid structure was derived from present Conference salaries, the College grid and current prevailing competitive wage levels.

Since the majority of the employees hired for positions in Groups I, II, and III would be experienced people, the grid should be short, yet not automatic. Each Board should continue to evaluate their employees and therefore should review these employee's annual performance, and upon their recommendation to the PCC be moved to the next step on the grid.

"The Board of Management recommends that this report be accepted as Conference policy.

Editorial note: For details of salary grid see Canadian Conference Yearbook for 1985.

Conditions of Employment

1. Car Allowance

Employees using their own vehicles for Conference business will be compensated per kilometre. This rate will be established annually by the PCC.

2. Hiring Qualifications

We assume that at all times Boards will seek to employ only qualified personnel. Personnel with no experience would be hired for a probationary period and their starting salary would be lower than the base.

3. Grid Placement

We recommend that new employees with experience be placed no higher than at mid range of the grid.

4. Employment Opportunities

Vacant Conference positions should be advertised in appropriate Conference periodicals. Due to the sensitive nature of some positions the appropriate methods of recruitment should be used.

5. New Conference Positions

When new conference positions are created the relevant board, in consultation with the PCC, will determine the job category on the Conference grid.

6. Salaries for New Employees

Salaries and conditions of employment for all new employees should be determined by consultation between the appropriate board and the PCC prior to their appointment.

7. Increment Changes

Boards are responsible to annually review and recommend to the PCC any increment changes.

8. Boards may recommend to the PCC to forego salary increases and/or increment implementations in any given year.

9. The impact of inflation will be considered annually to determine the dollar value of the grid.

Canadian Conference Employment Benefits

Pension Plan:

Participation -- 50% employer / 50% employee

Contribution -- 5% of employees salary less his CPR contribution

Group Insurance:

Life Insurance 50,000.00

Accidental Death and Dismemberment 50,000.00

Participation 50/50

Long Term Disability -- 2/3 of salary to a maximum of 2,000.00 per month.

Participation -- employee

Extended Health Care: employee & dependants

Drug Expenses 80% less deductible
Supplementary Hospital 80% less deductible
Health Care individual limits
Participation 50/50

Dental Health: employee & dependants
Preventative 80% after deductible subject to limits
Restorative 50% after deductible subject to limits
Orthodontic 50% after deductible subject to limits
Participation 50/50

Vacations:

Group IV Employees

2 weeks after 12 full months of employment
3 weeks after the 4th year to the 14th year
4 weeks after the 15th year and thereafter

Groups I, II, III

3 weeks after 12 full months of employment
4 weeks for the 4th year and thereafter

Note: The transfer of years of service from a church or conference-related position will be considered."

CCY, 1985, 105-107.

1987 Approval of a \$1 per member fee to raise funds for the special Centennial Celebration at the 1988 Convention.

"1. That the Canadian Conference approve a \$1 per member funding to raise \$25,000 for the special Centennial Celebration at our 1988 (77th) Canadian Convention in Winkler, Manitoba.

2. That the Centennial Committee be given the responsibility to contact each church for its contribution."

CCY, 1987, 141-142.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS (formerly called PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE) AND PUBLICATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

1960 and on. Publication of the *Youth Worker*

See under YOUTH COMMITTEE and under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1960 Election of a temporary Publications Committee.

See under BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

1960 Compilation of resolutions and decisions of the Canadian Conference.

See under BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

1960-1962 Publication of the *Sunday School Instructor*.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1961 Publication of biographies of Conference leaders.

"1. That we publish the biography of the late Brother A.H. Unruh written by Brother H.P. Toews.

2. That all work in publications begun by this Committee be continued as far as possible by the new Committee:

a) Biography of Brother F.C. Thiessen written by Brother William Neufeld;

b) Biography of Brother H.S. Voth written by Brother J.H. Quiring;

c) *M.B. Youth Handbook* written by Brother Walter Wiebe."

CCY, 1961, 197.

1961 Election of Provincial Conference representatives.

"Members of the Publications Committee shall be elected as follows:

1. One representative for every 2,000 members of a province.

2. One representative for every fractional part of a provincial membership

between 2,000 and 4,000, and between 4,000 and 6,000.

3. The Conference will elect one representative from provinces with a membership of less than 2,000.

4. Since the Executive will have to reside in Manitoba, three members shall be elected from this province.

The Publications Committee shall be established as a standing committee. The particulars such as duties of officers, meetings of the Committee, etc. are established in the Constitution for the Publications Committee."

CCY, 1961, 205.

1961 Constitution of the new Board of Publications.

"The constitution for the new Publications Board was read, discussed, and accepted."

CCY, 1961, 223-224.

1961 Canadian Conference to relinquish its share in the Publishing House, Hillsboro, KS..

Since the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Canadian Conference recommends two independent publishing houses of the areas, one in Hillsboro, Kansas, and one in Winnipeg, and since the Canadian Conference has accepted this recommendation, the Conference will have to relinquish its share in the Hillsboro Publishing House. For this reason the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Canadian Conference recommends "that the Conference renounce its share in the Publishing House in Hillsboro and recognize it as property of the U.S.A. area in the future. In this way each area would have its own publishing house."

CCY, 1961, 207.

1961 Proposed publication of an English-language family periodical.

"We recommend the publication of an English family paper. We recommend, however, that we wait with the publication of such a paper until the Area Conference of U.S.A. has made a decision regarding the recommendation of the General Conference."

CCY, 1961, 208.

1962 Publishing the *Mennonitische Rundschau*.

"That the publication of the *Mennonitische Rundschau* be continued."

CCY, 1962, 204.

1962 Distribution of Christian literature in foreign countries.

"That \$2,000.00 be allocated for the distribution of Christian literature in foreign countries."

CCY, 1962, 204.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-books for 1964, 1965, 1969.

1962 Discontinuance of publication of the *Sunday School Instructor*.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1962 In support of the publication of the *Canadian Mennonite*.

"That we support the work of publication of the *Canadian Mennonite* with prayer."

CCY, 1962, 221.

1962 Recommendations concerning the *Mennonite Brethren Herald*.

"That the publication of the *M.B. Herald* be continued.

That the *M.B. Herald* be permitted to continue to accept approved advertisements.

That the *M.B. Herald* be sent to every M.B. home in Canada as in the past year and that the churches continually revise their lists of addresses and send them to the *M.B. Herald*."

CCY, 1962, 204.

1963 Continuance of the *Mennonitische Rundschau*.

"That *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* be continued as our German family

paper."

CCY, 1963, 115.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-books for 1964 and 1969.

1963 Continuance of the *Mennonite Brethren Herald*.

"That the *M.B. Herald* again be issued weekly during the next year."

CCY, 1963, 115, 117.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-books for 1964 and 1965.

1963 Conference members to receive either the *M.B. Herald* or the *Mennonitische Rundschau*.

"That members be given the choice of receiving, Conference-paid, either the *M.B. Herald* or the *Mennonitische Rundschau* per home. Where both publications are required, the second must be paid for at the current subscription rate."

This recommendation was changed to read:

"That the method of financing the *Rundschau* and the *M.B. Herald* continue to follow the same pattern as last year."

CCY, 1963, 115-116, 117.

1963 Paying for the *M.B. Herald*.

"That the Conference approve the use of \$11,176 from the profits of the Christian Press to pay for the cost of producing the *M.B. Herald* in 1962."

CCY, 1963, 116.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1969.

1963 *M.B. Herald* mailing lists.

"That the mailing lists be kept up to date by the individual churches."

CCY, 1963, 116.

1963 Paying for all Conference publications.

"That the cost of all Conference publications printed by the Christian Press be paid by the Conference treasury on an agreed-price basis."

CCY, 1963, 116.

1963 Distribution of Christian Press profits.

"That the Conference determine the distribution of the profits of the Christian Press at the end of each fiscal year."

CCY, 1963, 116.

1964 Distribution and financing of the booklet *Parliamentary Rules in our Brotherhood*.

The Reference and Counsel recommends "that the expenses involved with the producing and printing of the booklet be taken care of by the Canadian Conference treasury and that the booklet be distributed free of charge and in such a way that there be given one pamphlet to every five members. In order to prevent unnecessary mailing expenses, the required number of booklets are to be given to the churches represented here at the Conference."

CCY, 1964, 12.

1964 Dissolution of Christian Press as a company and incorporation within the Conference.

"That the Christian Press Limited be dissolved as a separate company and absorbed into the Conference corporation itself as a department of the Conference; that we register the Christian Press name and operate the company under the name of the Christian Press."

CCY, 1964, 84.

1965 Christian Press management to be responsible for inventory of stock in future.

"That the inventory of stocks be given the Christian Press and that in future the Christian Press management be responsible for inventory and for keeping

the Committees informed as to stocks on hand.

This would have the following effects:

1. Give Christian Press a better working capital.
2. Provide stricter control of Conference inventory.
3. Place responsibility for sales promotion of printed material with the management of the Press.
4. Assure better control of outside purchases (e.g. S.S.)."

CCY, 1965, 76.

1965 Continued publication of *Mennonite Brethren Herald*.

"That the *M.B. Herald*, our family paper, be published for an indefinite period of time, and that the contract price to the Christian Press for publishing and distributing the *Herald* for the coming year be \$31,850."

CCY, 1965, 139.

1965 Capital investment loan to Christian Press.

"That a capital investment loan of \$15,000 be made to Christian Press to be spent at the discretion of the manager in consultation with the Publications Committee."

CCY, 1965, 139.

1965 Short-term loans by Christian Press.

"That the Christian Press be authorized to make interim short-term loans up to a ceiling of \$35,000.00 when occasion demands it for operational purposes only."

CCY, 1965, 139.

1966 Conference subsidy for *Mennonite Brethren Herald*.

We recommend "that a Conference grant of \$39,500.00 be approved to defray the publishing and distribution costs of the *M.B. Herald* for the 1966-67 fiscal year."

CCY, 1966, 145.

1966 Conference subsidy for *Mennonitische Rundschau*.

"That the Conference provide a subsidy of \$16,600.00 to cover the anticipated deficit of publishing and distributing the *Mennonitische Rundschau* for the 1966-67 fiscal year. (This includes \$2,000.00 for the distribution of literature to South America, included as a separate item last year.)"

CCY, 1966, 145.

1966 Disposal of surplus books and other stock.

"That the Conference grant permission to the Publications Committee to find ways and means for the disposal of accumulated surplus, 'undated' stocks of books and other items. Such methods could include drastically reduced prices; gifts to other countries (particularly some of the German books) etc., until stocks are reduced to a normal operating level."

CCY, 1966, 146.

1966 Conference publications (*Mennonitische Rundschau* or *Mennonite Brethren Herald*) to be sent free to Conference members.

Because we believe that every home in our Conference is entitled to receive free one of the two Conference papers, we recommend "that, on request, church members may receive the *Mennonitische Rundschau* free in lieu of the *M.B. Herald*. Such requests must be submitted through the local church; no refund of prepaid subscriptions will be given."

Editorial note: Similar recommendations approving Conference purchase of subscriptions to the *M.B. Herald* and the *Mennonitische Rundschau* appear in the *Conference Yearbooks* for 1967, 1969, and 1977-1987.

CCY, 1966, 146.

1967 Equipment purchases for Christian Press printshop.

"That the following equipment purchases be authorized:

1. One tape type-setting machine and tape perforation typewriter for immediate purposes.
2. One 18" offset press, typesetter, and accessories, as required."

CCY, 1967, 87.

1967 Encouragement to Conference Boards and churches to patronize Christian Press.

"That our Canadian Conference Boards, churches, and church groups be encouraged to patronize, as fully as feasible, our Conference printing department and bookstore, and that they cooperate in all possible ways to help in the distribution of surplus books and supplies, as this might apply to the Board's sphere of activity."

CCY, 1967, 87.

1967 Conference stance towards the proposed publication of a *History of Mennonites in Canada*.

"That the Conference go on record as encouraging the Manitoba and Ontario Historical Societies to publish the proposed *History of Mennonites in Canada* with the stipulation that the Conference assume no financial commitments in support of the project."

Editorial note: This resolution incorporates several statements and motions within one resolution.

CCY, 1967, 87.

1971 Merging of Faith and Life Bookstore and Christian Press Bookstore proposed.

The Board of Publications recommends "that in the interests of reducing overhead and better serving the Mennonite constituency, there be a merger of the Faith and Life and Christian Press Bookstores, operating initially from the present C.P. premises.

Such a merger would involve the following:

1. Each Bookstore would contribute an equal amount of stock valuation and operating capital.
2. The administration of the Bookstore would be conducted by a committee of eight, four appointed by each of the respective Boards of Publications and responsible to their respective Board.

- a) Four members of this Administrative Committee would be responsible for supervising business aspects of the Bookstore.
- b) Four members of this Administrative Committee would serve as resource persons in the selection of stock; each Conference would have the right of veto over any given item."

CCY, 1971, 49-50.

1973 Reports from Conference agencies in our Conference periodicals.

"That the Conference agencies more actively supply our periodicals with information relating to their ministries."

CCY, 1973, 61.

1973 Observer delegate from Board of Publications to meetings of the Mennonite Publishing Service.

"That the Board of Publications send an 'observer' to the meetings of the Mennonite Publishing Service."

CCY, 1973, 61.

1973 Board of Publications and the publishing of books.

"That the Board of Publications pursue a more active policy in the publishing of books. Initially this would mean proceeding on a limited scale, and then continue, depending on a review of sales and other objectives attained."

CCY, 1973, 61.

1973 An editorial assistant for the *Mennonite Brethren Herald*.

"That an editorial assistant be appointed for the *M.B. Herald*. This would take the form of a Christian Service Worker assignment, and be subject to review in one year."

CCY, 1973, 61.

