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1993 GENERAL
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AD #101

From: The Administrative Task Force
RE: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend that ¶ 660.1 in the Canadian Discipline be changed to read:

"The Board of Administration shall elect a Management Committee comprised of eight members of the General Conference, which would include the elected members from the Administrative Commission to the Board of Administration (known as the Administrative Committee) plus four members at large, one from each of the four conferences, with the Executive Director and the Canadian Treasurer being advisor to the Management Committee. At least two of the members of this committee must be ministers. This committee shall meet quarterly".

AD #102

From: The Administrative Task Force
RE: NOMINATING THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

that old ¶ 625.5 be replaced by this ¶ 625.4: "The Nominating Committee of the General Conference shall nominate to the General Conference four members from each commission to serve as Commission Executive Committees. The four Executive Committees shall in turn comprise the Board of Administration which shall oversee the business of the Free Methodist Church in Canada in the interim of the General Conferences sessions".

AD #103

From: The Administrative Task Force
RE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF COMMISSIONS

that old ¶ 625.4 become ¶ 625.5 with the underlined section added: "The commissions are accountable to the General Conference and, in the interim between General Conference sessions the Executive Committees are accountable to the Board of Administration".

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AD #105

From: The Administrative Task Force
RE: OFFICIAL BOARD - SENIOR PASTOR

That ¶ 415.2 should read, "The Official Board shall have no more than 14 members. It shall include the senior pastor without vote and adequate representation..."

AD #107

From: Glenn Snook
Stanley Hanna

RE: DELEGATE ON OFFICIAL BOARD

WHEREAS paragraph 435-2.7 states that the delegate with the highest number of votes, where more than one delegate is elected, shall serve on the Official Board, and

WHEREAS, the delegate with the higher number of votes may be the second delegate chosen, and

WHEREAS it is clear that the first delegate elected was the first choice,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 435-2.7 be rewritten as follows:

"The delegate, or in cases where there are more than one, the first delegate elected shall serve on the Official Board"

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RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Church/Pastoral Evaluations

MOVER: Administrative Committee

WHEREAS ¶445.5 of the Book of Discipline provides, generally, that the Church/Pastor Evaluation Questionnaire (hereafter "Evaluation") is to be completed during the month of February in odd numbered years;

AND WHEREAS ¶445.6 of the Discipline provides, generally, that the Pastoral Vote (hereafter "Vote") is to be taken during the month of February in even numbered years;

AND WHEREAS these provisions result in unequal opportunity of expression by members of local churches in regard to pastoral assessment depending on year of appointment;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to provide consistency to the process of completing Evaluations and Votes in and between local churches;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. that second sentence of ¶445.5 be deleted and replaced by the following:

"It shall be completed not earlier than 13 months and not later than 15 months following the initial appointment of the pastor and in alternate years thereafter."
2. that the first sentence of ¶445.6 be deleted and replaced by the following:

"The pastoral vote shall be taken one year following the initial Church/Pastor Evaluation and in alternate years thereafter."

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AD #111

RE: CONFERENCE TREASURER

WHEREAS paragraph 560-7.1 states that a conference treasurer be elected, and

WHEREAS this is a carry over from an era when the treasurer was a volunteer elected from year to year, and

WHEREAS this position may presently be filled by a paid employee

BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 560-7.1 be rewritten as follows:

A treasurer may be elected by the conference, or may be hired by the conference Board of Administration as the annual conference may direct.

In case of a vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner chosen by the annual conference.

Sponsored by Glenn Snook

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AD #112

RE: CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

WHEREAS ¶ 570.23.6 of the Discipline (1990) specifies that the conference trustees "shall review all local church proposals for the purchase and sale or encumbrance of land or buildings, the erection of buildings or the major renovation of existing facilities. It shall also review funding proposals for the same. No projects shall proceed without the authorization of the conference."; and,

WHEREAS, ¶ 1083 of the Discipline (1990) specifies that "Whenever it becomes advisable and **the electing body so authorizes**, the trustees may sell or encumber or otherwise dispose of or convey church property by **securing the consent of the superintendent**;"and,

(Note: emphasis added)

WHEREAS, these two clauses may lead to differing interpretations regarding the approvals required for the sale, encumbrance or conveyance of local church property; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the role of the conference trustees in the purchase and sale, encumbrance or conveyance of local church property be clarified through the following amendments to the Discipline:

- a) REVISE the last sentence of ¶570.23.6 to read: "These projects shall not proceed without the authorization of the conference **trustees**."

and

- b) REVISE the first sentence of ¶1083 to read: "... by securing the consent of the superintendent **and for local church properties, the conference trustees**".

and

- c) REVISE the forms shown in ¶1091, ¶1092 and ¶1093 to provide for an approving signature of the Chairman, Conference Trustees.

Sponsored by P. Norman Smith

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AD #114

Referred to Overseas

RE: Amendment to the Process of Election by Ballot Without Nominations

WHEREAS, the process for ballot elections without nomination consumes considerable meeting time that could be used more profitably for debate or inspiration; and,

WHEREAS, the principle behind the practice of election by ballot without nomination rather than by nomination is to ensure that all members have opportunity to contribute nominees for positions under consideration; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that whenever ballot election without nominations are required by the Book of Discipline, and following the second ballot, if an election is not completed, the list of nominees may be limited to three beyond the number of positions to be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Book of Discipline be amended to include this principle whenever a ballot election without nominations is required. The nominees listed should be those receiving the highest number of ballots.

