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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii 32.

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## PROGRAM OF SYNOD OF CATAWBA

In Session at Roanoke, Va.,  
October 8-10, 1930

Moderator, Rev. G. P. Watkins, D. D.  
Stated Clerk, Rev. J. A. Savage, D. D.  
Permanent Clerk, Rev. H. C. Miller, D. D.  
Treasurer, Rev. F. J. Anderson, D. D.  
Committee on Arrangements, Dr. L. L. Downing and Session of Fifth Avenue Church, Roanoke, Va.

Wednesday, October 8, 1930,  
7:30 P. M.

Annual Sermon by retiring Moderator, Dr. G. P. Watkins, associated by the last two Moderators present.

Synod constituted with prayer by Moderator.

Roll Call.

Election of Moderator.

Election of Temporary Clerks, nominated by the Stated Clerk.

Report of Committee on Arrangements.

Local Program.

Collection, Announcements, Adjournment.

Thursday, October 9, 1930

8:30 A. M. Opening Prayer.

Appointment of Standing Committees:

Judiciary; Leave of Absence; Communion; Records of Presbyteries; Minutes of General Assembly; Resolutions; Necrology; and Reference of Papers.

9:00 A. M. Report of Committee on Program and Field Activities, Dr. J. A. Savage, Chairman. Addresses.

9:45 A. M. Board of National Missions, Rev. F. C. Shirley, Chairman. Reports and addresses by the Chairman and by Dr. J. M. Gaston, Secretary of Division of Missions for Colored People. Round Table on Missions.

General Discussion on the Subject: "How Can We Secure Larger Memberships in All Our Churches?" led by those who have succeeded.

12 to 12:30 P. M. Devotions, led by Moderators present.

Recess.

2 to 3:30 P. M. Report of Board of Foreign Missions. Addresses. Rev. A. A. Hector, Chairman.

3:30 P. M. Reports of Standing Committees and Special Committees.

4:00 P. M. Commemoration of the Ministers of Synod who, during the year, have entered into the greater life.

Holy Communion.

Adjournment.

7:30 P. M. Public Program, Women's Synodical.

Mrs. G. C. Shaw, President, presiding.

Friday, October 10, 1930

8:30 A. M. Reading of Minutes.

Business.

8:45 to 11 A. M. Report of Committee on Christian Education, Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., LL. D., Chairman. Address by Representative of Board.

11 A. M. to 1:00. Reports, Business, etc.

12 to 12:30. Devotions, led by oldest elders of Synod.

2 to 3:30 P. M. Report of Ministerial Relief, Addresses by Experts, Rev. W. J. Rankin, D. D., Chairman.

3:30 to 5:30. Inspirational Addresses by Experts on Sunday School Work and Evangelism.

Resolutions, etc.

There are two kinds of teachers, those who have their class upon their hands, and those who have their class upon their hearts.—The Gleam, Melrose, Mass.

## PROPOSED STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD OF CATAWBA

In accordance with the order of the Synod of Catawba, in session at Grace church, Winston-Salem, N. C., October 10, 1929, we are submitting below, for the information of the members of Synod, the proposed Standing Rules for the Synod of Catawba as recommended by the Stated Clerk, Dr. J. A. Savage, and revised by a Special Committee appointed by Synod.—F. C. Shirley, Chairman of Special Committee.

### I. The Synod

1. The Synod of Catawba, comprising the Presbyteries of Cape Fear, Catawba, Southern Virginia and Yadkin, covering most of North Carolina and all of Southern Virginia, is a convention of the ministers and one ruling elder from each congregation in the above mentioned territory.

2. The Synod shall meet annually on the second Wednesday of October at 7:30 P. M. Pro-nata meetings may be called by the Moderator in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

3. The General Rules of Jurisdiction, recommended from time to time by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of this Synod upon the questions and orders to which they relate.

### II. Officers.

1. The officers of this Synod shall be a Moderator, Permanent Clerk and one or more Temporary Clerks.

2. The Moderator shall be elected annually, by ballot when there shall be more than one candidate. His duties shall be those defined in the General Rules for Jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. He shall appoint a Vice-Moderator who shall preside upon his request.