1975 Cooperation with the U.S. Area Conference in respect to the publication of Conference periodicals.

In response to the assignment which the Area Publications Boards received from the 1972 General Conference Convention (see *General Conference Yearbook 1972*, pp. 61, 62) and in consideration of the report of a BCL-appointed Study Commission concerning the question of merging the periodicals of the Area Conferences, the Canadian Board of Publications recommends to the Conference:

"1. That we actively cooperate with the U.S. Brotherhood in the publication of our Conference periodicals, *The Christian Leader* and the *M.B. Herald*, with an openness to the possibility of an eventual merger of the two periodicals.

2. Such active cooperation would be for the next triennium, and would then constitute a practical basis upon which to plan what further action should then be taken.

3. Further, such active cooperation would include, at least, the following:

a) Reporting coverage for one another on major events or developments within the area conferences which should be communicated to both constituencies.

b) Providing copies of significant feature articles to one another.

c) Periodically joining together in preparation of special inserts (e.g. General Conference, Study Conferences, etc.)

d) Periodically cooperating to give coverage to various areas of our General Conference work and then over a period of time, acquainting readers within our total North America constituency, with the churches and the work of that total constituency.

e) The editorial staff of the two periodicals would meet at least once a year to discuss aims and philosophy and to plan concretely for specific cooperative ventures.

4. If through the experience of such cooperative work, it becomes evident that closer cooperation and merger would serve our Brotherhood, appropriate plans for such action can then be developed."

CCY, 1975, 63.

1976 *Youth Worker* to become a joint publication of the Canadian and U.S. Area Conferences.

See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1978 Use of mailing lists for our Conference periodicals by others.

Regarding the use of mailing lists for the *M.B. Herald* and *Die Mennonitische Rundschau*, it is recommended "that requests for the use of these lists require written authorization from the appropriate Provincial or Canadian Conference Executives before they will be released by the Christian Press."

CCY, 1978, 127.

1980 Microfilming, by University Microforms, of the *Mennonitische Rundschau*.

Whereas published copies of the *Mennonitische Rundschau* have historical significance and may be of value to educational institutions, and whereas University Microforms have expressed interest in microfilming the *Mennonitische Rundschau* and could give greater circulation to published issues of the *Mennonitische Rundschau*, the Board of Publications recommends:

"That the University Microforms be granted the rights to microfilm, photocopy, and distribute published copies of the *Mennonitische Rundschau*."

CCY, 1980, 23.

1980 Closure of the Fellowship Bookcentre.

Resolution by Fellowship Bookcentre Board to Mennonite Brethren Board of Publications and Department of Faith and Life Press.

"Whereas Fellowship Bookcentre has enjoyed nine years of effective operation under joint sponsorship of Mennonite Brethren and General Conference Conferences and, whereas the store has experienced increasing financial losses, the Board, after a careful review of the operation, has concluded that the cost of the operation has exceeded the value of the benefits gained by the two constituencies.

Further, it is the view of the Board that some of the present services can be provided through other avenues at a reduced cost. The Fellowship Bookcentre Board therefore recommends to the Mennonite Brethren Board of Publications

and the General Conference Department of Faith and Life Press that the Fellowship Bookcentre cease its operation by a date not later than August 31, 1983 (the end of the lease on 302 Kennedy Street). It is understood that every effort is to be made to minimize losses and to terminate the operation at an expedient time.

The Fellowship Bookcentre Board brings this resolution with deep regret, realizing that the closure of Fellowship Bookcentre represents losses both of opportunities to serve our people and of opportunities for meaningful association."

CCY, 1980, 24-25.

1980 Mennonite Brethren representatives on the Fellowship Bookcentre Board.

Whereas the procedures in phasing out a business operation are largely financial and concern the management of Conference assets, and whereas some continuity of Board members is required on the Fellowship Bookcentre Board, it is recommended:

"That during the period of phasing out the bookstore operation, the Mennonite Brethren representatives on the Fellowship Bookcentre Board be appointed from the Board of Publications and the Board of Management. It is understood that these appointments will be made from within each Board respectively."

CCY, 1980, 25.

1981 Employment of a Literature Coordinator for the Board of Publications.

"That the Board of Publications be authorized to hire a Literature Coordinator to develop a Book Publishing and Distribution Department."

CCY, 1981, 118.

1981 Budget increase for Board of Publications.

"That the proposed budget be increased by \$22,000.00 to facilitate the development of the Book Publishing and Distribution Department."

CCY, 1981, 118.

1982 Conference publication of books under name of Kindred Press (name of U.S. Area Board publisher).

"1. That we share the logo, 'Kindred Press' with the U.S. Conference so that we build a oneness within the publication process of the Mennonite Brethren.

2. That the book editors share manuscripts and help each other in decision making, work towards cooperative ventures even to the point of having joint publications.

3. That we develop a common Kindred Press catalogue of the U.S., Canada and the Board of Christian Literature publications, and for the present market these materials through the existing delivery systems."

CCY, 1982, 95-96.

1983 Displays and promotion materials at Canadian Conference Conventions.

"That at all future Conventions of the Canadian M.B. Conference only Conference-related agencies be asked to set up displays and promotion materials."

CCY, 1983, 109.

1984 Appointment of Gilbert Brandt as Literature Coordinator of Board of Publications.

"That the Convention ratify the appointment of Gilbert Brandt as Literature Coordinator of our Board of Publications."

CCY, 1984, 82.

1984 Transfer of our Conference book publishing operations and of our Literature Coordinator to the jurisdiction of the General Conference.

"That the Convention transfer the book publishing operation to the jurisdiction of the General Conference as agreed to by the Board of Christian Literature of the General Conference. This transfer includes the services of Brother Gilbert Brandt who then becomes an employee of BCL."

CCY, 1984, 82.

1984 Appointment of new editors for the *Mennonite Brethren Herald* and *Le Lien*.

"That the Convention ratify the appointment of:

1. Brother Herb Kopp as Editor of the *M.B. Herald* as of April 1, 1985.
2. Brother James Coggins as Assistant Editor of the *M.B. Herald* as of July 23, 1984.
3. Sister Claudette Leblanc as Editor of *Le Lien* as of May 1, 1984." CCY, 1984, 82.

BOARD OF REFERENCE AND COUNSEL.

See BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

See BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

See BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

CANADA INLAND MISSION

See under BOARD OF EVANGELISM.

CANADIAN MENNONITE RELIEF AND IMMIGRATION COUNCIL.

See also MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CANADA) AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Editorial note: The Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Council (CMRIC) transferred its work to MCC (Canada), and was itself dissolved, in

1964.

1960 Constitution in respect to CMRIC accepted by Conference.

"That the changed Constitution, already approved by the Government, be approved and accepted by the Conference."

CCY, 1960,208.

1960 Organization of the CMRIC.

"We recommend the election of five representatives by each Conference, one from each of the five provinces."

CCY, 1960, 208.

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the 1963 Conference Year-book.

1960 Collection of clothes in the churches.

"That clothes be collected in the churches."

CCY, 1960, 208.

1960 Assistance to world refugees.

"That collections of money be continued for assistance to world refugees."

CCY, 1960, 208.

1961 Continuation of relief offerings.

"That eight collections be held during the present Conference year and these be forwarded through the provincial organizations to the central organization in Saskatoon."

CCY, 1961, 231.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1963.

1961 In support of immigrants.

"To support immigration further by the request and acceptance of immigrants."

CCY, 1961, 231.

1961 In support of relief projects.

"To support special relief projects and to continue the collection of clothes and forward these to provincial clothes depots."

CCY, 1961, 231.

1962 Contributions to central treasury of CMRIC.

"To continue sending contributions to our central treasury in Saskatoon through the provincial committees."

CCY, 1962, 247.

1962 Promotion of F. H. Epp's *The Rescue and Resettlement of the Mennonites from Russia*.

"To help in the distribution and promotion of the sale of the book, *The Rescue and Resettlement of the Mennonites from Russia*, by Frank H. Epp."

CCY, 1962, 247.

1962 Day of prayer for reunification of separated families.

"To set aside Sunday, August 26, for special intercession on behalf of our people in Russia and the reunification of families separated during the war."

CCY, 1962, 247.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1963.

1963 Amalgamation of all Mennonite and Brethren in Christ relief organizations.

"To approve the amalgamation of all Mennonite and Brethren in Christ relief organizations into a Canadian Mennonite Council and to assist in the realization of this plan."

CCY, 1963, 56.

1963 Constitution of the newly-organized Canadian Mennonite Council.

See pp. 56-58 of *Canadian Conference Yearbook* for 1963 for details of this Constitution.

1964 Transfer of work of CMRIC to MCC (Canada).

"That CMRIC be retained in its present membership until the dissolution of it is completed.

That all relief contributions, general and designated, in future be sent through the provincial relief organizations to MCC (Canada), 104 Princess Street, Winnipeg, MB.

That MCC (Canada) and the provincial MCC organizations receive the same financial and prayerful support as was given to CMRIC and its auxiliary organizations."

CCY, 1964, 108.

CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT.

1971 Denver Study Conference paper on Charismatic Movement.

"Since the Charismatic Movement is a matter of concern in some parts of our constituency, we recommend that the churches avail themselves of the information and counsel that will be made available to us at the Study Conference in Denver, August 15-17, 1971."

CCY, 1971, 14.

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS -- APPEALS FOR FUNDS THROUGH SOLICITATION.

Editorial note: See the Canadian Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1963-1970, and 1975 for specific appeals for funds by various churches for church building projects.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

See also EXCOMMUNICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS and DUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.

1960 Members leaving local church in irregular ways.

The Secretary reported that only five churches responded to this question by sending in their reply on this matter. The changes desired by the churches were read and discussed and the Committee of Reference and Counsel then decided to present the following recommendation to the Conference:

"The question submitted by the Ontario churches which led to this recommendation was: 'Members move from place to place, join other churches, and after some time has elapsed inform the leadership of the church of the transfer they have made. What action shall the church take in such cases?'

This question touches only upon one side of the transfer of the members of our churches. In practice we have to consider three aspects of the question.

1. The transfer of members from one M.B. Church to another.
2. The dismissal of church members.
3. The excommunication of church members.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel would like to draw attention to the fact that transfer, dismissal, and excommunication of members should in all cases be carried out by a resolution passed by the local church. It is impossible to draw up a set of rules that would cover all cases in the areas mentioned. Every case would have to be treated separately in the local church. The following principles, however, could serve as a guide in solving the problems arising out of the question submitted.

1. The transfer of church members.

This concerns the transfer of members from one M.B. Church to another, usually caused by a change of residence. If the members involved have the right relationship to God and the church, the pastor or the church secretary would forward a certificate containing a recommendation for reception and care to the church to which the members may wish to transfer. The home church should investigate and regulate the matter, in case a member has moved to another place without having joined the church there within six months. If

the membership certificate has been sent out and the member refuses to apply for acceptance in the church located in the area into which he has moved, and this in spite of repeated admonitions to join, the church, which dismisses the member, is to take action in this matter within six months.

2. Dismissal of church members.

This case concerns the transition of members from the M.B. Church to a church of another denomination.

- a) Members whose relationship to God and the church is right, but who for reasons such as language, remoteness of residence from the M.B. Church or marriage with true believers of other denominations, etc., should be given the desired certificate of dismissal, which could contain testimonials regarding their Christian walk and witness. This certificate of dismissal, however, should not be regarded as a recommendation for the reception into the church of the other denomination. The form of the certificate of dismissal in German and English are to be found on page 6 of the *1957 Conference Yearbook*.
- b) Members, in whose case there is no evidence of open sin, but whose attitude is not satisfactory in all respects, and who for certain unknown reasons do not feel at home in our church, could be dismissed with a word of regret and concern.
- c) Should a member have been dismissed and evidence of sin at the time of dismissal appear later, the local church should take action by resolution as necessitated by the case concerned.
- d) Reacceptance into the church. Should a dismissed member wish to be reinstated in a M.B. Church, such a person would first have to clear up the matter with the M.B. Church from which he was dismissed. The leader of the church concerned then sends the decisions of his church to the leader of the church which is about to accept the dismissed member.

3. Excommunication of church members.

The excommunication from the church should be corrective in its aim, to bring the members concerned back to God and to the church. Every case should be considered separately by the church and should be acted upon according to the principles laid down by the Word of God. The following serve

as illustrations:

- a) Those who live in open sin, the church should deal with according to II Thess. 3:6.
- b) Those who intend to join a false cult, should be dealt with according to I John 4:1-3.
- c) To those who do not submit to correction and admonition of the church Matt. 18:16-17 would apply.
- d) In the case of marriage with non-believers, II Cor. 6:14-18 would apply.
- e) To those who are evil, one would apply I Cor. 5:9-13."

CCY, 1960, 153-155.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND BAPTISM.

1973 Acceptance and transfer of non-immersed members.

One question submitted by a congregation inquired about the practice of transferring non-immersed members from one congregation to another. The question has now been clarified by the *General Conference 1972 Yearbook* (p.15):

The Board of Reference and Counsel, encouraged by regional conferences, churches and concerned individuals, studied once again the question of acceptance into membership of non-immersed believers and their transfer to churches within the brotherhood. As a Board we recommend to our Brotherhood:

"1. We reaffirm that the M.B. Church practice only one form of baptism and that this be immersion (as stated in our *Confession of Faith*).

2. Also, that we encourage those who apply for membership in our churches and who were baptized upon confession of faith by some other mode, to consider baptism by immersion.

3. However, in view of the generally favourable acceptance of the practice initiated at the 1963 Convention, we as a Board recommend to our Brotherhood that non-immersed members who have been accepted into the fellowship of local churches be allowed to transfer to other M.B. Churches, by letter."

CCY, 1973, 2-3.

CHURCHES, DISSOLVED AND/OR RELEASED FROM CONFERENCE.

Editorial note: See the Conference Yearbooks for 1962-1963, 1967, 1969, 1974, 1978-1983, 1985-1986, and 1989 for references to specific churches which were dissolved or released from the Canadian Conference.

CHURCHES, NEWLY ORGANIZED AND ACCEPTED INTO THE CONFERENCE.