Sponsored by Keith A. Elford
Dennis H. Camplin

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WITH ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

AD #115

Merged with AD #104 and submitted as a revised AD #115

ACTION: YES

RE: OFFICIAL BOARD STRUCTURE - ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the mission of the Free Methodist Church is to make known to people everywhere God's call to wholeness through forgiveness and holiness in Jesus Christ, and to invite into membership and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith; and,

WHEREAS, large churches, small and developing churches, and ethnic churches, will play an increasingly important role in the decades ahead; and these churches may find the prescribed official board structures for a local Free Methodist Church cumbersome; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a similar change made in the Book of Discipline for the U.S. based General Conference since 1989; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added as Par.421;

Par.421: OFFICIAL BOARD - ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM

~~Churches,~~ Upon receiving the approval of the Conference Superintendent, **churches** may organize under an alternative plan, resulting in an Official Board of not more than fourteen members and not less than six members, ~~being~~ elected at large from the society - at least one of whom is an Annual Conference delegate. - ~~shall be included on an official board thus elected.~~

Sponsored by Glenn H. Teal
Brian R. Cooke

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AD #116

RE: Regularity and Function of General and Annual Conference Meetings

WHEREAS, Annual Conference, an historic event in Methodism dating back to the Methodist revival of the 18th Century, was not at first a gathering of large numbers of people; and,

WHEREAS, the subsequent addition of a General Conference event which, in the Canadian Church, is held at three-year intervals and thus adds a second major business meeting of church leaders every third year; and,

WHEREAS, the heavy camping program each conference gives further opportunities for our people to be together for fellowship and encouragement at least once a year; and,

WHEREAS, this proliferation of summer gatherings keeps both ministers and lay persons away from the local church and its ministries an increasing amount of time;

BE IT RESOLVED that General Conference order a study by the conferences to investigate the regularity and function of conference meetings and report back at the 1996 General Conference.

Sponsored by Allan Hyndman
Tom Gurnick

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AD #118

RE: Commission Chairpersons

WHEREAS, Conference Superintendents benefit from a thorough knowledge of the Free Methodist Church in Canada as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the chairmanship of a General Conference Commission increases the administrative load of a Conference Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, the office of Chairman of a General Conference Commission limits the input a Superintendent may have in discussion and decision making; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee for the General Conference consider someone other than a Conference Superintendent to chair each of the Commissions.

Sponsored by James S. Robb
Betty Humphrey

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AD #120

Administrative Commission

Be it resolved that: ¶ 665.1 of the Discipline be replaced with the following text:

Each Annual Conference shall, at its first sitting following the preceding General Conference, elect members to the General Conference Nominating Committee. The election shall be by ballot without nomination. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one member from Canada Pacific, two members from Canada West, two members from Canada Great Lakes, and three members from Canada East, plus the Bishop (ex-officio). The committee shall have equal representation of layment and clergy.

In the year following the 1993 General Conference, Canada Pacific shall elect one ministerial representative, Canada West and Canada Great Lakes shall each elect one lay and one ministerial representative, and Canada East shall elect two lay and one ministerial representative. In future years, until a shift in membership warrants change, Canada East and Canada Pacific will in alternate General Conference terms make the appropriate adjustment between lay and ministerial delegates.

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AD #121

SUBJECT: Wesley Manor

SPONSORS: Vern Meeds and Stephen Palin

Whereas, the Canada Pacific Conference is now an official segment of the Free Methodist Church in Canada, and

Whereas, the Free Methodist Church Senior Citizens Home Society (also known as Wesley Manor) in New Westminster, BC is an independent non-profit organization already incorporated with the Province of British Columbia, and

Whereas, Wesley Manor plans to continue, for the present, to be a member of the Association of Social Service Agencies of the Free Methodist Church of North America, and

Whereas, Wesley Manor is requesting to be involved with the Canadian church, and is willing to report annually to the church.

Therefore, be it resolved,

that Wesley Manor, New Westminster, BC, be fraternal part of the Free Methodist Church in Canada.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Free Methodist Church in Canada

MOTION presented to the General Conference

SUBJECT: Book of Discipline

MOVER: Douglas J. Buchanan

SECONDER: David Griggs

Referred to: **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

ON MOTION, that.....

WHEREAS The Discipline is an important reference Book for Church Governance.

AND WHEREAS related issues are frequently located in different sections of the Discipline.

AND WHEREAS the index is not always complete.

AND WHEREAS many church members use personal computers for information processing

BE IT RESOLVED that the Book of Discipline be made available on floppy disks compatible with IBM personal computers.

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SUBJECT: Study of Denominational Administrative Structures and Procedures.

MOVER: The Canada East Annual Conference. Lloyd R.Eyre, Conference Secretary.

that the Canadian General Conference conduct a thorough study of denominational administrative structures and procedures, with a view to adjusting our structures and procedures, if necessary, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. Such study is to be staffed by people qualified (in terms of systems and organizational development practice) and "without conflict of interest," (in terms of employment in the national or Conference offices in the past five years.)

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AD #125

SUBJECT: Number of Delegates to General Conference

FROM: Administrative Commission

WHEREAS, the Canada Pacific Conference has now joined the Free Methodist Church in Canada and were granted six delegate seats at the 1993 General Conference in addition to the 70 (§270.1.2 and §605.1);

and,

WHEREAS, 76 is evenly divided by 4 for consistency of Commission size;

and,

WHEREAS, it has become policy to cover the expenses of first reserve delegates who while in a reserve position have no voice or vote at the General Conference,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the total number of delegates be increased from 70 to 76 but that covering the expenses of first reserves be discontinued.