3. The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three years. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk: (a) to give notice of the time and place of the meeting of Synod; (b) to notify chairmen of committees of their appointed duties; (c) to lay on the Moderator's table at the opening of Synod the printed docket, and aid the Moderator in such duties as may be necessary to the prompt execution of Synod's business; (d) to notify Stated Clerks of Presbyteries of recommendations passed by Synod relating to the Presbyteries; (e) publish the minutes of Synod and send copies to each minister and ruling elder member of Synod; (f) and such other duties as the usage of the office requires.

The Stated Clerk shall receive a salary of \$25 per year.

4. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years. The Treasurer shall receive from the Presbyteries the annual assessments for the expense of Synod and other collections due the Synod. This money he shall hold for the Synod. From it he shall pay the expenses incurred, by action of Synod, upon vouchers issued by the Stated Clerk. The account of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by the Finance Committee.

5. The Permanent Clerk shall be elected for a term of three years. It shall be the duty of the Permanent Clerk: (a) to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of Synod; (b) to preserve all reports and papers received by Synod in convenient and orderly file and deliver them to the Stated Clerk upon adjournment. The Permanent Clerk shall receive a salary of \$10 per year.

6. The Temporary Clerks shall be elected annually, and shall assist the Stated and Permanent Clerks. Each Tempora-

ry Clerk shall receive \$2.50 for his services.

### III. The General Council.

1. The General Council of Synod shall consist of the following members: The Moderator, who shall be the Chairman; the Stated Clerk who shall be Secretary; Synod's Chairman of Committee on Program and Field Activities; the Chairman of Synod's Standing Committees on each of the four Boards; one minister at large from each Presbytery and one elder from each Presbytery. The ministers at large and the ruling elders shall be elected for a term of three years.

2. The duties of the General Council shall be such as are set out as belonging to General Councils in Chapter XXVI of the Form of Government. Eight members of the Council shall be necessary for a quorum.

3. The Council shall meet at the place of the annual meeting of Synod at an hour preceding the opening sufficient to give consideration to the business at hand.

4. The Moderator may call the Council together to transact business at any time and place within the bounds of Synod as occasion demands.

### IV. Committees

The Committees of Synod shall be divided into three classes, viz: Temporary, Standing and Special.

A. Temporary Committees, these shall be of two kinds:

1. Those appointed by the Moderator to serve at each annual meeting:

a. Bills and Overtures, three ministers and two ruling elders. One of the members shall be the retiring Moderator.

b. Judicial Business, three ministers and two elders.

c. Leave of Absence, two ministers and one ruling elder.

d. Presbyterial Records, one minister and one ruling elder for each record.

e. Resolutions, two ministers and one ruling elder.

f. Place of next meeting, two ministers and one elder.

2. Those appointed to report at next meeting of Synod:

a. Committee of Arrangements, the Stated Clerk with the Session of the entertaining church.

b. Committee on General Assembly Minutes, one minister and one ruling elder.

B. Standing Committees:

1. National Missions. This Committee shall consist of two ministers and one ruling elder elected for a term of three years.

3. Christian Education. A Chairman elected by Synod for a term of three years, the chairmen of committees on Christian Education in the four Presbyteries and one ruling elder from each Presbytery shall constitute this Committee.

4. Pensions. Two ministers and one ruling elder, elected for a term of three years.

5. Necrology. The Stated Clerk of Synod and Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall compose this committee.

6. Program and Field Activities. This committee shall consist of a chairman elected by Synod for a term of three years, the Chairmen of Synod's Standing Committees on the four Boards and the chairmen of committees on Program and Field Activities in the four Presbyteries. The President of the Woman's Synodical shall sit as a corresponding member of this Committee.

7. Finance Committee. This committee shall have 4 members, elected for a term of three years. One member shall come

from each Presbytery. Synod shall designate the chairman. This Committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and prepare a budget of expenditures and recommend to Synod the rate of per capita assessments needed to meet the expense of Synod for the next year.

8. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall have his report in typewritten form in the hands of the Stated Clerk at least two weeks before the date set for the stated meeting of Synod. So that the Stated Clerk may print all important recommendations with other essential elements in the reports and place them in hands of members of Synod before said reports are duly presented at the regular annual meeting.

9. The Standing Committee on National Missions, Christian Education and Program and Field Activities shall have at least one meeting annually which shall convene upon the call of the chairman. Synod shall provide for the expense of these meetings.

10. Each of the Board Committees may work out rules governing the administration of the duties assigned to it, said rules to be effective must be approved by the Synod.

11. Each of the Board Committees shall create into one complete report all the work committed to it, and shall have charge of the period assigned to said Board and give direction to it.

### V. The Presbyteries

1. The Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall furnish the Stated Clerk of Synod at least ten days before its opening with the following information:

a. A complete roll of their ministers, churches, ruling elders, and clerks of sessions arranged alphabetically.

b. The annual report required by the Form of Government, chapter X section 9.

c. A full roster of the Standing Committees with the addresses of all the chairmen.

### VI. Amendments

These rules shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of Synod.

## CATAWBA PRESBYTERY IN FALL SESSION

By Rev. A. H. Prince, Permanent Clerk

The Presbytery of Catawba met Thursday evening, September 11, at 7:30 a'clock with the Lowrey's Memorial church, Wadesboro, N. C., Rev. J. H. Cowan, minister.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. H. Cowan, from the texts Psalm 121 and John 4:35. The burden of the message centered in a forceful urge for Christians to descend to the valley and work among and for suffering humanity. After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer and the officers were elected. Rev. C. P. Pitchford was unanimously elected Moderator and the Rev. O. E. Sanders, Temporary Clerk.

Attorney R. S. Pruette, of Wadesboro, and Mrs. Mary Lily, member of the local church, gave fitting words of welcome to the Presbytery on behalf of the city and church, respectively. Rev. F. C. Shirley made the response for the Presbytery.

### Corresponding Members

The Rev. C. Orville St. John, of the Presbytery of Chicago; the Rev. P. T. Thomas, of the Pee Dee Baptist Association; and Rev. J. A. McKay, of the West Central Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, were accorded seats as corresponding members of the Presbytery.

### Reports of Standing Committees

The reports from the Committees on the four Boards were had which were full and comprehensive. Each report showed a careful preparation on the part of the committee. Dr. L. B. West, Chairman of the Committee on National Missions, made his report. Dr. Charles H. Shute, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, submitted the report for the Committee; Rev. E. Z. Beatty, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, gave the report, and Rev. O. E. Sanders, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, made his report. Rev. C. Orville St. John, of the Presbytery of Chicago, and representative of the Board of Pensions, spoke to this report.

Dr. H. L. McCrorey, chairman, reported on the General Assembly Minutes.

### Other Concerns of the Presbytery

A petition to the Presbytery requesting the organizing of a Presbyterian church in Bidde Heights, Charlotte, N. C., was approved and a Committee was appointed by the Presbytery consisting of Dr. Robert P. Wyche, Dr. Charles N. Jenkins, Rev. W. S. Plair, and Rev. F. C. Shirley and Elders W. E. Hill, C. B. Rhyne, and E. W. Wallace to perfect the organization of this church.

Rev. O. E. Sanders and Dr. H. L. McCrorey were nominated as principal ministerial commissioners to the next General Assembly meeting and Elders W. M. Phifer and S. M. McClelland were nominated as lay commissioners. Revs. W. A. Grigg and A. H. Prince were nominated as alternate ministerial commissioners, and Elders T. J. Vanlandingham and W. E. Hill were nominated as alternate lay commissioners.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of British Guiana, was received into the full membership of the Presbytery.

Rev. A. H. Prince was elected as Director of Stewardship in the Presbytery and will have to do with the promoting of Stewardship among the young people of the Presbytery.

Rev. Nathan Bell was honorably retired by the Presbytery.