Editorial note: See Conference Yearbooks for 1960-1962, 1964-1969, 1971, 1973-1989 for references to specific churches which have been newly organized and accepted into the Canadian Conference.

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

1987 Recommendations by Task Force (Commission) on Higher Education.

Recommendation #1: "That a comprehensive coordinated system of higher education in Canada be adopted in principle."

Recommendation #2: "That a three-member Commission on Higher Education be appointed by the Executive to develop operational guidelines for the new system of higher education in consultation with and seeking the approval of Provincial Conferences and institutional Boards and for submission to the July, 1988 Canadian Conference Convention."

Recommendation #3: "That the terms of reference for the Commission include:

- a) To develop the governance structure of the system.
- b) To specify duties and responsibilities of such governing bodies as may be recommended by the Commission.
- c) To clarify the transitional role of boards of existing institutions.

- d) To explore program articulation among institutions.
- e) To develop cost projections and a national funding formula.
- f) To clarify matters regarding capital assets.
- g) To examine issues related to constituency relations, student recruitment, and staffing."

Recommendation #4: "That a new national Board of Higher Education be elected at the 1988 Canadian Convention."

CCY, 1987, 17-19.

1988 Recommendations by Commission on Higher Education.

Recommendation #1: "That the MBBC governance plan, as outlined in the report, be accepted."

Editorial note: See pp. 67-79 of Canadian Conference Yearbook for 1988 for full report.

Recommendation #2: "That the complete governance plan, as outlined in the report, be accepted."

Recommendation #3: "That the funding formula, as outlined in the report, be accepted."

Editorial note: See pp. 67-79 of Canadian Conference Yearbook for 1988 for full report.

Recommendation #4: "That the Canadian Conference elect its representatives to the Canadian Board of Advanced Education in July, 1989. That each Province shall elect a representative to the Canadian Board of Advanced Education at their respective Spring 1989 Provincial Conventions."

Recommendation #5: "That the Canadian Conference Executive Committee seek approval of the six Provincial Conferences for the national coordinated educational plan, as approved by the Canadian Conference delegation."

CCY, 1988, 80-81.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

See BOARD OF EVANGELISM

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (now CANADIAN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD).

Editorial note: Recommendations issuing from the COUNCIL OF BOARDS, which functioned for several years, are also listed here.

1971 Recommendations of the Council of Boards.

"That we omit the 1972 'Faith and Life Convention' due to a heavy schedule of meetings.

That the Council of Boards meet annually.

That the Executives of the various Boards consider the most economical means of meeting together in the interim.

CCY, 1971, 6.

1973 Possible establishment of a General Conference Seminary.

"That the Canadian Conference move in the direction of the establishment of a General Conference Seminary."

CCY, 1973, 35.

1975 Appointment of a Conference Executive Secretary.

"That the incoming Executive reexamine the concept of an Executive Secretary as provided for in the Constitution and present its findings and recommendations to the next Conference in session."

CCY, 1975, 67.

Editorial note: See p. 6 of the Conference Yearbook for rationale for this Conference position (Executive Secretary).

1975 Combining "Faith" and "Business" Conventions.

"That in the future the 'Faith and Life' and 'Business' Conferences be combined into one annual Conference and that this Conference begin on a Saturday."

CCY, 1975, 68.

1976 Possible relocation of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

See under MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY (FRESNO, CA).

1976 Consultation between corresponding Boards/Committees of Canadian and U.S. Area Conferences in respect to solicitation of funds.

"That Boards and Committees of one Area shall consult with the appropriate Board and Committee of the other Area before soliciting funds, information, or support in the other Area constituency.

Where no such appropriate Board or Committee exists, the request shall be directed to the Moderator of the Area concerned.

District and Provincial Conferences in the two Areas shall follow the pattern set for the Area Conferences.

It is understood that General Conference Boards in which both Areas participate are not governed by this agreement." Carried.

CCY, 1976, 9.

1976 Appointment of a Conference Executive Secretary.

"That the Canadian Conference not appoint an Executive Secretary at this time."

CCY, 1976, 11.

1976 Appointment of a Committee on Long-Range Planning.

Regarding a Conference Committee on Long-Range Planning the Executive recommends:

"That a Conference Committee on Long-Range Planning be authorized con-

sisting of the Conference Executive and the chairmen of Canadian Conference Boards."

It was planned that such a Committee will meet at the same time as the Council of Boards.

CCY, 1967, 11.

1976 Establishment of a General Conference Endowment Fund to finance Seminary operations.

See under MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY (FRESNO, CA).

1977 Possible relocation of General Conference Seminary to the Vancouver area.

See under MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY, (FRESNO, CA).

1977 Program planning for the 1978 Canadian Convention.

"That the program planning for the 1978 Convention include:

"1. That the Conference Executive Committee appoint a brother to prepare a study paper dealing with

- a) Enunciation of the needs of our Brotherhood.
- b) Presentation of specific objectives by which such needs could be met.

The members of the Study Commission could continue to act as resource persons.

2. That the presentation of this paper at the 1978 Convention be dealt with in a format employing workshops as at other study conferences.

3. That the Convention then draft an official statement which would outline:

- a) Needs arising out of the discussions.
- b) Objectives to meet these needs, which would serve as guidelines for Conference Boards in their projections of future programs."

CCY, 1977, 10.

1977 Study paper on "Conference Leadership" proposed.

"That we continue the study by commissioning a paper to be presented at a future Convention."

CCY, 1977, 10.

1977 Council of Boards not to meet between Conventions for next two years.

"That the Council of Boards not meet between Conventions for the next two years unless the Executive of the Conference deems it necessary.

That we encourage all Boards to conduct their business once a year."

CCY, 1977, 11.

1977 Possible relocation of General Conference Seminary.

See under MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY (FRESNO, CA).

1978 General Conference Board of Missions/Services headquarters to be established in Canada.

"That national offices be established in Canada and in the U.S.A. and that the General Conference programs be administered from both offices and that we invite the General Conference to consider establishing their headquarters of the Board of Missions and Services in Canada."

CCY, 1978, 9.

1978 Dates of future Canadian Conference Conventions.

"That the dates for the future Conventions begin with the first Saturday after July the third."

CCY, 1978, 9.

1978 Conference Convention minutes to be reviewed by a Minutes Review Committee.

"That the Convention minutes be presented to a Minutes Review Committee for ratification.

That the Executive Committee appoint such a Committee."

CCY, 1978, 16.

1978 Action on new Constitution concerning General Conference and "component constituencies" relationship.

"1. That the General Conference postpone action on the acceptance of the Constitution in order to permit the United States and Canadian Conferences to discuss the possibility of structuring the General Conference as a federation of two or more National Conferences.

2. That in Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution, entitled, 'The Component Constituencies' which reads, 'The Area, District and Provincial Conferences are functionally united with the Conference and are subordinate to it,' the final phrase, '...and are subordinate to it,' be deleted.

3. That Article XII, entitled 'The Board of Mass Media,' be deleted, and that we encourage each Area to develop this ministry."

CCY, 1978, 19.

1982 Adoption of proposed changes in Canadian Conference Constitution.

"That the proposed Constitution changes be adopted and that the Constitution be changed accordingly."

CCY, 1982, 15.

1983 Constitutional change in respect to the administration of physical assets of Canadian Conference.

"That the proposed Constitution change regarding the administration and supervision of physical assets of our Canadian Conference as proposed by the Board of Management, be accepted." CCY, 1983, 13.

1983 Feasibility of changing date of Canadian Conference to second week in July.

"That the Executive of the Canadian Conference study the feasibility of the Canadian Conference being held during the second week of July, beginning sometime on the Thursday of that week and ending sometime on the second Sunday in July."

CCY, 1983, 111.

1985 Recommendations by Financial Needs Commission.

See under FINANCIAL NEEDS COMMISSION.

1985 Establishment of a Task Force on Higher Education and its reports and recommendations to the Conference.

See under COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

1986 Appointment of a task force to study the restructuring of Canadian Conference.

"That we approve a study of the restructuring of the Canadian Conference and that a task force to pursue this matter be appointed by the Executive and the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns jointly and report to the Convention in July, 1987."

CCY, 1986, 68. (See *Canadian Conference Yearbook* for 1986, pp. 17-22, for details of Conference restructuring proposal).

1987 Canadian Conference restructuring proposal and its implementation.

The Revised Restructuring Proposal:

1. The Executive Board

a) Composition:

The Board shall consist of the following:

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Secretary

The above all elected for a two-year term. Each shall be eligible for not

more than two consecutive terms. The chairpersons of the Canadian Conference Boards Provincial M.B. Conference Moderators (or designates) selected by each Provincial Conference.

Executive Director - ex-officio

b) Duties:

- i) Provide leadership in promoting vision and setting goals for the extension of the Kingdom of God through the Churches of the Conference.
- ii) Plan the annual Conventions. The Executive Board will consult with the Executive of the host province regarding facilities and logistics.
- iii) Act as consultant in the planning of all special National Conventions.
- iv) Submit to the Churches all issues which require church action or vote.
- v) Be responsible for the administration of the Conference offices.
- vi) Represent the Conference between sessions.
- vii) The Board shall coordinate the plans and activities of the various Boards of the Conference.
- viii) The Board shall respond to Provincial and General Conference matters as they relate to the Canadian Conference.
- ix) The Board shall appoint a Personnel Commission which, in consultation with other Boards, shall be responsible for determining salary schedules and benefits for all Conference personnel.
- x) The Board shall be responsible for fostering inter-church relations and contacts with other church-related agencies.
- xi) The Board shall oversee the Constitution and implement any changes as required.
- xii) The Board shall be responsible for providing direction in matters of church polity.
- xiii) The Board shall be accountable to the Conference at its Annual Convention.

2. The Board of Faith and Life

a) Composition - see below, item 6

b) Duties:

- i) The Board shall watch over the spiritual life of the Conference

and its Churches and give guidance and direction in matters of faith, doctrine, and the Christian life, including the giving of leadership in the clear teaching of our "Confession of Faith" within our Conference and its Churches.

- ii) The Board shall, when it deems necessary, initiate the appropriate action or serve as a reference body in issues of social concern. Further, it shall be responsible for giving directives for teaching and structuring our peace witness in our country and our constituencies.
- iii) The Board shall appoint and supervise the work of the Conference Minister.
- iv) The Board is charged with the responsibility of publishing Conference publications. This will include the appointment and supervision of the appropriate staff.
- v) The Board shall encourage, promote, and supervise the publication of materials designed to meet specific needs of the Conference.
- vi) The Board shall plan Faith and Life Conventions in consultation with the Executive Officers of the Conference.
- vii) The Board shall establish and maintain a functioning Pulpit Committee to assist churches in ministerial placement.
- viii) The Board shall be responsible for the Mennonite Brethren representation on the Board of the Mennonite Central Committee (Canada).
- ix) The Board Chairman shall report the plans and activities of the Board to the Executive Board.
- x) The Board shall be accountable to the Conference at its annual convention.

3. The Board of Trustees

a) Composition - see below, item 6

b) Duties

- i) The Board is charged with the administration and supervision of all the physical assets of the Conference. It shall also be responsible for any business ventures undertaken by the Conference.
- ii) The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Conference Budget, as well as for carrying out the required budget control.
- iii) The Board is responsible for the provision and maintenance of

adequate conference offices.

- iv) The Board appoints a treasurer whose duty shall be to receive, hold in custody, and disburse all funds under supervision and administration of the Board.
- v) The Board Chairman shall report the plans and activities of the Board to the Executive Board.
- vi) The Board shall be accountable to the Conference at its Annual Convention.

4. The Board of Evangelism and Church Ministries

a) Composition - see below, item 6

b) Duties

- i) The Board shall seek to initiate, promote, and strengthen the work of evangelism in local churches and all individual agencies of the church, by such means as seem expedient, desirable, and fruitful.
- ii) The Board shall seek to initiate, promote, and strengthen the program of church ministries (e.g. music, youth, etc.) in the local churches of the Conference by providing counsel, offering courses, providing publicity and instructional materials, arranging and conducting regional and national conferences.
- iii) For the execution of their program the Board provides staff and office facilities subject to the approval of the Conference.
- iv) The Board promotes and supervises the work of evangelism and outreach which does not fall within the jurisdiction of a Provincial Conference.
- v) The Board may, in special cases, assist Provincial Conferences in church planting.
- vi) The Board Chairperson shall report the plans and activities of the Board to the Executive Board.
- vii) The Board shall be accountable to the Conference at its Annual Convention.

5. The Board of Higher Education

a) Composition - see below, item 6

b) Duties

- i) The Board operates and promotes the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.
- ii) The Board is responsible to seek to structure and integrate, together with the Boards and faculties of the Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, the biblical and theological training program of the Conference.
- iii) The Board is responsible for initiating and supervising a Student Services Program to give spiritual assistance to students on the various university campuses in Canada.
- iv) The Board is charged with the responsibility of arranging for and distributing assistance to students in the form of bursaries, scholarships, etc.
- v) The Board is responsible for all Canadian Conference relationships to schools and colleges other than Mennonite Brethren.
- vi) The Board Chairperson shall report the plans and activities of the Board to the Executive Board.
- vii) The Board shall be accountable to the Conference at its Annual Convention.

6. Board Membership (other than for the Executive Board)

- a) Each of the four Boards shall consist of provincial representative from each Provincial Conference and several members at large. The number of members at large shall be determined by conference decision. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, the number of members at large for each Board shall be six.
- b) The senior staff would usually meet with the Board and would be given such status in Board meetings as each Board decides.

Recommendation #1: "That we approve the implementation of the Executive Board with composition and duties as outlined in the restructuring proposal."

Editorial note: The composition of the Executive Board as set down above incorporates the several amendments approved by the Convention.

Recommendation #2:

"That the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Publications and the Board of Christian Education be decreased by attrition to 8 members (6 provincial representatives and 2 members at large)."