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ED #201

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From: P. Norman Smith

RE: CANADIANIZING MEMBERSHIP CARE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the MEMBERSHIP CARE COMMITTEE HANDBOOK (MCH) provides the local church Membership Care Committee with a valuable source of guidance regarding their duties; and,

WHEREAS, the existing version of the MCH is based on the 1985 version of the Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America; and,

WHEREAS, the paragraph numbering of the 1985 Discipline and the Discipline of The Free Methodist Church in Canada are different, and some paragraphs in the 1985 Discipline do not have parallel text in the Canadian Discipline (e.g. Para.364.4 - 1985), and the two Disciplines are likely to diverge further over time, as they are developed by separate General Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, over time, the Discipline of the Free Methodist Church of North America will be increasingly less available to Ministers and members of the Free Methodist Church in Canada; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Administration be requested to establish an editing committee to revise the existing MEMBERSHIP CARE HANDBOOK, to develop a Canadian Edition, compatible with the Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church in Canada, with the permission of the Free Methodist Church of North America for the re-use of any copyrighted material. The Canadian version is to be made available before the next Canadian General Conference.

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ED # 202

RE: MINISTERIAL TRAINING

That the following be issued as a guideline by the secretary of the General Conference to all conference M.E.G. committees and to be included in the M.E.G. Committee Handbook:

"There are three educational tracks which lead to ordained ministry. Track I, the Seminary Course is the preferred route, and candidates are encouraged to prepare themselves via this track. Track II, the College course may be necessary in some situations, due to an individual's circumstances. Track III, the Correspondence Course, is to be used in exceptional situations only, where a candidate brings significant academic work and/or life experience. Ordination to Elder's orders will usually require the Bachelor of Arts Degree or its equivalent. Candidates for ministry should consult as early as possible with the Conference Ministerial Education and Guidance Committee regarding their plans for both academic training and itinerant credit service."

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ED #203

RE: FUNERAL RITUAL

WHEREAS, the present ritual for the burial of the dead in both its content and its language assumes the deceased to be a Christian; and,

WHEREAS, our pastors are called to officiate at many unchurched people's funerals and interments; and,

WHEREAS, through the ritual we want to communicate the gospel to the needs of the unchurched in the language understandable by them; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1993 General Conference prepare for the next General Conference an alternative service of burial of the dead that takes into account that we live in a post-Christian culture.

Submitted by Reverends Jim and Catherine Tysick

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ED #204

RE: INFANT BAPTISM/DEDICATION RITUAL

WHEREAS, both the services of infant baptism and infant dedication are directed towards parents and guardians who can give assurance for the infant of necessary Christian training (par.125.3.3.; par. 910.915); and,

WHEREAS, many parents come to our churches seeking to have their infants baptized or dedicated whom we know are not in the position to give assurance for the infant of necessary Christian training nor can truthfully answer the questions administered in either ritual; and,

WHEREAS, as a church we want to minister to those parents and encourage them to move closer to Christ; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1993 General Conference prepare for the next General Conference an alternative ritual for parents or guardians who cannot give assurance of necessary Christian training for their infants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ritual not be of a covenantal or dedicative nature, but along the character of a blessing.

Submitted by Jim and Catherine Tysick

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ED #205

From: Gary Shearer
RE: RITUAL - SERVICE FOR LAYING ON OF HANDS

Whereas,

A few months ago, a member of our church asked to be anointed with oil. When I went to the Book of Discipline and the Pastor's Handbook I could not find a service to use. Since we have service outlines for dedication of furniture, buildings people holding offices and for the administration of the sacraments, I feel it would be appropriate to also have services for laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

Whereas,

I have drafted a service for both using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer as a guide. This is a submission for consideration with the hope that the annual conferences would accept this draft or create a new one for General Conference

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following rituals be adopted for use in our churches:

SERVICE FOR LAYING ON OF HANDS

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son did lay his hands on the sick and heal them: Grant, we ask, to this your servant on whom we now lay our hands in His Name, refreshment of spirit, and according to your gracious will, restoration to health of body and mind; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Then shall he lay his hands on the head of the sick person and say:)

I lay my hands on you in the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, asking him that through his merits and precious death he will grant you forgiveness of your sins, relief from your pains, and recovery of health in mind and body, to the glory of his Name. Amen.

Into God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you, and give you peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

SERVICE FOR THE ANOINTING WITH OIL

(Blessing of the oil)

O Almighty God, who has taught us in your holy Word to pray for the sick and anoint them with oil, that they may recover their bodily health: Sanctify we ask you, this you creature of oil; and grant that those who shall be anointed with it may receive healing of body and mind, and strengthening of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

James 5:14-16. Is there any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Mark 6:7, 12, 13. Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

O Almighty God, who is the giver of life and health and the aid to those that seek you: We call upon you for your help and goodness mercifully to be shown on this your servant, that being healed of his infirmities of body and mind, and spirit, he may give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(NAME) I anoint you in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. As with this Holy oil you are outwardly anointed, so may our Heavenly Father grant that you may be inwardly anointed with the Holy Spirit.

May he of his great mercy restore you to health and strength to serve him, and send you release from pain in body and mind. May he forgive you all your sins, preserve you in all goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ED #206

RE: THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INDEPENDENT SEMINARY WITHIN
AN EVANGELICAL CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, the main obstacle to establishing an independent institution of seminary education in Canada, and within the Methodist heritage, is that the financial resources of Canadian denominations within the Methodist heritage do not seem sufficient to meet the prohibitive cost of setting up such an institution; and,

WHEREAS, this difficulty may be overcome by taking part in a consortium of theological schools which share resources but which retain their distinctive charters; and,

WHEREAS, there is discussion among certain existing evangelical theological schools about the possibility of establishing an evangelical consortium at the seminary level in Calgary, Alberta; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we direct the Commission on Education to seek the development of a Methodist school of theology at the seminary level within a consortium of other evangelical schools. And we direct the Commission on Education to include in its investigation the possibility of a consortium in Calgary, Alberta.