The report of commissioners to the last General Assembly was made by Dr. F. T. Logan and Elder E. W. Wallace which was commended by the Presbytery.

A censure was placed upon the sessions of Henderson Grove, Lawrence Chapel, Good Hope, Shiloh and Huntersville churches for neglect in presenting their sessional records at the Presbytery. They were further requested to bring them at the mid-winter meeting of the Presbytery.

Overtures A and B were answered in the affirmative and negative respectively.

Mr. Edw. W. Jones and Mr. C. W. Boyce, of the University church, were examined by the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. Their examinations were sustained and they were taken under care of the Presbytery for the study of the gospel ministry.

Mr. J. M. Alston and Mr. Murray Kearns were re-recommended to the Board of Christian Education for aid in the study of the ministry at Johnson C. Smith University Seminary.

A commission consisting of Dr. C. H. Shute, Dr. P. W. Russell, Rev. F. C. Shirley, Rev. O. E. Sanders, Elders W. E. Hill, James Matthews and Charles R. Rhyne was appointed to visit the Lloyd church and bring about peace in that congregation.

The Presbytery was agreeably entertained by the people of Wadesboro. The seeming "hard times" could be hardly realized,

judging from the tables that were spread for our enjoyment and the homes that were at our disposal. The Presbytery was well attended, having over 25 of the 37 ministers present, and more than 15 elders.

The business was dispatched in orderly manner, and frank and free discussions characterized Presbytery. We hardly will forget the Wadesboro session of Presbytery soon. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung and we adjourned to meet in mid-winter session with the Brooklyn Presbyterian church, Charlotte, and in Spring session with the Third Street Presbyterian church, Gastonia.

## GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ABINGDON, VA.

By Mrs. Gladys Wright

Editor the Africo-American Presbyterian:

Perhaps you have not heard before from the Ladies' Missionary Society of this newly organized church, which is doing a splendid work, to say the least. Mrs. J. S. Gillenwater, President, called a meeting Thursday afternoon at 3 P. M.

After a spiritual devotional and minutes of last meeting the matter of raising funds to finance. We were glad to have ish paying our quotas was dis- present with us our pastor, Rev. Shepperson, of Bristol, Tenn. After some discussion pro and con it was agreed to have a "sales line" at the next meeting. On this line will be pinned articles such as towels, aprons, caps, etc., which will be made and given by the members. It was decided to sell ice cream on that night. Other suggestions were offered by Mrs. Dora Fraction, Mrs. Julia Jones, Mrs. Martha Campbell and others.

The question of knowing more about the Church and Presbyterianism was raised and discussed, which resulted in naming for this information The Presbyterian Magazine and the Africo-American Presbyterian. It was decided to have both periodicals come to the Society later.

Enroute to Rogersville, Tenn., to continue their studies in Swift Memorial College, Miss Fern G. Carter, Miss Irene Burrell and Miss Evelyn Moton, all of Drake's Branch, Va., stopped overnight with Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Shepperson, of Bristol, Tenn.

On her way to Bristol a few days ago, Mrs. Froyne Hall got her hand painfully hurt in a car accident. The car, which was going at rapid speed, made the curve on Russell St., and as it descended a steep grade, at the foot of which a train was crossing the street, a woman in the rear seat screamed, the brakes failed to work, the driver became unnerved, and turned the car in the high embankment. The car glazed a telephone pole, dashed its length up the steep embankment and fell back to the curb. Mrs. Hall, in an effort to prevent her granddaughter, Daphne, from jumping out, caught her hand between the car and the telephone pole. She was rushed to Mercy Hospital where she received treatment. She is improving though not able to work.

Mr. Silas Thompson, of Battle Creek, Michigan, passed through here a few days ago enroute to Gastonia, N. C. He is touring in company with his very accomplished wife and two children. In Bristol he visited Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of East State Street, and Rev. and Mrs. Shepperson, of Garland Street. After visiting his home in Gastonia, where he had not been in twenty-six years, he will return to Battle Creek by way of Knoxville, Tenn.