Recommendation #3:

"That the responsibility of Institut Biblique Laval be transferred from the Board of Evangelism to the Board of Higher Education subject to the approval of the Quebec Association."

Recommendation #4:

"That the responsibility of operating the Christian Press be assigned to the Board of Management."

Recommendation #5:

"That the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns become the Board of Faith and Life with the duties as outlined in the proposal including the amendments passed at this Convention."

Recommendation #6:

"That the changes be implemented as follows:

1. The changes in this proposal that are approved by the delegation shall become effective at the conclusion of this Convention.
2. All elections of this Convention shall reflect the structure of the proposal."

CCY, 1987, 20-26.

1988 Cancellation of regular Canadian Conference Convention for 1990.

Recommendation #1: "In view of the scheduled Mennonite World Conference and the Convention of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches both being scheduled for 1990, we recommend that we cancel our regular Canadian Convention of M.B. Churches for 1990."

CCY, 1988, 16-17.

1988 Assistance to Third World delegates to the 1990 Mennonite World Conference.

Recommendation #2: "We recommend that each congregation consider assisting Third World delegates in attending the 1990 Mennonite World Conference in Winnipeg by contributing \$2,500 to assist such a delegate in

covering the travel costs, etc."

CCY, 1988, 17.

1988 Use of plebiscites/referendums within our Canadian Conference.

Recommendation #3: "Whereas recent experience shows that only approximately half of our churches respond to requests for a plebiscite (86 for Project '88), and

Whereas those that do respond do not all submit the questions to the membership but conduct votes in council, and

Whereas the tabulation of results requires the statistician to make allowances for inconsistencies in the voting methods used by churches, and

Whereas only about 12% of the total membership actually casts a vote in the plebiscite (3,283),

Be it resolved that we add a Part E to our 'Operating Guidelines' (page 25 of the *Leadership Handbook* as follows:

Part E. Concerning plebiscites and referendums (1988):

We affirm the right and duty of the Canadian Conference in session to make decisions in all matters affecting our churches corporately and that plebiscites and referendums be used only in exceptional circumstances and only if agreed upon by a two-thirds majority."

CCY, 1988, 17.

1989 Dual Conference membership.

"We affirm our earlier Conference decision to discourage dual Conference membership."

CCY, 1989, 20.

1989 The future of M.B. higher education (theological) in Canada.

"In the light of the decisions reached by the six Provincial Conferences regarding the higher education proposal, we recommend that a special Canadian caucus be called in conjunction with the General Conference in 1990

to respond to recommendations from the Canadian Conference Executive Board regarding the future of higher education. This caucus is to be called in Canada, the place and time to be decided upon by the Executive Board."

CCY, 1989, 20.

1989 Protection of churches and Conference against possible litigation.

Re: Protection against legal action. "That our Constitution be amended as follows:

Article II of our Constitution be amended and that two schedules, A and B, be added at the end of the Constitution.

1. Under Article III - The Conference and its Churches, add Section 5: 'While this Conference is composed of member churches, the regulation of membership of individual persons in member churches shall be subject to certain general guidelines as more particularly described in Schedules A and B to this Constitution.'

2. At the end of the Constitution (page 27), add new headings called 'Schedule A' and 'Schedule B' as follows:

Schedule A:

On the Acceptance, Sustenance and Termination of Membership in Canadian Mennonite Brethren Churches.

Section I.

The Acceptance of Members

It is the responsibility of the local church to establish guidelines that will govern each of the following transactions whereby members are accepted by the church:

- a) Through baptism upon confession of their faith.
- b) Through letters of transfer from other Mennonite Brethren Churches.
- c) Through letters of recommendation from other churches of other denominations who practice baptism on the confession of faith.

- d) Through evidence that they have been baptized upon the confession of their faith and on the basis of their testimony.

Section II.

The Sustenance of Members

Membership in the local church is sustained through responsible participation in the life of that church. The Mennonite Brethren Church does not have two membership lists, namely, active and inactive. The local church may, however, limit the privileges of a member under discipline. It is the responsibility of each local church to establish guidelines that will govern this matter.

Section III. The Termination of Membership

It is the responsibility of the local church to establish guidelines that will govern each of the following transactions whereby membership is terminated:

- a) Through a transfer certificate. Members may terminate their membership in a local church through requesting that a transfer certificate be sent to another Mennonite Brethren Church. Such transfers, however, will not be effected on behalf of members under discipline.
- b) Through a letter of recommendation. Members may terminate their membership through requesting a letter of recommendation to a church of another evangelical denomination. A certificate of baptism shall accompany the letter.
- c) Through a letter of release.
- d) Through disciplinary action. The primary purpose of disciplinary action by the local church is to lead the person under discipline to repentance and faith. Such action shall be taken only after serious attempts have been made by the church to correct the person deemed to be in error. Before disciplinary action is taken, the person under consideration shall receive an explanation of the action being contemplated. The person shall have the right to a hearing prior to the disciplinary action.

Schedule B

On the Privileges of Membership.

Section I.

Decision making in Mennonite Brethren Churches:

Formal decisions of any Mennonite Brethren Church in matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the local church body shall be the exclusive right and duty of its members. It is the responsibility of each local church to establish guidelines that will further govern decision making.

Section III.

Tangible Assets:

Membership in a Mennonite Brethren Church creates no proprietary rights in any of the tangible assets thereof. Termination of membership, for whatever reason, requires no accounting by the church to the departing member in respect of such assets."

CCY, 1989, 17, 20, 21-22.

1989 Restructuring of Conference Boards.

Recommendation 4(b): "That the Board of Faith and Life incorporate the development of editorial policies and the appointment and supervision of editorial staff into its mandate."

Recommendations:

4(c) "That the Board of Publications be dissolved."

4(d) "That each of the three Boards of Higher Education, Faith and Life, and Management shall consist of a representative from each Provincial Conference and six members at large. For the Board of Higher Education one of the six members at large shall be the alumni representative."

4(e) "That the specific duties of all Boards be developed by the Constitution Committee in a manner that reflects the respective ministries of the Conference Boards."

CCY, 1989, 22, 24, 30.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

1961 Paid Conference personnel and membership in respective Conference Boards.

"No full-time paid worker in a Conference project (institution, school, office, etc.) may at the same time be a member of the Committee in charge of the respective work of the Conference. He may, however, be elected into one of the other Conference Committees. Similarly, no member of a Committee may be appointed to a full-time position with full pay to any position supervised by this Committee unless he resigns as a Committee member prior to the engagement."

CCY, 1961, 224.

1961 Traveling expenses for members of standing committees.

"Every standing committee has one or more complete sessions yearly according to Conference resolutions as found in the minutes. All the traveling expenses to such meetings are to be paid by the Conference treasury. Traveling expenses to all additional meetings must first be approved by the Executive of the Conference."

CCY, 1961, 224,

COUNCIL OF BOARDS.

See CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BOARD).

DISMISSAL OF CHURCH MEMBERS (see also EXCOMMUNICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS and CHURCH MEMBERSHIP).

1971 Non-disciplinary dismissal of church members.

"Alternative procedures by which a member may leave an M.B. Church:

1. Transfer by certificate

Such a certificate is given when a member in good standing is transferred from one M.B. Church to another. Such action is an official recommendation

to the receiving church.

2. Transfer by letter

Such a letter is given when a member in good standing is transferred from one M.B. Church to a church of another evangelical denomination.

Such a letter constitutes a testimonial and recommendation and includes significant data such as data of baptism and the member's present relationship to the church.

3. Release by letter

A release may be granted when a member in good standing wishes to sever his relationship with his church and is not yet clear what his further church affiliation will be, or, when a member wishes to join a non-evangelical church. Such a letter is given to the member at his request and constitutes a severance with the church but does not include a recommendation. Such action would require a restoring of the member to the fellowship of his home church before a recommendation to membership in another church could be issued.

4. Non-disciplinary removal

Removal may be affected

- a) When a member over a considerable period of time has not participated in the fellowship of the church and has not responded to pastoral concern.
- b) When a member has moved away and has neither maintained contact with his home church nor sought fellowship in a local church.

Such action is initiated by the church and constitutes a severance with the church and would require a restoring of the member to his home church before a recommendation to membership in another church could be issued."

CCY, 1971, 13-14.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

1978 Conference stance towards divorce and remarriage.

"We believe and teach that marriage unites two people for life. However,

we also realize that under the circumstances of life and the influences of contemporary society, some marriages are broken. We believe that such a disruption is always the result of sin and disobedience. However, when the person, or persons, involved recognize their failure and repent of their sin, they receive forgiveness and are accepted by the Lord as members of His body. Should such a person seek to become a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church, the church is willing to receive that person as a member and provide nurture and fellowship. Such nurture and fellowship would include encouragement and support in seeking to achieve a reconciliation with the estranged partner.

Where reconciliation is not possible (e.g. the estranged partner has remarried) and the person who is a member of the church wishes to remarry, such a person should seek the counsel of the local church. Where there is not the grace to live alone or as a single parent, and where there is general agreement in the local church, a remarriage may take place. It is expected that the church will provide guidance and support and may minister in the marriage of the persons involved. We believe the above procedure should apply whether the persons concerned were, at the time of their marriage break-up, professing believers or not.

(Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:1-9; I Corinthians 7:10-11)."

CCY, 1978, 19-20, 113-114.

1978 Article by G.W. Peters on divorce and remarriage to be reprinted.

The request came that an article by G.W. Peters which appeared in *Moody Monthly* be reprinted.

"That we reprint the article by G.W. Peters on the matter of divorce and remarriage."

CCY, 1978, 115.

DUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.

1969 Dual Conference membership.

"The question of dual Conference membership be dealt with by the acceptance of the following:

1. That we are not ready at this time to make a decision on the request for dual Conference membership.

2. That we accept the invitation by the Ottawa Mennonite Church to send representatives to help in a study of the matter of dual membership.

3. That no Provincial Conference make any decision until after a study has been undertaken and presented to the Convention for action.

4. That this study be undertaken by the Board of Reference and Counsel during the coming interim."

CCY, 1969, 49.

1971 Dual Conference membership.

The following statement has been prepared as a response to the principle of dual Conference membership. The Board believes that such arrangements would create more problems than practical working relationships and therefore presents this as a recommendation for consideration at this Convention.

"1. If deemed appropriate, the Provincial M.B. Conference could invite fraternal delegates or observers from the particular church. Occasionally, the Canadian Conference could make a similar arrangement.

2. We would encourage M.B. pastors, Bible teachers, and other Christian workers to make contact with the said church when coming to the city, and to be available for service if requested.

3. We would suggest that our Conference Executive provide the said church library with our periodical, the *M.B. Herald*, as well as with our annual *Conference Yearbooks*."

CCY, 1971, 14.

1989 Dual Conference membership.

"We affirm our earlier Conference decision to discourage dual Conference membership."

CCY, 1989, 20.

EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA.

1973 Canadian Conference to join the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

"That the Canadian Conference join the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada for a period of two years. In the interim, the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns will review this position and make an appropriate recommendation to the 1975 Conference."

CCY, 1973, 8-9.

1975 Membership in the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

1. "That we retain membership in the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada for the next two years.

2. That the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns appoint two brethren to represent our Conference on the Executive of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada."

CCY, 1975, 15, 18.

1977 Membership in the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

"That we continue our membership in the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada." CCY, 1977, 14.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-books for 1978, 1981, 1982, and 1983.

EXCOMMUNICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

See also DISMISSAL OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

1960 Dismissal of church members.

"Dismissal of Church Members:

This case concerns the transition of members from the M.B. Church to a church of another denomination.

1. Members whose relationship to God and the church is right, but who for reasons such as language, remoteness of residence from the M.B. Church, or marriage with true believers of other denominations, etc., should be given the desired certificate of dismissal, which could contain testimonials regarding their Christian walk and witness. This certificate of dismissal, however, should not be regarded as a recommendation for the reception into the church of the other denomination. The form of the certificate of dismissal in German and English are to be found on page 6 of the *1957 Conference Yearbook*.

2. Members, in whose case there is no evidence of open sin, but whose attitude is not satisfactory in all respects, and who for certain unknown reasons do not feel at home in our church, could be dismissed with a word of regret and concern.

3. Should a member have been dismissed and evidence of sin at the time of dismissal appear later, the local church should take action by resolution as necessitated by the case concerned.

4. Reacceptance into the church. Should a dismissed member wish to be reinstated in a M.B. Church, such a person would first have to clear up the matter with the M.B. Church from which he was dismissed. The leader of the church concerned then sends the decisions of his church to the leader of the church which is about to accept the dismissed member.

Excommunication of Church Members:

The excommunication from the church should be corrective in its aim, to bring the members concerned back to God and to the church. Every case should be considered separately by the church and should be acted upon according to the principles laid down by the Word of God. The following serve as illustrations:

1. Those who live in open sin, the church should deal with according to II Thess. 3:6.

2. Those who intend to join a false cult, should be dealt with according to I John 4:1-3.

3. To those who do not submit to correction and admonition of the church Matt. 18:16-17 would apply.

4. In the case of marriage with non-believers, II Cor. 6:14-18 would apply.

5. To those who are evil, one would apply I Cor. 5:9-13."

CCY, 1960, 153-155.

1975 Excommunication of church members in case of marriage to unbelievers.

"The New Testament Scriptures clearly teach that believers shall contract marriage with believers only (I Cor. 7:39; II Cor. 6:15). It is the responsibility of the church to teach this clearly and persistently and to encourage obedience to this divine command. Whoever disobeys this command must assume responsibility for accepting the consequences of such action. Since marriage is for life, even the acknowledgement of disobedience cannot lead to dissolution of marriage. The believing partner of a mixed marriage will be in special need of the help and fellowship of the church to foster his/her own spiritual life and to help win the unbelieving partner. An automatic excommunication seldom, if ever, serves a useful purpose. It is the understanding of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns that marriage of a believer to an unbeliever in itself is not sufficient grounds for excommunication, and unless accompanied by a spiritual condition that warrants such action on Scriptural grounds, should henceforth not be practised.