Sponsors: Robert C. Quick
Keith A. Elford

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ED #207

RE: CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, Paragraph 320 of the 1990 Book of Discipline states, Free Methodists seek to live according to scriptural principles expressed in the membership covenant...,

AND WHEREAS, some of the articles (Paragraphs 170.2, 170.4 and 175.4) of the membership covenant express ethics,

AND WHEREAS, the cross-cultural nature of the Free Methodist Church calls for statements of principle in the constitution,

AND WHEREAS, Paragraph 320 is an appropriate place for the ethical interpretation of those principles in the cultural contexts of the various General Conferences,

AND WHEREAS, the conditions for full membership (Paragraph 349.1.2) calls for assent to the guidelines of Christian conduct (Paragraphs 320-335),

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution be changed as follows:

1. Change Paragraph 170.2 to read, "I will observe the Lord's Day in worship, Christian fellowship and service, and renewal of mind and spirit."
2. Change Paragraph 170.4 to read, "I will abstain from any participation in the occult, and I will keep myself free to give my first loyalty to Christ and the Church."
3. Change Paragraph 175.4 to read, "I will be guided by the scriptural standard of temperance in relation to intoxicating or addictive substances, and recognizing my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, I will do all I can to live a healthy life."

Submitted by James S. Robb
Tom Gurnick

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ED #208

RE: THE SERVICE OF ADULT BAPTISM AND THE APOSTLES' CREED

WHEREAS, the Service of Baptism as found in ¶ 930.3 takes too many liberties with putting the Apostle's Creed into the interrogative form, and

WHEREAS, certain items of the creed are truncated and interpreted too freely, such as the rendition of the words, "The Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints" into the rather insipid words, "the fellowship of the church," and

WHEREAS, baptism is an act of incorporation into the whole Church of Jesus Christ, and not into any one part of it, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the words in the service of baptism for adults, incorporate unchanged, the version of the Apostle's Creed as traditionally accepted by the Christian Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the baptismal candidate(s) be asked to repeat the Apostles' Creed, with the words, "Repeat the words of the Apostles' Creed (together)" and then at the conclusion of that reading to answer the question, "Do you believe these things?" with the answer expected, "All these things I firmly believe."

Sponsors: David Ashton
Tom Gurnick

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ED # 210

RE: MINISTERS and the MARRIAGE of a BELIEVER to a NON-BELIEVER

WHEREAS ¶ 335.2 reads, "... Ministers are required to use diligent care when being requested to solemnize a marriage. Those who unite believers to unbelievers go contrary to the explicit teachings of the Scriptures ...," and

WHEREAS, this wording causes considerable discomfort implying that pastors are a party to the violation of the scriptures, and a participant in sin, and

WHEREAS this statement is far more judgemental than any that has been used to date in any of our recent Books of Discipline, and

WHEREAS this statement moves accountability from the members for their own actions on to the pastors, and

WHEREAS this statement has caused considerable confusion, in light of its contrast to all earlier statements, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the words "Those who unite believers to unbelievers go contrary to the explicit teachings of the Scriptures" be deleted, and replaced with the statement, "Members are encouraged to marry believers."

Sponsors: David Ashton
Tom Gurnick

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ED #211

RE: DIVORCED MINISTERS

WHEREAS ¶ 720.4.5 reads, "A person who has been divorced shall not be admitted to the conference as a Deacon unless approved by the Bishop's Cabinet. This shall also apply to a minister whose spouse has been divorced. Divorce prior to conversion shall not in itself bar a candidate from consideration for conference membership, " and

WHEREAS this paragraph along with ¶ 315.5.3 makes a reference to divorce prior to conversion, but makes no reference to divorce post-conversion, and

WHEREAS, divorce after conversion is not noted in the Book of Discipline as barring a candidate from consideration for conference membership, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the line in question ¶ 720.4.5 and ¶ 315.5.3 read "Divorce shall not in itself bar a candidate from consideration for conference membership."

Submitted by David Ashton
Tom Gurnick

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ED #212

FROM: Donald N. Bastian

RE: Sex Education

Whereas, in society today sex education is being increasingly made a part of public school curricula; and,

Whereas, the church has generally been neglectful of this task and silent on the subject; and,

Whereas, some secular programs of sex education present a point of view contrary to a Christian view; and,

Whereas, Christian parents of growing children need help from the church in expressing a wholesome point of view on the subject; and,

Whereas, Christian parents need access to materials that will assist them in instructing their own children; therefore,

Be it resolved that the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church in Canada adopt the following statement as an official statement to be distributed to all official boards; and

Be it further resolved that the statement be printed in an attractive brochure and made widely available to our constituency; and

Be it further resolved that the attached list of resource materials be commended to all official boards for inclusion in church libraries and made accessible to parents.

SEX EDUCATION: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The task of sex education is to help growing children, at the level of their understanding, to acknowledge that their sexuality undergirds and shapes their view of the world. Sexuality is not one aspect of being human that can be separated out and experienced independently; it is integral to the whole of our humanness.

In society at the present there are sharply conflicting views on sex education. The issue is not so much what information should be taught as what assumptions should undergird the information. Christians believe humans are more than high-grade animals, intricately developed socially; they are unique creatures among God's creation, bearing his image and accountable to him for the life they live and the sexual relationships they experience.

The family, a mother and father and children, provides the best environment for wholesome sex education. Healthful sex education begins in the loving attitudes of parents to each other and the respect they show one another and their children from their infancy onward.

