

MINUTES

Twenty-Eighth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Friday, July 28, 2017

Afternoon Business Session

The Friday afternoon business meeting of the 28th General Conference convened at 2:13 p.m.

Scripture reading (Jeremiah 29:11) and prayer were given by Rev. Mrs. Mary Alice Trevino.

The Chairman called the business session to order at 2:17 p.m.

The Corporate Secretary, J. Talmadge Gardner, read the Minutes of the Friday morning business session.
ADOPTED

Delegates viewed a Memoirs video remembering IPHC missionaries called home during the past quadrennium:

Alesa Jo Thomas Akerman
Bette Mae Gallardo Anderson
Glyndall "Glyn" Brady
Robert "Bobby" Eugene Clark, Jr.
Pamela "Pam" Judd Clark
Irene Orser De Fontes
William John "Willie" Downing
Louise Owens Gschwend
Velda Ruth Cunningham Hough
Phillip Eugene Morris
Edna Grace Harrell Parker
John Bertram Parker
Evelyn Rousseau Shealy
Patricia Ann Browne Stevens

The Executive Director of World Missions Ministries, J. Talmadge Gardner, led in prayer following the Missionary Memoirs report.

Delegates considered the following resolutions:

Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops appoint a General Conference Delegate Study Committee. The purpose of this committee is to study our delegate certification process, giving attention to insuring a consistent application of this process across all conference, local church, and international delegates; that special attention be given to increasing the traditional lay person participation at the 29th General Conference. This committee shall report to the Council of Bishops during the first meeting of 2019. Language that is adopted by the COB

will become the Report of the Delegate Certification Committee for the next General Conference. These adopted guidelines will be sent to conference and local churches well in advance of the 29th General Conference to insure greater compliance. ADOPTED

Resolution:

In order to enhance the International Pentecostal Holiness Church's mission/outreach, the General Superintendent will direct the Council of Bishops in strategic planning for the structure and finances of the denomination on General, Conference and local levels.

1. The strategic planning will be initiated in the first year of the new quadrennium.
2. The study will include a team of outside consultants commissioned by the Council of Bishops.
3. The Council of Bishops is authorized to implement the final recommendations of the strategic plan as deemed necessary. ADOPTED

Resolution:

In the interest of growing and enhancing attendance to the next General Conference, we request the Council of Bishops to carefully review and select venues for 2021. We request that they weigh the options with the goal of choosing an affordable and efficient venue with the widest appeal to the denominational constituency. ADOPTED

The chair expressed appreciation to the following individuals who worked tirelessly in planning and administrating the details of the 28th General Conference: Rev. W. Terry Fowler, General Conference Coordinator; Mrs. Brenda Phillips, Chief Financial Officer; Mrs. Janese Bennett, Director of Communications; Lynn Jones; and Wesley Samuel.

Having concluded the business of this 28th General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, and with there being no further discussion or objection, the Chairman ADJOURNED the session at 3:02 p.m.