In cases where local churches feel conscience-bound to former practice, those congregations shall not be bound by this resolution."

CCY, 1975, 10-11.

FINANCIAL NEEDS COMMISSION.

1985 Budgeting the church promotion of Conference projects, and the study of Conference Boards structure.

1. Budgeting Recommendations:

- "a) That the Canadian Conference budget continue to be a mix of 'special appeal' and 'levy' funds. The mix shall be arrived at in consultation with the Board of Management.
- b) That the Board of Management be charged with setting guidelines for the upcoming budget, in consultation with the responsible Boards."

2. Promotion and Public Relations Recommendations:

"a) That we encourage the leadership of the local church to actively promote Conference projects so the church is kept abreast of the work of the Conference.

b) That each Board is responsible to promote its work to the church."

3. Structure Recommendation:

"That the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns, the duly constituted Board mandated to review such matters, study the structure of the Conference Boards to ensure proper provincial membership representation."

CCY, 1985, 65-66.

GOSPEL LIGHT HOUR

See RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE.

See under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND MUSIC-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

INSTITUT BIBLIQUE LAVAL.

See under BOARD OF EVANGELISM.

LAVAL BIBLE INSTITUTE.

See under BOARD OF EVANGELISM.

MENNONITE BRETHERN BIBLE COLLEGE (WINNIPEG, MB).

See under BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

MENNONITE BROTHER COMMUNICATIONS

See RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

(INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 1960-1968.

Editorial note: See also under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE and YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, respectively, for these aspects of Christian education for the period 1960-1964. In 1964 the SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE and the YOUTH COMMITTEE merged to become the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE functioned until 1968 when its mandate was assumed by the BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Therefore, see under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for recommendations pertaining to Christian education which appear after 1968. All recommendations pertaining to music and music ministry within our Conference, however, appear under MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, not elsewhere.

1960 Appointment of an Executive Secretary.

See under YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1961 Membership in the Canadian Conference Sunday School Committee.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1961 Duties and term of service of Christian Education Committee members.

"That the Conference reach a decision on the following proposal which defines the duties of the Education Committee more clearly and change somewhat the regulation regarding their time of service: (see German Section)."

CCY, 1961, 227.

1961 Planning a Christian Education Conference for 1962.

See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1962 Use and evaluation of new M.B. imprinted Sunday School curriculum materials.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1962 Appointment of Christian Education Director for Sunday School Committee.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1963 Youth program materials for our churches.

See under YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1963 Youth leadership training course.

See under YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1963 Appointment of H.H. Dueck as Executive Secretary of the Youth Committee.

See under YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

1963 Amalgamation of Sunday School and Youth Committees.

"That the Sunday School and Youth Committees be combined to form a joint Interim Christian Education Committee which would have the following duties:

1. To study and present an outline of the various educational agencies which would be the responsibility of a Christian Education Committee in the local church;
2. To study and present an outline of a possible Christian Education Committee on the provincial level;
3. To study and present the structural organization of a Canadian Christian Education Committee, outlining
 - a) its duties;
 - b) its relationship to the provincial committees and the local church;
 - c) its relationship to other Canadian Conference Committees."

CCY, 1963, 83.

Editorial note: These recommendations actually issued from a Joint Committee of the Youth and Sunday School Committees.

1963 Christian Education Conference.

"That we be permitted to convene a Christian Education Conference at Easter, 1964, for all superintendents, local youth leaders and pastors. The purpose of this Conference is to establish the organizational structure of a Christian Education Committee and to continue a comparative study of curriculum materials for Sunday school, mid-week Bible studies, and youth groups. The traveling expenses of the members of the interim Christian Education Committee are to be covered by the Canadian Conference treasury."

CCY, 1963, 83.

Editorial note: This recommendation also issued from the same Joint Committee.

1964 Towards the amalgamation of Sunday School and Youth Committees.

"That the Conference approve the suggested organization of the executives of the Youth and Sunday School Committees to form a single committee, which elects its chairman from its own members."

CCY, 1964, 49-52.

1964 Executive of Interim Christian Education Committee.

"That the combined Sunday School and Youth Committee executives continue to operate as the executive of the Interim Christian Education Committee. The Conference is asked to elect a chairman for the Committee who shall not be a member of either Canadian Sunday School or Youth Committee Executive."

CCY, 1964, 59.

1964 Employment of Conference Executive Secretary.

"That the Conference approve the employment of the Executive Secretary and that the employment for the current year be as outlined in the report."

CCY, 1964, 52.

1964 Leadership and Teacher Training courses.

"That the churches be challenged and encouraged to continue to offer 'Leadership and Teacher Training' courses and that as far as possible they work toward a unified Christian worker's training program on a local or regional level, incorporating the various educational agencies of the church."

CCY, 1964, 59-60.

1964 Study conference for Christian education.

"That a study conference be convened in 1965 in order to

1. Undertake an intensive study of Sunday school materials;
2. Prepare a philosophy of Christian education.

Approximately six brethren are to be appointed by the Executive to work on the problems in each area.

We recommend that the resolution be endorsed by the Conference and that the traveling expenses be covered by the Canadian Conference treasury."

CCY, 1964, 60.

1964 Board of Christian Education visits to universities.

See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1964 Use of Herald Press curriculum material in our churches.

See under SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1964 Services of Christian Education Office.

"That the Conference encourage all churches to avail themselves of the services of the Christian Education Office in Winnipeg and also the services of Brother George Konrad. We greatly appreciate the support given by the churches in making it possible to employ an Executive Secretary."

CCY, 1964, 59.

1965 Discontinuance of the publication of Mennonite Brethren imprint in Sunday school materials.

"That we discontinue publishing the M.B. Imprint. This recommendation is not to be construed as a recommendation to discontinue the use of this material in our churches. That the existing stock of M.B. Imprint material at the Christian Press be turned over to the Christian Press without further financial obligation on their part. The Christian Press would, however, be responsible for ordering and maintaining adequate stocks and for handling the orders from the churches in the same way as they do the orders for Scripture Press material."

CCY, 1965, 54.

1965 Continuance of the *Youth Worker* and the use of *Training Hour Youth Guides*.

"That the *Youth Worker* continue to be published and that the Scripture Press *Training Hour Youth Guides* be used for additional youth program material."

CCY, 1965, 54.

Editorial Note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1966 and 1967.

1965 Potential of Christian education as means of outreach.

Believing that every church is responsible for the evangelization of its own constituency, the Committee recommends "that each of our churches recognize and acknowledge the potential of Christian education as a means of outreach and evangelism in its immediate community and take concrete steps to implement a program that would enlist those from its community who are otherwise unreached."

CCY, 1965, 55.

1965 "Leadership and Teacher Training" courses.

"That in view of the continuing need for church workers, the churches be challenged and encouraged to continue to offer 'Leadership and Teacher Training' courses, both on the local church and provincial levels, and that as far as possible, they work toward a unified Christian workers training program,

incorporating the various educational agencies of the church."

CCY, 1965, 55.

1965 Canadian Youth Caravan Project.

"That the Youth Caravan Project be undertaken and planned for the Canadian churches in 1966, subject to the results of the visit to the B.C. churches this summer."

CCY, 1965, 54.

1965 Canada-Wide Youth Rally.

"That a Youth Rally be planned and implemented for all young people in Canada. That the Committee plan for the Youth Rally and present these plans for approval at the next Conference."

CCY, 1965, 54.

1966 New "Leadership Training Program" materials.

"That the Canadian Conference adopt the new 'Leadership Training Program' for implementation in our local churches and allow \$1,000.00 toward the printing of materials. This is a joint venture with the Committee on Evangelism and Christian Education in the U.S.A.

That in view of the continuing need for church workers, the churches be challenged and encouraged to continue to offer 'Leadership and Teacher Training' courses, both on the local church and provincial levels. As far as possible, all the educational agencies of the local church should be involved."

CCY, 1966, 112.

1966 Use of Scripture Press materials.

"That we continue to consider both the M.B. Imprint material and the Scripture Press material as the curriculum materials which this Conference recommends for use in our Sunday schools."

CCY, 1966, 112.

1966 Canadian youth projects.

"That the following youth projects be accepted for 1966-67:

M.B.B.C. Bursaries (3)	\$ 600.00
Quebec Bible School Bursaries (2).....	400.00
Bethany Bible Institute, India	1000.00
Russian Broadcast, Saskatoon	500.00
Japanese Broadcast, Osaka	1000.00
French Broadcast, Quebec	1000.00
Youth Caravan, Welfare Board	400.00
Jeep for Leprosy Mission, Paraguay.....	1000.00
Sermons from Science, Expo '67	200.00
TOTAL	\$6100.00"

CCY, 1966, 112.

1966 Canadian Youth Caravan Project.

"That a Canadian Youth Caravan Project be implemented for the Ontario and Manitoba churches in 1967."

CCY, 1966, 113.

1966 Canadian Youth Rally.

"That a Canadian Youth Rally be planned and implemented for all young people in Canada in 1968."

CCY, 1966, 113.

1967 Invitation of Executive Secretary for Christian Education to churches.

"That organizations responsible for Christian education in the Provincial Conferences and local churches be urged to invite Brother Kornelson to serve as speaker, workshop leader or as resource person at conferences and rallies."

CCY, 1967, 54.

1967 Service Training Program

"We as a Conference affirm our conviction that the Service Training Program is one of the major tasks of the Christian Education Program at all levels (Conferences as well as local churches) and we therefore commit our resources and pledge our support in the implementation, promotion and administration of the Service Training Program at all levels."

CCY, 1967, 54.

1967 Youth delegates to Canadian Conference Conventions.

"That all churches be urged to send one or more youth delegates to attend Canadian Conference Conventions."

CCY, 1967, 55.

1967 Appointment of Wilmer Kornelson as Executive Secretary for Christian Education.

"That the Conference ratify the appointment of Brother Wilmer Kornelson as Executive Secretary for Christian Education and support his ministry in prayer."

CCY, 1967, 54.

1967 Curriculum materials for our Sunday schools.

"That we continue to consider both the M.B. Imprint material and the Scripture Press material as the curriculum material which this Conference recommends for us in our Sunday schools."

CCY, 1967, 55.

1967 Youth Week in our Conference churches.

"That the last week in January be observed as Youth Week in our Canadian churches, based on the general topic: 'The Nature of the Church.'"

1967 Canadian Youth Rally.

"That the Youth Committee be permitted to convene a Canadian Youth Rally as soon as practicable."

CCY, 1967, 55.

Editorial note: See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for recommendations pertaining to youth ministry activities which appear after 1968.

MENNONITE BRETHERN BIBLICAL SEMINARY (FRESNO, CA).

1961 Planning for a joint (U.S. and Canadian) Seminary.

"1. That our present needs for higher theological training should be met by operating a coordinated training program at two campuses - Fresno, California and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

2. That the present three-man Commission be charged to complete the study and submit the results to the Board of Reference and Counsel at a later date, possibly at the beginning of 1963, for consideration.

3. That, until the next General Conference in 1963, the Board of Reference and Counsel appoint a committee of five members consisting of the administrative heads of the two Schools, the chairmen of the two Boards, and one additional member appointed by the Board of Reference and Counsel to act as chairman. That this Committee be charged to meet at least once a year, preferably twice, to counsel with each other on the possibilities and realization of closer cooperation by means such as:

- a) Unification of curriculum.
- b) Unification of publication representing the voice of the M.B. Church.
- c) Annual teacher exchange on basis of a limited lectureship.
- d) Annual student exchange (at least two students for one semester)."

CCY, 1961, 168-169.

1967 More on the issue of a joint Seminary.

"That the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the General Conference take the question of a joint Seminary into the agenda of their November meeting and report its findings and decisions to the Council of Boards in December."

CCY, 1967, 77.

1968 General Conference recommendation on a unified Seminary.

"That both the United States and Canadian Area Conferences initiate plans at the 1969 General Conference Session to establish a unified Seminary in the Vancouver area.

That the Conference Executive be charged with preparing a plan of action and present the same to this Convention session for approval."

CCY, 1968, 38-39.

1971 Appointment of a Commission to study the future of post-graduate theological education.

"That a Commission be appointed to study the future of post-graduate theological training in terms of:

1. A cooperative arrangement with the Fresno Seminary. (through U.S. Area Conference)
2. A transdenominational or cluster seminary.
3. Other possibilities.

That the appointment of this Commission be the joint responsibility of the Board of Higher Education and the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns."

CCY, 1971, 66.

1973 Cancellation of loans for Canadian Seminary students (prior to 1972).

"That \$500 indebtedness be canceled for those Canadian Seminary students at Fresno who prior to 1972 have borrowed money from the Seminary loan fund and have as yet not repaid it. This applies only to those Canadian stu-

dents who have returned to Canada after their study and have subsequently undertaken a pastoral ministry in a Canadian M.B. Church."

CCY, 1973, 10.

1973 Board of Higher Education to handle matters related to Canadian Seminary students.

"That the Board of Higher Education be charged with the responsibility of handling all necessary matters relating to the Canadian Seminary students."

CCY, 1973, 31.

1973 Establishment of a General Conference Seminary.

"That the Canadian Conference move in the direction of the establishment of a General Conference Seminary.

The implementation should come in three phases.

Phase I - 1972

- a) According to the decision of the Canadian Conference, July, 1971, the B.D. program at Winnipeg is to be phased out. The MBBC would not accept new applicants for the B.D. program in September 1972, but would complete the programs of those presently enrolled.
- b) Two observer-participants would be appointed to the U.S. Seminary Board. It is assumed that this action would be taken by the Council of Boards in January, 1972.
- c) The Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference would subsidize seminarians who attend the M.B. Biblical Seminary in Fresno. This would be a per-student annual bursary given to the student. This action would be taken by the Canadian delegates in caucus in Reedley, California (1972). Suggestion; \$500 per student annually.
- d) The Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference would make a per capita grant to the Seminary budget. This action would be taken by the Canadian delegates in caucus in Reedley, California (1972). Suggestion; \$500 per Canadian student attending Fresno Seminary.