Christian sex education is based on the revelation that God created humankind to be male and female, each bearing fully his image (Gen 1:26,27). From birth onward this differentiation of humans into male and female has implications that are to be honored. Sex education is to help us rejoice in what God has created us to be.

Sex education is enhanced in the home by the use of Biblically-based literature, video-tapes, cassettes and whatever other Christian resources are recommended and available from the denomination's literature centre. The physiology and anatomy of sex may thus be taught in a gradual way, according to a growing child's ability to understand. Sex is not taught as a mere naturalistic function of the human body. The Christian faith maintains that there is a mystery to sex -- a spiritual dimension beyond rational explanation -- and sex education must respect this.

Sex education is further enhanced by courses given in the church school, children's camps and at other such dedicated special occasions. The teachers -- whether parents or Christian education personnel or both -- will be most effective when they teach out of self-affirming attitudes toward their own sexuality. Modeling is the means by which children are helped to develop their sense of what it means to be responsible sexual beings.

Sexual intercourse itself is a specific and incomparably intimate expression of human sexuality. From a Christian point of view it is indeed a driving biological function but one with profound psychological and spiritual components. In this act, humans reveal to a partner the mystery of their being. The possibility of conceiving a new human life, that is, of procreating, is often present also and thus gives sexual intercourse a sacred

element as well. For these reasons, sexual intercourse properly belongs within a marriage that has been publicly solemnized and legally registered.

Because the sexual act gives intense sensual pleasure, some secular minds tend to treat it as nothing more than the satisfaction of a physical appetite. The psychological and spiritual aspects are ignored. Those who promote such a view may only be concerned that sex be practiced safely, using the best of modern technology to avoid contracting a sexually transmitted disease or initiating a pregnancy.

Christians believe that such a view is contrary to the Scriptures which regard marriage as honorable while sex outside of marriage is labeled as adultery or fornication -- both regarded as serious sins. (Heb 13:4) The Bible speaks forthrightly against pre-marital and extra-marital sex in this way: "But among you, there must not even be a hint of sexual immorality [promiscuous behavior], or of any kind of impurity [the wider range of illicit sexual conduct], or of greed [insatiability], because these are improper for God's holy people" (Eph 5:3).

Secular sex education programs leave the impression that sex between consenting partners, whether adolescent or adult, heterosexual or homosexual, is all right so long as it is "responsible" and "protected" or so long as the participants are "ready for it." These opinions fly in the face of responsible research. Even as they are being propagated, the evidence is that sexually transmitted diseases continue to spread, teenage pregnancies multiply, the abortion rate climbs and disillusionment about the deeper meaning of sex grows. This is to say nothing of the thousands of children who are victimized by pornographers who thrive in this morally subjective atmosphere.

Although the family -- mother and father, and children -- provide the best environment for wholesome sex education, single parent families in increasing numbers are becoming a part of congregations and need ministry. They represent families, often fractured against their own choosing, and they carry on bravely. But such parents need special support from a caring congregation and children in such families benefit from the influence of Christian men and women who in the normal flow of church life become role models. The same resources in literature and other teaching aids, as well as courses offered by the church, are accessible.

Foster-parent families have similar needs. Children in these relationships are sometimes not so secure in their sexual identity as might be hoped. As well as the teaching resources available, they too need the affirmation of mature and caring adults of both sexes.

Children and youth who are deprived of continuing association with one or the other parent need to see wholesome masculinity or femininity modeled. This can be done by Christian men and women who show respect for each other and, at the same time, respect the child's individuality and developing sexual identity. Helpful modeling can go on in the educational and social activities of the church, providing opportunity for the development or strengthening of trusting relationships.

For some children and adults, sex education in the church must become sex re-education. People of all ages who come to faith often bring with them grievous emotional wounds which are sexual at root or have sexual components. This includes persons who have been sexually abused as children, sexually assaulted, abandoned by a parent (which leaves them insecure and uncertain as they approach their own marriage), sexually humiliated within a marriage, or hurt and left to feel inadequate by the desertion of a promiscuous spouse.

Psychological wounds may sometimes be self-inflicted, the result of sexual immorality wilfully practiced. Or they may be a combination involving victimization and personal choice. Sexual re-education must include Christian teaching about the health-giving power of confession, repentance, and forgiveness which is both from God and toward others. The result is self-acceptance as a forgiven child of God and the divine healing that time itself brings. All of this must be considered a part of wholesome sex education.

In summary: From a Christian perspective, the family is the best environment for wholesome sex education. Our sexuality is a divine gift rooted in creation and integral to who we are. The church must supplement what the home does in producing children and youth with wholesome attitudes toward their own sexuality, treating it as a gift and a trust. In its teaching ministry the church should make a place for the sharing of information regarding the physiology and anatomy of sex, but never presenting this in such a way as to suggest that this is all there is to sex. Sexual intercourse belongs within marriage. The ideal for children and youth is to practice virginity while single, and faithfulness when married. In our broken society attention must be given to sex re-education for those who have been victimized and left wounded or who have wounded themselves by sexual immorality.

In all this, the undeserved generosity of God toward sinners -- his grace -- must be emphasized. It is his grace that gives the gift of human sexuality to begin with. It is his grace that enables those who affirm this gift to remain sexually pure. And for those who have failed, God offers the grace of forgiveness and the assurance that in Christ, wholesome attitudes toward sex can be recovered and purity restored.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

#215

RE: STUDY COMMISSION ON DOCTRINE

We recommend that a Study Commission on Doctrine be created as a committee of the General Conference and that the structure and personnel be referred to the Board of Administration.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

OU #301

From: Executive Committee
Board of Administration

RE: MISSION STATEMENT

that the Mission Statement should be placed at the beginning of the Book of Discipline as well as in the text here and there.