- e) The Seminary staff and the U.S. Seminary Board would be invited to recruit students in Canada. This action would be taken by the Council of Boards, January, 1972.

Phase II - 1973-75.

Following the General Conference at Reedley in 1972, the Area Conferences would discuss the proposal for a General Conference Seminary. The Area Conferences would take action on the proposal. If both Areas take positive action, the following steps would be undertaken:

- a) A General Conference Seminary Board would be elected at the General Conference sessions in 1975.
- b) A budget for the Seminary would be accepted at the General Conference sessions in 1975.
- c) The Seminary Board would be empowered to make future changes.

Phase III - 1975

The Council decided that Phase III be referred for discussion and action to the 1975 General Conference.

- a) The General Conference Seminary Board would study the question of the location of the Seminary.
- b) The recommendations of the General Conference Seminary Board on relocation would be referred to the Area Conferences.
- c) If a decision to relocate is made, a fund drive would be initiated."

CCY, 1973, 35-36.

1973 Study of possible relocation of Seminary to the Vancouver area.

"That the Canadian Conference make a feasibility study concerning relocation of the Fresno Seminary to Vancouver."

CCY, 1973, 36.

1973 A confirming vote on the Seminary issue.

"That the new Executive seek to secure a confirming vote on the Seminary matter."

CCY, 1973, 102, 105.

1975 Reaffirming vote on the Seminary issue.

"Whereas the delegates to the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in session July, 1973, at Three Hills, Alberta, voted to proceed toward a General Conference Seminary, and whereas the churches of the Canadian Conference registered approval to the proposal submitted to them for reaction:

Be it resolved:

1. That the delegates reaffirm the decision for the establishment of a General Conference Seminary with the churches at the U.S. Area Conference.
2. That the congregations of the Canadian Conference be informed once more that a final vote in this matter will be taken at the General Conference sessions in August, 1975.
3. That the proposal of the Commission on Finance of the General Conference Board of Reference and Counsel for the financing of the General Conference Seminary be distributed at this session for information."

CCY, 1975, 66.

1976 Possible relocation of Seminary to Vancouver area.

The Secretary read the prepared recommendations and the reasons leading to the recommendations as follows:

1. Possible Relocation of General Conference Seminary

The recommendations of the Commission on Post Graduate Education recommended as Phase III that:

- "a) The General Conference Seminary Board study the question of the relocation of the Seminary.
- b) The recommendation of the General Conference Seminary Board on relocation be referred to the Area Conferences.
- c) If a decision to relocate were made, a fund drive would be initiated. (*Canadian Conference Yearbook 1973*, pp. 35-36)."

The Commission further recommended to the Canadian Conference "that it do a feasibility study concerning relocation of the Fresno Seminary to Van-

couver." (See *Canadian Conference Yearbook* for 1973, p. 36).

CCY, 1976, 8-9.

1976 Establishment of a General Conference Endowment Fund to finance Seminary operations.

"That the funding of the Seminary Endowment Fund be taken from capital funds in the Canadian Conference to a maximum of \$300,000.00 on a dollar for dollar basis with the U.S. Area Conference."

CCY, 1976, 12-13.

1977 Possible relocation of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary to the Vancouver area.

"That the Commission be dissolved and that the Conference Executive report this action to the Canadian Conference Convention on July, 1977" (adopted at Council of Boards meeting in January, 1977).

"Herbert Brandt, Chairman of the Findings Committee to study the interest of the Vancouver area to relocate the Seminary to that area, reported finding little interest for such a relocation. The information was passed on to the Seminary Board and the Committee has been dissolved."

CCY, 1977, 8-9, 11.

1978 Canadian share of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary budget.

"That we remit the Canadian share of the General Conference Seminary budget in U.S. funds at the currency exchange rate prevailing when that budget is fixed."

CCY, 1978, 33-34.

MENNONITE BRETHERN COMMUNICATIONS

See RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CANADA) AND RELATED ACTIVITIES: 1964-1982

See also CANADIAN MENNONITE RELIEF AND IMMIGRATION COUNCIL for recommendations prior to 1964.

Editorial note: The Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Council transferred its work to MCC (Canada), and was itself dissolved, in 1964.

1964 Transfer of work of Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Committee and MCC (Canada).

"1. To retain Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Council in its present membership until the dissolution of it is completed.

2. That all relief contributions, general and designated, in the future be sent through the provincial relief organizations to MCC (Canada), 104 Princess St., Winnipeg, MB.

3. That MCC (Canada) and the provincial MCC organizations receive the same financial and prayerful support as was given to CMRIC and its auxiliary organizations."

CCY, 1964, 108.

1964 MCC (Canada) ministry.

"That the ministry of compassion, as carried out by the Conference through MCC (Canada), its provincial committees, its affiliates, and the world-wide outreach through MCC be undergirded by prayer.

That each congregation of the Conference be encouraged to support the work of MCC (Canada) by providing:

1. Material aid supplies.

2. Cash, either through regular monthly offerings or by annual budget appropriation, whichever is preferred. (Where the budget system is used, an 'average per member' figure of between \$5.00 and \$6.00 per year may be used.)

3. Personnel."

CCY, 1964, 110.

1965 Conference support of MCC (Canada).

"That we encourage continued strong support of MCC (Canada)."

CCY, 1965, 142.

1965 Local church support of MCC (Canada).

"That pastors and ministers, youth workers, Sunday School teachers, and ladies groups be encouraged to undertake and promote projects in support of MCC (and) that a special effort be made to encourage committed Christians to consider a period of voluntary service in MCC."

CCY, 1965, 142.

1969 Conference stance towards activities of MCC.

In response to letters of concern and criticism from two Provincial Conferences in regard to the nature of some phases of MCC work and after an open and thorough discussion of the total program with MCC representatives, we would like to reply with the following statements:

1. Let us cultivate a positive attitude to the cooperative work of MCC. Those in charge are trying to do their work according to the mandate given by the constituent groups. It is their expressed desire to serve in a way that is consistent with the teachings of Scripture and the example of our Lord.

2. Through the work of MCC we are participating with other Conferences in a worldwide ministry of love. Much good has been done through this service in the name of Christ, without regard to race, colour, or creed. This ministry of compassion calls for our wholehearted and continued support. We believe that it arises out of our commission to be true witnesses of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is not the mandate of MCC to establish churches, but the work, because of its nature, can be used effectively to open doors for the Gospel of redemption.

3. Because the constituency of MCC is made up of a number of denominations, it is obvious that there will be differences of opinions and views on some phases of the work. Without compromising any basic position, we should manifest a spirit of understanding and tolerance.

When criticism is voiced it should be based on facts, not on hearsay or unfounded accusations, and it should be constructive in nature. Such criticism

is encouraged and welcomed by our representatives as well as by MCC at large.

4. Our MCC representatives should have the confidence and support of the Brotherhood. They should endeavour to know the mind and feeling of the entire M.B. Conference on various issues of MCC work and represent the constituency accordingly. To enable them to do this, the Conference should provide opportunities for discussion and interaction with the representatives on relevant issues.

Since we as an M.B. Conference have never clearly stated the need and extent of social and cultural involvement in the pursuit of our program of evangelism and mission work, we have precipitated some of the problems we are now facing.

Our Conference should, as soon as possible, clarify and state its position in relation to the need and extent of social, cultural, and political involvement in the total proclamation of the Gospel of redemption. This would give our members in the various vocations and services a clear Scriptural and unified position from which to serve and communicate. Also, following a clear definition of our understanding, we as a Conference would be in a position to review the MCC constitution and make representation to MCC on issues as deemed necessary."

CCY, 1969, 45-46.

1969 MCC informational inserts in Mennonite periodicals.

"This would require the permission of existing publications to be thus used and would cover the homes of those who now subscribe. Content would be primarily limited to information about MCC programs."

CCY, 1969, 45-46.

1969 Recommendations of MCC (Canada) approved by Canadian Conference.

"1. That the Executive Committee be authorized to designate a special project Nigerian Biara for 1969 in accordance with emergency need during the year.

2. That in line with the revised structure of the MCC Peace Section:

a) A member be appointed to the Peace Section from MCC (Canada)

who regularly reports to the MCC (Canada) Executive Committee.

- b) The MCC (Canada) Peace and Service Secretary look to the Peace Committee chairmen as a counseling body, with program approval given by MCC (Canada) Executive Committee.
- c) That a task force be appointed for any special study in relation to questions on peace and social concerns on the Canadian scene.
- d) The MCC (Canada) Executive Committee assume responsibility for representation at the Annual Assembly of the Peace Section. The representation of MCC (Canada) on the MCC Peace Section is in addition to the denominational representatives from each participating conference.

3. That MCC (Canada) invite jointly with the Baptist World Alliance several brethren of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists of the U.S.S.R. to visit Baptists and Mennonites in Canada in May, 1969.

4. That recommendations contained in the final chapter of *Your Neighbour as Yourself* be given attention as feasible, and with continuous review of priorities relative to internal Canadian need under the guidance of the Executive Committee, immediately following the return of J. M. Klassen to the office in July, 1969.

5. That MCC (Canada) contact its constituency and seek a mandate to publish an MCC (Canada) information media requesting that preferences be stated for one or more of the following formats:

- a) Inserts in several existing publications in Canada.
- b) A monthly MCC (Canada) publication to be circulated separately.
- c) An inter-Mennonite paper with news and views.
- d) Any other suggestions."

CCY, 1969, 109-110.

1971 Proposed change in Constitution of MCC (Canada).

"Whereas the Constitution provides for the annual election or reelection of officers with no time limit, it was proposed that such elections be held every three years in staggered sequence, with a limit of two three-year terms for each

officer."

CCY, 1971, 53.

1973 Travel costs for Moderator to MCC meetings.

"That the Conference pay the cost of travel for our Moderator to attend the annual meeting of MCC."

CCY, 1973, 59.

1982 Regarding Canadian Mennonite Brethren representation on MCC (Canada) Board.

"1. That the official Canadian Mennonite Brethren representatives on MCC (Canada) Board shall constitute a Committee of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns.

2. That all MCC (Canada) representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns and that at least two of the appointees be members of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns.

3. That no official MCC (Canada) representative may serve in that position for more than two consecutive four-year terms; however a person may subsequently be reappointed.

4. That one of the MCC (Canada) representatives shall be designated as Chairman of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns MCC (Canada) Committee and that this Chairman must always be a member of the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns."

CCY, 1982, 14-15.

MUSIC COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Editorial note: The MUSIC COMMITTEE gradually came within the jurisdiction of the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE during the mid-1960s and was more formally incorporated within the BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION in 1968. For the sake of convenience and easy reference, however, all recommendations pertaining to MUSIC AND MUSIC MINISTRY in our Conference appear here, not elsewhere.

1960 Promotion of music ministry in our churches.

"That more effort be put forth in organizing provincial choir conductors' courses in order to promote the work of our choirs."

"We recommend adding more material to the Cantata Library."

CCY, 1960, 200.

1960 Election of church choir leaders as delegates to Canadian Conference.

"We ask the churches to give due consideration to church choir leaders when electing delegates to the Canadian Conference."

CCY, 1960, 200.

1960 Tapes of German songs to be sent to HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

"We endorse the recommendation by Brother Hugo Jantz that more German songs be sent to Quito, Ecuador and would like to encourage all qualified choirs to prepare tapes for this purpose."

CCY, 1960, 200.

1961 Choir and conductors' courses in the provinces.

"That choir and conductors' courses on a provincial level be held as previously."

CCY, 1961, 221.

1961 Choir directors course at MBBC in 1962.

"Therefore a three days course is to be held at the College in 1962."

CCY, 1961, 221.

1961 Scholarships for music students at MBBC.

"We recommend a scholarship of \$500 for two music students. This is to be an annual project for our choirs."

CCY, 1961, 221.

1961 Appointment of brethren to Hymnbook Committee.

"Since the Brethren Ben Horch and Jacob Wedel have withdrawn as active members of the Songbook Committee, we recommend to the Conference that they appoint Brother Victor Martens and Brother Peter Klassen to be members of the Committee."

CCY, 1961, 222.

1962 Election of an executive for Music Committee by the Conference.

"That the Conference elect an executive for two years.

That the executive consist of three members and that the director of the Music Department of the Bible College act as advisory member of this Committee.

That we change the principle that all members of the executive must be from the same province."

CCY, 1962, 228.

1962 Continuation of bursaries for music students at MBBC.

"That we continue with the project of collecting money for the annual support of *three* MBBC students, the sum to be \$200 per student."

CCY, 1962, 228.

1963 Promotion of music ministry in our Conference.

"That workshops and lectures at youth, Sunday school, and ministers and deacons conferences be encouraged;

That churches be encouraged to buy the following books: Harry R. Hilson's *Artistic Choral Singing*; Austin C. Lovelace and William C. Rice's *Music and Worship in the Church*; and Gunnar Urang's *Music for the Glory of God*."

CCY, 1963, 9-10.

1963 Proposed revision of *English Hymnbook*.

"That the Canadian Conference give permission to begin work on a revision

of our present *English Hymnbook*."

CCY, 1963, 11.

Editorial note: This recommendation actually came through a special Hymnbook Committee.

1964 Bursaries for MBBC students.

"That the monies for the MBBC Bursary Fund be in the Conference treasury by the end of May for the next academic school year."

CCY, 1964, 102.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1965.

1964 Election of Music Committee members.

"That the Canadian Music Committee not be elected for an indefinite time. We recommend that elections take place at the 1965 Conference."

CCY, 1964, 102.

1965 Election of Music Committee Executive.

"That the Executive be elected for one year, and that long-term planning be referred to the Study Commission on Conference Structure."

CCY, 1965, 57-58.