RESOLUTION TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

OU #303
ACTION: NO

RE: NATIONAL CROSS-CULTURAL TASK FORCE

WHEREAS Canadian demographics reflect a diverse population with significant and varied ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS many in these ethnic communities are overwhelmed with their new cultural environment, struggling for existence and searching for Truth; and

WHEREAS our existing ethnic societies/fellowships are the best vehicle for expanding ministry to their respective groups across Canada; and

WHEREAS there is increasing need for ethnic ministry in major centers across Canada; and

WHEREAS there is much to be gained by networking these ministries nationally;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Outreach Commission appoint a National Cross-Cultural Task Force to develop a networking strategy to reach these various ethnic groups for Christ.

Sponsors: Doris Meredith
James S. Robb

REVISED – ACCEPTED

We recommend to the Board of Administration that at their first meeting they give consideration to the development of forums which will bring together representatives from multi-cultural ministries for the purpose of devising policies/strategies for ministry.

RESOLUTION TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONCERNING A CALL TO PRAYER

OU #304

MOVER: Ken Roth

SECONDER: David Dyer

Whereas, Jesus said that our Father's glory is that we bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be His disciples (Jn. 15:8);

and,

Whereas, the church in Canada has not been as fruitful as the Lord would desire;

and,

Whereas, there is evidence in our church of: lukewarmness, prayerlessness, passionless worship, insufficient funds for the Lord's work and too few baptized converts;

and,

Whereas, Jesus said that if we remain in him and his words remain in us, we can ask whatever we wish, and it will be given to us (Jn. 15:7);

Therefore,

Be it resolved that:

The leadership of General Conference call the Free Methodist Church in Canada to days of fasting, prayer and repentance and that they urge us to invite Jesus, ~~who is standing at the door of our church, to come in and~~ fill us afresh with His Spirit (Rev. 3:14-22) so that we will **bear much fruit** for the Kingdom of God.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Free Methodist Church in Canada

MOTION presented to the General Conference

SUBJECT: OUTREACH STRATEGY SESSION

MOVER: Commission on Outreach

We recommend that Bishop Gary R. Walsh convene an OUTREACH STRATEGY SESSION, composed of the four Conference Superintendents, two representatives (1 lay, 1 Ministerial) from each of the four Conference Boards of Evangelism/Church Growth and the executive of the Outreach Commission of the Canadian General Conference Board of Administration for the purpose of developing a National Strategy for outreach ministries, including a discussion of the roles of the Canadian General Conference, Annual Conferences and local churches in implementing these strategies.

We further recommend that this meeting take place October 18, 19 and 20, 1993 and that \$3,000. from the existing budget be allocated for this event.

We further recommend that the findings of the 1990 TASK FORCE ON EVANGELISM be made available to the members of this body at least one month in advance of the meeting and that strategies of implementation be developed for all plans.

We further recommend that the findings of this committee be communicated at all levels of the church immediately following this meeting.

RESOLUTION TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONCERNING VISION VANCOUVER

OU #306

We recommend that \$15,000 of the 1994 ^{F.M.C.C.} ~~Canadian General Conference~~ Outreach Budget be designated for **VISION VANCOUVER**.

RESOLUTION TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONCERNING VISION VANCOUVER

OU #307

We recommend that **VISION VANCOUVER** be approved as the special project for the National Outreach offering and encourage the Free Methodist Churches of Canada to receive an offering for this project on or near the Sunday of February 13, 1994. (suggested date may be adjusted to fit National Church Calendar)

RESOLUTIONS TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

OV #402

RE: CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF WORLD MISSIONS

WHEREAS, there is currently little Canadian input into the International Department of World Missions; and,

WHEREAS, the cause of World Missions would benefit from a vehicle to define and co-ordinate Canadian interests in World Missions; and,

WHEREAS, the cause of World Missions would benefit from promotion of the cause originating in Canada and related to Canadian interests; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian General Conference establish a Task Force to consider the establishment of a Canadian Department of World Missions, to report to the 1996 General Conference.

RESOLUTION FROM OVERSEAS COMMISSION

OV #404A

re. Discipleship Mission to Cambodia

Whereas, the Canadian Free Methodist Cambodians carry a passionate burden for their people in Cambodia to hear the Gospel;

and,

Whereas, this passion has resulted in three evangelistic missions to Cambodia in 1992 by Pastor Sok Em and Sovandy Mok largely at their expense;

and,

Whereas, at least 105 Cambodians came to Christ as a result;

and,

Whereas there is no formal arrangement for their discipleship;

and,

Whereas Pastor Sok Em, concerned for their discipleship is willing to provide a two-month ministry this fall;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that:

a request be made to the Asian Area Fellowship through the Department of World Missions, to send a representative to meet with Sok Em (pastor of the Hamilton Cambodian Fellowship) concerning the recent converts in Cambodia and access to what extent the DWM and/or Asian Area Fellowship becomes involved.

Whereas Resolution #404 is premature in its requested action we recommend replacing it with #404A.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

OV #405

RE: MISSIONS COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, the Canadian General Conference has made a significant commitment to world missions both in terms of personnel and financing; and

WHEREAS, we have no Canadian leadership personnel in place to specifically facilitate missions education to aid our churches in a more personal approach to world concerns, or to aid in the recruitment, screening and facilitating of potential workers; and

WHEREAS, the American church has found that more education and local church involvement in overseas ministry has in fact raised awareness and funding for all the ministries of the Church, both home and overseas;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the Canadian General Conference employ a Missions Coordinator as an assistant to the Overseas Commissions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following shall serve as preliminary task responsibilities for this position:

The Missions Coordinator shall be directly responsible to Overseas Commission and assist the Commission in the following areas:

- A) assist the Chairperson of the Overseas Commission to set agenda for Commission meetings.
- B) serve as liaison person between Mission Committees of goals, strategies and achievements.
- C) serve as Missions Educator throughout the Canadian church.
- D) serve as recruiting promoter to facilitate the recruiting, commissioning and support of Canadian VISA workers, Action Teams and Career Missionaries; working in conjunction with the International Department of World Missions.
- E) serve as liaison person between Canadian missionaries and the Canadian Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chapter VI, General Conference Administration, shall be revised in the following manner, by adding:

620.7 The Board of Administration shall employ a Missions Coordinator as an assistant to the Overseas Commission; and by adding:

645.2 The Missions Coordinator shall be directly responsible to the Overseas Commission on the following areas:

- 2.1 assist the chairperson of the Overseas Commission to set agenda for Commission meetings.
- 2.2 serve as liaison person between Mission Committees of Canadian Annual Conferences to help establish common goals, strategies and achievements.
- 2.3 serve as missions educator throughout the Canadian church.
- 2.4 serve as recruiting promoter to facilitate the recruiting, commissioning and support of Canadian VISA workers, Action Teams and Career Missionaries; working in conjunction with the International Department of World Missions.
- 2.5 serve as liaison person between Canadian Missionaries and the Canadian church.

and by rescinding, Par.645.6.7;

and by making any other editorial changes necessary to bring Chapter VI into accord with the present action.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE 1993 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

OV #406

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FREE METHODIST WORLD CONFERENCE

1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Free Methodist World Conference.

11. PURPOSE

The Free Methodist World Conference is an organization whose purpose is the coordination of the worldwide ministries and activities of the denomination.

In harmony with this purpose its responsibilities shall be:

1. To provide for worldwide fellowship among Free Methodist bodies;
2. To encourage the expansion of the Kingdom of God through the Free Methodist Church by evangelism in existing conferences and in new fields in harmony with Wesleyan doctrine and practices;
3. To assume defined legislative and judicial powers in matters relating to Free Methodist Constitution as presented in the current edition of the Book of Discipline in Paragraph 251, Section 1, or its equivalent;
4. To assure the integrity of all Free Methodist institutions under the constraints of the Book of Discipline and this Constitution;
5. To advance the biblical formation, from a Wesleyan perspective, of all Free Methodist leaders.

111. AUTHORITY

A. Legislative

1. Proposed amendments to the Free Methodist Constitution initiated by a general conference and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Free Methodist World Conference, or amendments to the constitution initiated by a two-thirds vote of the Free Methodist World Conference shall be submitted as referendums to all general conferences. A two-thirds aggregate vote of all general conferences

shall be required for approval. When authorized by a two-thirds vote of a general conference a board of administration may vote in its place. Votes taken by boards of administration shall be reported as the corresponding proportional number of votes by the general conference to which the board belongs.

2. When a general conference or its board of administration does not assemble, vote and report back to the executive committee of the World Conference within four years of the time the World Conference has submitted the amendment proposal, it shall surrender its right to vote on the said issue and the two-thirds aggregate vote shall be based on the general conferences or boards of administration that report within the four years allowed.

B. Judicial

1. The Free Methodist World Conference shall be charged with maintaining fidelity to the provisions of the Constitution which are for all general conferences as defined in Paragraph 251, Section 1, or the equivalent text in current editions of the Book of Discipline, to decide matters of comity, and interrelations of general conferences, and to supervise referendums under the conditions defined by AUTHORITY, Sections 1 and 2.
2. The World Conference has the following judicial authority over the general conferences. Its duties shall be:
 - a. To review the legislation order, and policies of all the general conferences to determine whether any act appears to be in conflict with the provisions of the Free Methodist constitution which are for all general conferences as defined in Paragraph 251, Section 1 or its equivalent of the current Book of Discipline. When the World Conference rules that an act is in conflict with such provisions, the implementation of said act shall automatically be suspended. Upon request by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Administration (or its equivalent) of the general conference whose action is called in question, further action in the case shall await the opportunity of said general conference at its next session to reconsider the act. If the act should be rescinded, the process shall immediately terminate. If no such request is made within one year or if it should be made and a general conference not rescind the act in question, the act and the findings thereon of the World Conference shall be submitted

to all general conferences for vote. If the findings of the World Conference should be approved by a majority of the aggregate votes cast thereon in all of the general conferences, the act in question shall thereby be annulled. Otherwise, the act shall be sustained and the suspension of the act shall terminate.

A general conference or general conferences whose case or cases come before the World Conference shall, after having presented their arguments, refrain from voting on the issue in which they have direct interest.

If the general conference whose action has been called into question should refuse to abide by the referendum, the World Conference shall be empowered to provide, at its discretion, for the reorganization of the loyal elements of the Free Methodist Church within the area of that general conference, and to declare all other ministers and members to be withdrawn from the Free Methodist Church.

- b. To decide any matter that may arise between general conferences involving boundaries, recognition of credentials, and other matters of comity. If no solution satisfactory to the involved conferences should be reached, the recommendation of the World Conference shall prevail. If within six months either conference shall appeal, the World Conference shall arrange a referendum vote to decide the issue.
 - c. To supervise the voting of the general conferences and their respective districts on all matters to be voted on by more than one general conference, including additions or amendments to the provisions of this constitution which are for all general conferences, and when the vote has been completed to declare the results.
3. The Executive Committee of the World Conference shall be charged with carrying out the voting on referendums and shall report the results to the World Conference.
 4. The World Conference shall meet at least once each four years, preferably at the time and place of meeting of a general conference. Special meetings may be called by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee.