1967 Bursaries for MBBC music students.

"That the bursaries be continued as in the past (three bursaries of \$200 each), subject to the following conditions:

- a) That they go to students who prepare to serve in our Conference and not to professional musicians;
- b) That if students find gainful employment during the year of the bursary, they disqualify themselves and return the bursary funds;
- c) That they be given to full-time students only."

CCY, 1967, 54.

1969 Recommendations of the Music Committee.

"That the Music Committee again help choir conductors in the selecting and acquiring of repertoire for choir work;

That the Music Committee suggest good music books which can be used by the Sunday school song leaders in our churches. The promotion of these books to be done through our Christian Education Office by our Executive Secretary."

CCY, 1969, 105.

1971 Music ministry in our churches.

"To assist our churches in the music ministries by arranging regional conferences which concentrate on strengthening this area of training and witness in the local church." CCY, 1971, 39.

1973 Music workshops in our churches.

"That we continue to allot \$200 to each province to assist local churches in conducting music workshops in the areas of church music (including Sunday school singing, children's and youth choirs, senior choirs, congregational singing, music committee organization and function, and instrumental music)."

CCY, 1973, 43.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE.

1977 Conference Secretary to inform the Nominating Committee of expiration of terms of various Conference Board members.

"That the Secretary of our Conference inform the Nominating Committee of the persons whose terms have expired as well as those who constitutionally cannot stand for reelection."

CCY, 1977, 11.

1977 Conference Boards may suggest candidates for respective Boards.

"That the Boards have the privilege of suggesting candidates for their respective boards."

CCY, 1977, 11-12.

1978 Nominees for General Conference Boards.

Because not all nominees have been contacted, the names were not presented at this time.

"That the Committee in charge complete the work and present the names at a special caucus for Canadian delegates at the General Conference."

CCY, 1978, 133.

1980 Nominating Committee's role within the revised structure of the Canadian Conference.

"Nominating Commission: Each Provincial Conference, one year in advance of the Canadian Convention at which elections are to be held, appoints one person to serve as its representative on the Nominating Commission. This person should be a member of one of the boards of the Conference. The Secretary of the Conference is the Chairman of this Commission.

The effect of the proposed changes are:

Nominating Commission: Because the provincial representatives are also members of one of the Conference Boards, they will be in attendance at the mid-year Council of Boards meeting and the Commission will normally do most of its work at that time, making extra travel costs unnecessary."

CCY, 1980, 12-13.

PEACE COMMITTEE AND PEACE AND NONRESISTANCE ISSUES.

1960 Promotion of peace and nonresistance in our churches.

"That the doctrine of nonresistance and love towards our neighbours be

taught systematically in our schools and churches, so that we might not only refuse to take part in war, but also in police and jury service and similar services."

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

"That November 6 of this year be observed in all our churches as Peace Sunday."

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1967.

"We recommend the book, *Alternative Service in Canada During World War II*, obtainable from the Christian Press, for families and libraries."

"We recommend active participation in Mennonite Disaster Service."

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961 and 1962.

"We are asking church leaders to encourage our young brothers and sisters to participate in MCC Summer Service."

CCY, 1960, 212-213.

1961 Acceptance of the Christian Service Program of the Board of General Welfare by Canadians.

"That we join the Christian Service Program of the Board of General Welfare of the General Conference of the M.B. Churches and that we ask our young church members to volunteer for such service."

CCY, 1961, 234.

1963 Distribution of peace literature in our Conference.

"To authorize our Peace Committee to find and distribute free of charge appropriate peace literature."

CCY, 1963, 131.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

1966 Peace teaching workshops.

"That workshops be conducted to promote discussion and response to the vital questions and problems confronting our young people in this area may be answered satisfactorily."

CCY, 1966, 41.

1966 Peace Committee visits.

"That in the interests of greater unity in the teaching, understanding, promotion, and implementation of this doctrine, the Chairman of the Peace Committee be urged to be at meetings where implications of this position for Mennonite Brethren are discussed (such as Board of General Welfare, MCC, Study Conferences, etc.) The Conference is asked hereby to endorse these contacts and to make this possible."

CCY, 1966, 42.

1967 Peace teaching in our Conference.

"That the biblical doctrine of peace and nonresistance be preached and taught in homes, churches, schools, and youth meetings.

That November 12 be set aside as Peace Emphasis Sunday for 1967.

That churches again be sent literature and bulletins with a peace witness message for use and distribution on Peace Sunday."

CCY, 1967, 31.

1969 Basis of our peace witness.

"1. We accept God's total progressive revelation as found in the Old and New Testaments and in Christ, His exemplary life, teaching and redemptive death as basis for our peace position. Hebrews 1:1-2. The church speaks authoritatively in application of our peace witness only when Scripture clearly speaks to the issue; when Scripture is silent, the church seeks to establish a Brotherhood consensus to unite members in their interpretation but leaves room for personal interpretation and application to the individual.

2. We consider ourselves nonresistant and responsible for a peace witness because we have experienced the work of regeneration. Titus 3:3-7; I Cor. 6:6-

11; I Cor. 5:17; I Peter 2:1-2; 19-24.

3. The Spirit-filled life expresses itself in love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance as stated in Galatians 5:22-23 and I Corinthians 13. Peace is not superior nor inferior to other virtues mentioned in Scripture but in conjunction with other virtues governs all our interpersonal relationships.

4. God's estimate of human life and the fact that man has an eternal immortal soul, impel us in our peace witness to spare man's life, and to seek to win from him a hearing for the Gospel of Christ.

Declaration re our peace witness:

1. Current opportunities

That we, who carry the conviction for peace witness, be alert to current developments within our church and our world society in which we can offer a positive Christian peace witness.

2. Obedience to government

That we support the government in its efforts to maintain law, order, and justice. Since God has placed responsibilities and powers into the hands of government which are not the direct responsibilities of the church, believers should be subject to it and pay taxes, pray for the powers that be, and live exemplary Christian lives. When the demands of the government are contrary to Scriptures, the church or the individual should obey God rather than man, regardless of the consequences. The spirit of Scripture does not allow any agitation for or inciting to rebellion; and any civil disobedience is to be justified only on biblical grounds.

3. Military service

That we, in commitment to Christ and the Scripture cannot participate in military service intended to destroy human life, but that in gratitude we offer to our country constructive, alternative service.

4. Church speaking to government

That we, through the officially chosen executive personnel, continue to communicate to government our position on moral issues including our peace witness. However, this does not absolve the individual citizen from expressing his Christian convictions to government.

5. Demonstrations

That we believe that the Scripture discourages participation in violent protest marches or demonstrations. We need to be tolerant of those who arrive at the personal conviction that they should participate in peaceful demonstrations as means of witness and concern.

6. Race relations

That we, with respect to racial relations, declare that all races are equal before God and that we need to give evidence of this conviction by love and acceptance in personal and group relationships. Where race conflicts could develop or already exist, we should be willing to become involved in practical ministries which can help toward reconciliation.

7. Labour relations

That we stand for peaceful negotiations between labour and management in the settlement of disputes, and do not allow ourselves to become involved in any violence or threat to violence; that we are prepared to suffer loss rather than compromise Christian principles: that we, whether employer or employee, be governed by the Spirit of Christ in an attempt to give expression to the Christian virtues listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

8. Inter-church peace witnessing

That we, in recognizing that our peace witness cannot be separated from our mission to evangelize, periodically assess our relationship with other denominations to whom we relate in our peace position; and that we actively seek to cooperate with evangelical churches who share our concerns on peace issues.

9. Teaching

That we commit ourselves to teach our peace position in our schools, homes, churches and mission fields, and that we emphasize that the peace position is related to practical issues in everyday life."

CCY, 1969, 46,48.

1984 Peace marches (walks) and our Conference.

The basis for our peace witness is found in the exemplary life, teaching, and death of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of the Spirit-filled life. Therefore

any public or private expression of this witness needs to be in harmony with the above. The first statement concerning peace marches was made by the Conference in Clearbrook in 1968. It concluded as follows:

"...we as a church have no scriptural mandate to participate in protest marches or demonstrations because:

1. Demonstrators are usually not motivated by Biblical principles.
2. The believer's responsibility toward the government is to be a law-abiding citizen and not a revolutionary or agitator to incite people.

We need to be considerate, however, when a member of a church, after careful evaluation of the purposes and associations of the march, arrives at the personal conviction that he should participate." (*Canadian Conference Yearbook 1968*, pp. 67-68.

1. We believe peace marches have certain limitations such as:
 - a) Our witness for peace on the basis of our relationship to our Lord, the Prince of Peace, can be lost or diluted as we march with those who seek peace for humanistic, humanitarian or political reasons.
 - b) The aggressive, military spirit of some peace marches contradicts the spirit of meekness and willingness to suffer for Christ that should mark the Christian's peace witness.
 - c) Participation in a peace march can easily be seen as the total responsibility to witness for peace. It is probably easier to march for peace than to live by the principles that encourage peace in everyday lives.
2. On the other hand, we believe peace walks (we prefer this term to "peace marches" because of militant overtones) have value for the following reasons:
 - a) They effectively raise the consciousness of the issue of war, peace, and destruction because they offer a great deal of visibility.
 - b) They are a way of taking our faith into the streets and offer opportunity to witness to spectators and those with whom we walk.
 - c) They offer the opportunity of individualized banners that more clearly project our basis for a peace witness and thus serve as an educational tool.

- d) They could serve as a first step of a commitment to witness for peace and lead to a life that expresses the principles of discipleship daily.

In view of the above we recommend "that participation in peace walks that do not violate or compromise our peace position, but rather enhance it, can be recognized as a positive witness. Individuals or groups are advised, however, to prayerfully seek guidance and counsel from the Word and from the local community of believers before participating."

CCY, 1984, 103-104.

PERSONNEL COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.

See under BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

PORNOGRAPHY.

See under BOARD OF FAITH AND LIFE.

PUBLICATIONS.

See BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

1962 Election of a Study Committee to investigate radio work in provinces of Conference.

"That the Conference Executive nominate a Committee of three brethren to carry out this investigation and submit the results to the Conference in 1963."

CCY, 1962, 224.

1963 Report of Study Committee to Investigate Radio Work Accepted.

"Since no recommendation was expected from the Investigating Committee, the CRC of the Conference recommends that the report be included in the Conference yearbook."

CCY, 1963, 118-119.

1964 Appointment of members to the Radio Study Commission.

Several brethren were appointed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel to serve on this Commission.

"That the Executive of the Conference give directives to the Radio Commission on the investigation regarding radio work which is being planned for the future."

CCY, 1964, 125.

1965 Production of a Canada-wide radio program by Canadian Conference.

Discussion of the recommendation concerning such a radio program resulted in the following motion which carried:

"We recommend that this question together with the above recommendations and the report be submitted to the churches for action by November 1, 1965."

CCY, 1965, 40-41.

1965 Conference subsidization of Russian Gospel Light Hour program over Saskatoon station.

"That the Conference subsidize the Russian program as released by the Gospel Light Hour with \$1,000 during the next Conference year."

CCY, 1965, 26-27.

1966 Conference subsidization of Russian Gospel Light Hour program over Saskatoon station.

"That the Canadian Conference continue, as it has done in the past year, to assume the responsibility for subsidizing the Russian program at Saskatoon released by the Gospel Light Hour to the extent of \$1,000."

CCY, 1966, 27.

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1967.

1966 Production of a Canada-wide radio broadcast program.

"That we produce a Canada-wide radio program by integrating the English Gospel Light Hour on the basis suggested by the Manitoba Conference.

That the proposed program be a 30 minute program.

That the program be called the Canadian Gospel Light Hour, and be identified with the respective province where aired (e.g. The Canadian Gospel Light Hour brought to you by the Mennonite Brethren Churches of British Columbia).

That the Provinces assume the responsibility for their own radio-time and that the donations from the provinces be credited toward the station cost.

That it be the prerogative of the Provincial Conferences to choose the radio station or stations, but that the negotiations be finalized through the Committee.

That William Schmidt be appointed as the radio speaker for the program."

CCY, 1966, 94.

1967 Possible assumption of the Gospel Light Hour broadcast by the Canadian Conference.

"We authorize the Board of Evangelism to investigate the possibility of a complete assumption of the operations of the Gospel Light Hour by the Canadian Conference. The Board of Evangelism will inform the Board of Management of its findings and will receive from them such directives as are deemed advisable in order to present the whole question to the next Convention in 1969."

CCY, 1967, 110.

1970 Establishment of Provincial Conference committees to be responsible for negotiations in respect to the airing of Canadian Conference radio program.

"That each Province in which the Canadian Conference program is aired establish a committee which is to be responsible for the publicity, follow-up, and radio station negotiations for airing of the program in that Province."

CCY, 1970, 115.

1971 The Board of Evangelism to discontinue its sponsorship of the Canadian Gospel Light Hour radio ministry.

"That the Board of Evangelism discontinue its production of the Canadian Gospel Light Hour program, effective June 1, 1972."

CCY, 1971, 24-25.

1971 Appointment of Jacob Schmidt as interim speaker for Canadian Gospel Light Hour radio program.

"That the appointment of Jacob Schmidt as interim speaker-producer of the Canadian Gospel Light Hour radio program on a half-time basis from September 1, 1971 to June 1, 1972 be ratified."

CCY, 1971, 24-25.

1971 Support of inter-Mennonite TV spot announcements.

"That we budget \$2,500.00 for the next series of inter-Mennonite TV spot announcements; we therewith have representation and editorial privileges in the production of these spots."

CCY, 1971, 24.

1975 Study commission to explore possibility of Canadian participation in programming of Gospel Light Hour ministry (now Mennonite Brethren Communications).

"That the Board of Evangelism initiate a Study Commission in response to the invitation of the Manitoba Conference to explore ways and means whereby

the Canadian Conference can be invited to participate in or assume programming and operational responsibilities of the Gospel Light Hour, now known as Mennonite Brethren Communications."

CCY, 1975, 104.

1976 Board of Evangelism requested to explore the possibility of cooperating with U.S. Area Conference in the preparation of TV programs.

"The Study Commission on Mass Media has recommended that we seriously explore the possibility of linking up with our U.S. Brethren to prepare TV programs, using the gifts of Paul Lehman. The Board of Evangelism was asked to bring this question to the Canadian Conference this summer."

CCY, 1976, 13.

1977 Filming of 1977 Banff Youth Retreat for possible television release.

"That the Conference ratify the Board's plans to film Banff '77 Youth Retreat for future use in our churches and for possible television release."

CCY, 1977, 75.

1980 Commission to study the feasibility of Canadian Conference assuming responsibility for Mennonite Brethren Communications (Manitoba).

"1. That in response to a request from the Manitoba Conference of M.B. Churches, this Convention establish a Commission to study the feasibility of the Canadian Conference assuming responsibility for M.B. Communications. This Commission should be prepared to report to the 1981 Convention."

2. That the Commission be made up of five members to be elected from the Conference floor." (Nominations to be submitted to the Board of Evangelism.)

CCY, 1980, 41, 42.

1981 Study Commission recommendation on whether Mennonite Brethren Communications should become a Canadian Conference ministry or remain a Manitoba Conference project.

"That the M.B. Communications remain a Manitoba Conference project with the privilege of sharing its ministries and soliciting support from interested individuals, groups, and M.B. Churches of Canada. (Implied is that an exception be made to the 1978 accepted guidelines for provincial programming). This to be reviewed after a period of two years."

CCY, 1981, 135.

1983 Mennonite Brethren Communications to be granted reporting privileges at Canadian Conference Conventions.

"1. That the present arrangement (option #2 of the Study Commission) be continued for at least another two years."

2. That M.B. Communications be given reporting privileges at annual Canadian Conference Conventions."

CCY, 1983, 71.

RADIO BROADCAST COMMITTEE.

See RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRIES.

ROLE OF WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRIES.

See WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRIES, ROLE OF.

SEMINARY ISSUE.

See MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY (FRESNO, CA).

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Editorial note: The SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE and the YOUTH COMMITTEE merged to become the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE in 1964 and the BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION gradually assumed the responsibilities of the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE during the mid 1960s.

1960 Convening a Canadian Sunday School Convention.

"That another Canadian Sunday School Convention be held this year. Traveling expenses are to be paid to the members of the Canadian Sunday School Committee, the editors of the *Sunday School Instructor*, one representative from each Bible School and the College, all of whom are then entitled to take part in the meetings of the Sunday School Committee.

That all churches make it possible for their Sunday School superintendents to attend the Canadian M.B. Sunday School Convention."

CCY, 1960, 193.

1960 Publication of the *Sunday School Instructor* in coming year.

"That we publish the *Sunday School Instructor* in the coming year with additional Sunday school material for the primary department. Arrangements regarding editorial work should be left to the Canadian Sunday School Committee."

CCY, 1960, 193.

Editorial note: A similar resolution regarding the continuing publication of the Sunday School Instructor appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1961.

1960 Instruction of students in our schools in the use of the new Sunday school material.

"For advance preparation, we recommend that the students of religious education at Bible College and in our Bible schools be instructed in the use of the new Sunday School material."

CCY, 1960, 193.

1960 Traveling expenses of two brethren of the Canadian Sunday School Committee to the General Conference Sunday School Conference.

"That the traveling expenses of two brethren of the Canadian Sunday School Committee to the General Conference Sunday School Conference, which is to take place in California in August, be paid."

CCY, 1960, 193.

1960 Election of Canadian members to the General Conference Sunday School Committee.

"By way of preparation for the election at the General Conference we recommend the election of three members and one candidate. The latter would have to be presented to the General Conference on the basis of the recommendations of the Sunday School Committee of the General Conference."

CCY, 1960, 193.

1961 Changes in constitution regarding membership in the Sunday School Committee.

"That the Conference change the Constitution regarding the membership in the Canadian Sunday School Committee as follows: 'That one representative from every Bible school and one representative from the Bible College be added as members to the Committee....'"

CCY, 1961, 216.

Editorial note: A resolution in the Conference Yearbook for 1962 (page 217) recommends that the Conference remind the Bible College and Bible schools of the above recommendation.

1961 A Sunday School Workers Conference for 1961.

"That the churches make it possible for their Sunday school superintendents to attend this Conference, and that they encourage them to do so."

CCY, 1961, 216.

1961 Possible coordination of the work of the Sunday School Committee and the Youth Committee.

"That the Committee be permitted to investigate the coordination of the work and publications of the Sunday School Committee and the Youth Committee."

CCY, 1961, 216.

1962 Appointment of Christian Education director for Sunday School Committee.

"That the Canadian Conference establish the office of a Christian Education director and fieldman, to be engaged by the Sunday School Committee. The task of the Christian Education director could include:

1. Visiting the Sunday schools in the churches in order to discuss problems and needs.
2. Encouraging and introducing teacher training courses in the local churches or areas.
3. Promoting the extension of the Sunday school in the local church through mission Sunday schools or other avenues."

The tabled recommendation to appoint a director for the Sunday school work was taken up again. This recommendation was referred to the Committee of Reference and Counsel which is to send it to the churches for a decision. The Committee of Reference and Counsel is to set the date by which the decisions are to be forwarded.

CCY, 1962, 219, 238.

1962 Use of *Conquest for Christ* in churches.

"We recommend to the Conference the use of *Conquest for Christ*, a history of M.B. Foreign Missions, in mid-week, meetings, Sunday schools, homes, etc."

CCY, 1962, 218.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-book for 1963.

1962 A Superintendents Conference in conjunction with the Youth Leaders Conference.

"That the Conference permit the Sunday School Committee to conduct a Superintendents Conference in conjunction with the Youth Leaders Conference during the week following Easter Sunday."

CCY, 1962, 218.

1962 Election of an Executive for the Sunday School Committee.

"That the Conference elect three brethren for the Executive of the Canadian Sunday School Committee, consisting of chairman, secretary, and treasurer, the chairman to be elected for three years, the secretary for two years, and the treasurer for one year. When their first term expires, they be elected for a three-year term. That this recommendation be included in the constitution."

CCY, 1962, 218-219.

1962 Discontinuance of publication of the *Sunday School Instructor*.

"That the *Sunday School Instructor* in its present form be discontinued."

CCY, 1962, 218.

1962 Use and evaluation of new M.B.-imprinted Sunday school material.

"That all churches be encouraged to use the M.B. material.

That churches consult with the Committee in regard to any difficulties experienced with the material, giving concrete examples.

That the Conference allow the Committee to invite religious educators and theologians of the College and Bible schools for a study conference on the methods, doctrine and M.B. distinctives of the new material, and bear the expenses of the same.

That teachers from the M.B. Conference be preferred.

That pastors and superintendents be urged to make a study of the curriculum for an evaluation and make suggestions to improve the use of the material in the local churches.

That all desired changes be registered with the Committee so that improvements can be implemented."

CCY, 1962, 218-219.

1963 Promotion and improvement of Sunday school ministry in our Conference.

"That we, as a whole Conference, assume the responsibility for what is taught in our Sunday schools and that we help those directly engaged in the work by prayer and positive encouragement.

That we as much as possible maintain a unified curriculum in our churches.

That a change be undertaken in the adult lesson text in 1964.

That we strengthen the teacher training program in our churches."

CCY, 1963, 81-82.

1964 Teacher training courses in our Conference.

"That, if at all possible, the churches sponsor teacher training courses, either as a local church or in cooperation with neighbouring churches."

CCY, 1964, 52.

1964 Planning midweek family programs in our churches.

"That churches plan, organize and implement a full-scale midweek family program."

CCY, 1964, 52, 59.

1964 Towards the amalgamation of the Youth and Sunday School Committees.

"That the Conference approve the suggested organization of the Executives of the Youth and Sunday School Committees to form a single Committee, which elects its chairman from its own members." CCY, 1964, 52.

1964 Employment of an Executive Secretary for Christian Education.

"That the Conference approve the employment of the Executive Secretary (George Konrad) and that the employment for the current year be as outlined in the report."

CCY, 1964, 49-52.

1964 Use of Herald Press curriculum material in our churches.

"That we encourage those churches that are using Herald Press material to continue using this material until further studies have been carried out and the results of these submitted. We further recommend that where churches decide to discontinue using this material, they give at least one year's notice of such action. We would also encourage churches using other than Herald Press material to place orders through Christian Press whenever it is possible to do so."

CCY, 1964, 58-59.

Editorial note: See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for recommendations pertaining to Sunday school activities and projects after 1964.

TASK FORCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

See COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

TELEVISION, CONFERENCE STANCE TOWARDS.

1963 Conference stance towards individual use of television.

"With amazing rapidity TV is becoming an accepted part of our modern way of life. In the past years our Conference has given timely warnings concerning the use of TV and we believe we do well to heed them even today. It is still true that the world with all its subtle influences can be invited into the home by the flick of a switch.

In view of the fact that there are more acceptable programs and that in some

respects advertisements are being censored more carefully than in the past, we believe that the purchase and use of TV will have to be determined by the conscience of the individual and especially Christian parents in the light of circumstances in the individual homes. Nevertheless, let us not close our eyes to the destructive effects of uncontrolled and indiscriminate viewing of programs.

May the Lord grant us grace to maintain a tender conscience about the advisability of purchasing a TV set and about the type of programs we permit to be viewed in our homes so that we may honestly 'abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good.' (Romans 12:9b) 'Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.' (I Peter 2:11)"

CCY, 1963, 118.

WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRIES, ROLE OF.

1973 Role of women in church ministries.

"Since the Canadian Conference will meet as a Study Conference in 1974 and since one of the topics to be discussed is 'The Role of the Sisters in the Ministries of the Church' and since at that time a resolution on this topic will be forthcoming,

Be it resolved:

1. That the Canadian Conference take no further action in this area until that date.
2. That the Canadian Conference request the Provincial Conferences and the local churches to follow this same pattern.
3. That in the immediate future the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns publish the paper on the topic which clarifies the official position which the Board has reached at its January 12-14, 1973 session."

CCY, 1973, 9.

1975 Role of women in Conference and church ministries.

The Scriptures teach that men and women "are joint heirs of the grace of

life" (I Peter 3:7). They also record the significant role women filled as fellow workers in the early church (Romans 16; Phil. 2:2-3). However, several biblical texts also put strictures on the place of the woman in the church (I Cor. 14; I Tim. 2) on the basis of which we must recognize a distinction between the function of men and women in the church. God's creation order has not been abrogated by redemption.

Be it therefore resolved:

"1. That the Canadian Conference of M.B. Churches go on record as not favouring the ordination of women for the preaching and pastoral ministry nor their election to Boards and offices whose work is of the nature of eldership, such as the Board of Spiritual and Social Concerns, and the Board of Reference and Counsel or its equivalent.

2. That the Canadian Conference declare women eligible to be elected as delegates to Conferences and to church and Conference Boards and Committees other than those referred to in recommendation #1."

CCY, 1975, 106.

YOUTH COMMITTEE.

See under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

YOUTH COMMITTEE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Editorial note: The YOUTH COMMITTEE and the SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE merged to become the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE in 1964. The BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION gradually assumed the responsibilities of the (INTERIM) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE during the mid-1960s. All resolutions related to youth ministries within the Canadian Conference which appeared after 1964 are listed under BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1960 Publication of *Youth Worker*.

"That the *Youth Worker* be published in ten issues during the coming year."

CCY, 1960, 196.

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears under YOUTH COMMITTEE in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961-1964.

1960 Projects of Youth Committee.

"That the following projects be accepted for the year:

Youth Worker in South America	\$1,000
Bursaries at MBBC.....	600
Radio ministry in Japan	1,500
Radio ministry in Canada	1,500
Bethany Bible School, India	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$6,100"

CCY, 1960, 196.

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1963 and 1964.

1960 Youth Week in our churches.

"That the last week in January be observed as 'Youth Week' in all churches of our Conference."

CCY, 1960, 196.

Editorial note: A similar resolution appears under YOUTH COMMITTEE in the Conference Yearbooks for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964.

1960 Appointment of an Executive Secretary by the Youth Committee.

"That the Youth Committee appoint an Executive Secretary (H. H. Dueck) for a three-year term and that the Conference pay for his trip to the annual business meeting of the Committee."

CCY, 1960, 196.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Year-

books for 1963 and 1964.

1961 Possible coordination of the work and publications of the Youth Committee and Sunday School Committee.

"That it (Youth Committee) be permitted to investigate the possibility of a closer coordination of the work and publications of the Youth Committee and Sunday School Committee."

CCY, 1961, 219.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1962.

1962 Planning a Youth Leaders' Conference for 1963.

"That the Youth Committee be permitted to convene a Youth Leaders' Conference during the week following Easter Sunday, 1963."

CCY, 1962, 232.

1963 Training Hour Youth Guides recommended for our churches.

"That the Conference endorse and recommend the use of the Scripture Press *Training Hour Youth Guides* as youth program materials in all our churches."

CCY, 1963, 82.

Editorial note: A similar recommendation appears in the Conference Yearbook for 1964.

1963 Leadership training course for our churches.

"That the Conference endorse a two-year leadership training course to be conducted in each Province during the next two years. The course will be sponsored and organized by the Canadian Youth Committee. Each provincial youth committee would implement the course and cover any expenses involved."

CCY, 1963, 82.

1963 Appointment of H. H. Dueck as Executive Secretary of the Youth Committee.

"That the Conference approve the appointment of Brother H. H. Dueck as Executive Secretary of the Youth Committee for a three-year period or until the employment of a full-time Executive Secretary for the proposed Christian Education Committee has been finalized."

CCY, 1963, 82.

1964 Towards the amalgamation of Sunday School and Youth Committees.

"That the Conference approve the suggested organization of the Executives of the Youth and Sunday School Committees to form a single committee, which elects its chairman from its own members."

CCY, 1964, 52.

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