5. A mail vote of the Executive Committee may be authorized by the officers.

IV. STRUCTURE

A. Organization

1. Delegates shall be elected from the general conferences as follows:
 - a. From general conferences: Each general conference shall elect delegates on the basis of total full membership as follows:
 - 2 delegates -- up to 5,000 total membership
 - 4 delegates -- from 5,001 to 15,000 total membership
 - 6 delegates -- from 15,001 to 25,000 total membership
 - 8 delegates -- over 25,000 total membership
 - b. In the election of delegates due consideration shall be given to the balance of lay and ministerial representatives as well as adequate representation of women.
 - c. Delegates from the general conferences shall include ex officio, within the quota, the bishops or equivalent officers from each general conference. They shall be counted as ministerial delegates.
 - d. In determining representation to the World Conference as well as financial responsibility and other statistical purposes, membership shall be defined as full members.
 - e. In addition to the above quotas, there shall be two voting delegates from each area fellowship. Two additional honorary members from each fellowship are permitted. In electing the delegates from the area fellowship, preference shall be given to electing from annual conferences or other Free Methodist bodies not related to a general conference within the geographical area.
 - f. Provisional general conferences may elect one ministerial and one lay delegate.
2. The officers of the World Conference shall be president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

- a. The officers shall be members of the World Conference Executive Committee.
 - b. A nominating committee may be elected to submit nominations for officers to the World Conference.
 - c. Officers may serve for two terms or until their successors are elected. A term is defined as the period between ordinary meetings of the World Conference.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet every two years and shall be composed as follows:

President of the World Conference
Vice President of the World Conference
Secretary-Treasurer of the World Conference
Three members at large selected so as to allow equitable representation worldwide
A nominating committee may submit nominations

 - a. The President shall be the chairman.
 - b. The Executive Committee shall submit a budget to the World Conference for approval.
 - c. The Executive Committee is amenable for its actions to the World Conference.
4. The Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall work under the direction of the World Conference Executive Committee and shall implement the policies and decisions of the World Conference, supervise the work of the general office, be responsible for the production of literature, the exchange of views and information as requested, carry forward such studies and surveys as may be authorized by the World Conference and helpful to member bodies, and, on authorization of the Executive Committee, visit the member areas as may be necessary in carrying out the instructions of the Executive Committee and shall be amenable to the committee through its president.
5. The commissions of the World Conference shall be:
 - a. Outreach: missions and evangelism

- b. Special Ministries: development, women's ministries
 - c. Education: Christian education, higher education, ministerial training, scholarships
 - d. Administration: budget and finance
 - e. Doctrine
6. In each general conference or provisional general conference, the board of administration shall speak officially for its conference and shall be the responsible party in all negotiations with the World Conference and the Executive Committee. The chairman of each board of administration shall be responsible for official correspondence with the World Conference. It shall be the duty of the chairman to keep the board of administration of his conference fully informed of the proceedings of the World Conference. Copies of all official correspondence shall be properly filed and available to the bishop or highest administrative officer(s) of the conference and to the board of administration.

V. NEW MEMBERS

- A. Any body of churches not organically related to the Free Methodist Church, but wishing to become a fraternal member of the World Conference may be admitted as follows:
 - 1. A valid request by the governing board of the body making application;
 - 2. A statement of agreement of compatibility with Free Methodist doctrine and practice;
 - 3. Approval by majority vote of the World Conference.
- B. Such relationship shall be for a period of four years. It may be extended for additional four-year periods by vote of the World Conference.
- C. Fraternal members of the World Conference shall be processed according to their appropriate level of development (provisional annual conference, annual conference, provisional general conference) and be recommended by the World Conference for membership in a General Conference.
- D. Fraternal members may have one non-voting observer at the World Conference until such time as they are assigned to a general conference.

VI. APPROVAL AND AMENDMENT

- A. The constitution of the World Conference must be approved by an

aggregate two-thirds vote of the general conferences of the Free Methodist Church.

- B. Provisions of this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a quadrennial meeting, provided always that such action is in harmony with the constitution as defined in paragraph 251, Section 1 or the corresponding paragraph of the BOOKS OF DISCIPLINE of the general conferences, and subject to approval by an aggregate two-thirds vote of the general conferences.

VII. AREA FELLOWSHIPS

- A. Area fellowships may be organized where the geographical situation, mutual interests and the need for spiritual counsel and encouragement make it advisable. The area fellowships are to act in harmony with the purposes and the work of the World Conference as set forth in this constitution except for the legislative and judicial functions defined under section III, Authority. The area fellowships shall operate under constitutions suited to their own needs and situation.
- B. The constitutions of the area fellowships shall be approved by the World Conference.

RESOLUTION FROM THE OVERSEAS COMMISSION

OV #407

WHEREAS, there is an expressed need for greater input in the matter of recruiting and screening missionary candidates; and,

WHEREAS, there is also an expressed need for greater sensitivity and care for returning missionaries; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That a Task Force be established to develop a set of guidelines to assist MEC boards in screening of career and short-term missionary candidates in cooperation with the Department of World Missions.
2. That such a Task Force prepare guidelines to assist Annual Conferences in recruiting personnel for overseas missionary service, both short-term and career.
3. That Annual Conferences develop a system of coordinating work projects and volunteer teams abroad in cooperation with the Department of World Missions.
4. That communication procedures be developed by this Task Force to facilitate a smooth re-entry to the home environment for missionaries returning from the field.
5. That the Task Force be made up of three members:
 - a. a missionary on home assignment
 - b. chairman of the Overseas Commission
 - c. the missions coordinator

and that it report to the Executive Committee prior to the spring Executive Meeting 1994.