THE DOCTRINE

AND

DISCIPLINE

OF THE

PENTECOSTAL RESCUE MISSION

1904.

Binghamton, Broome County, N. Y.
To the Member of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission:—

Dearly Beloved Brethren, we esteem it our privilege and duty, most earnestly to recommend to you this volume, which contains the doctrine and discipline of our Mission, and the object of this body of people, both of which, as we believe, are agreeable to the word of God. We would not that you be ignorant of any of our constitution or covenants but desire you to read, mark and learn and inwardly digest the whole.

You ought, next to the Holy Scripture, to understand the constitution and covenant and the rules of the Mission to which you belong. We remain,

Yours very affectionately,

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Constitution and Covenant of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission.

Constitution.

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Pentecostal Rescue Mission, and is non-sectarian, having for its object the salvation of the lost in all conditions of life. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and placed on file in Albany, July 20, 1903. Its headquarters are at 399 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

Section 2. This mission is organized with a Superintendent, an Official Board of six Members, a Secretary and Treasurer, elected by said board from the said board. Also a board of directors of not less than three members.

The official board shall hold their respective places for the term of one year. Election of officers shall occur the first Monday of November in each successive year. The present officers of the board of directors shall hold their office for the term of one, two and three years, respectively.

Section 3. The officers of the said mission shall be persons who are fully separated from the world and its pleasures and are wholly given up to the work of the Lord.

Section 4. The official board will meet the first Monday evening of each month at a given place, for the transaction of business. The said official board shall have power to make contracts for and on behalf of the mission and in conjunction with the general Superintendent in engaging the Superintendent and such other and
further contracts as may be necessary for the carrying on of the spiritual work of the mission.

Section 5. The said official board in conjunction with the superintendent shall have the management of the public services of the mission and shall have power to call special meetings of the board.

All moneys paid in to the treasurer of the official board, shall be paid out only by order of said board.

Section 6. The official board of the Binghamton society shall elect a general superintendent who shall have power to carry out the instructions and rules laid down by the board of delegates at their annual society meetings, and general supervision of the work and workers, in co-operation with the board of managers, under whose care the work belongs.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Constitution of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission, the official board of said mission do hereby elect Elder Preston Kennedy General Superintendent of the mission work.

Section 7. In case of a vacancy in the office of the general superintendent, he shall be elected by delegates from the different societies at their annual meeting. In case of a vacancy in the office of the general superintendent during the interim of the society year, the official board of the Binghamton Society shall have power to appoint a general superintendent to hold office until the next annual society meeting.

Section 8. Sacrament shall be administered each quarter and oftener if deemed advisable by the superintendent and board.

Section 9. A Sabbath School shall be organized and maintained in connection with the mission. Its officers shall be a Superintendent, a Secretary and Treasurer. Election of its officers shall occur the first Monday of November of each year.
Rules of Government.

1st. Rules for Governing the Superintendent.

Should there be any sufficient reasons for dissatisfaction on the part of the members, the matter shall be brought before the official board, who, in conjunction with the general superintendent shall deal with said superintendent according to Scripture.

If said superintendent refuse to listen, he shall be dealt with by a Committee of three appointed by the said official board. The general superintendent shall preside over the case.

2nd. Rules for Governing the Official Board.

In case any member of the official board should refuse to work in harmony with the superintendent and members, the matter shall be brought before the superintendent, who shall first deal with said member according to Scripture. If said member refuse to listen, the superintendent shall appoint a committee of not less than three, who shall have authority to decide the case.

3rd. Rules for Government of Members.

Should any member of the mission refuse to be governed by the general rules as set forth in our discipline, the said member shall be brought before the superintendent and dealt with according to Scripture. If said member refuse to listen they shall be brought before a committee of not less than three appointed by the superintendent, who shall have authority to decide the case.
Rules of Order.
For Meeting of the Official Board of Pentecostal Rescue Mission.

1. Calling to order by the presiding officer and opening with prayer.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting and passing on same.
4. Treasurer's report.
6. Unfinished business.
8. Appointing committee.
9. Reading of minutes.
10. Motion to adjourn.

Covenant.

Cause as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation of Pentecostal Rescue Mission of Binghamton, N. Y.—all persons may become members of the corporation upon taking the following covenant:

Question No. 1. You solemnly and severally avouch the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be your God, the object of your supreme affections, and our portion forever? You cordially accept the Lord Jesus to be your Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost your Sanctifier, comforter and guide? Answer, "I do."

Question No. 2. You promise to cheerfully devote yourself to God and the mission work, by consecrating
all your powers and faculties to His service and glory, by giving diligent attention to His word and ordinances, and that you will seek the honor and advancement of His kingdom, by denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, you will live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world? Answer, "I do."

Question No. 3. You do hereby promise to abstain from the use of tobacco in every form? Answer, "I do."

Scripture reference, II Cor. 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Question No. 4. You do solemnly promise to refrain from connection with all secret societies? Answer, "I do."

Scripture reference, Jas. 5:12: But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. (See also John 18:20, Matt. 24:26.)

Question No. 5. You do cordially join yourselves to the mission, and seek earnestly its peace, purity, and its edification and to walk in harmony and charity with its superintendent and members? Answer, "I do."

Question No. 6. You promise to give of your means as the Lord has prospered you, for carrying on the mission work in your midst? Answer, "I do."

We also feel the necessity of bringing the word of God to your minds concerning dress.

I Tim. 2:9, 10: "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."
Also I Peter 3:3, 4: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

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Rules to Govern all Workers
Sent Out by the Pentecostal Rescue Mission.

1. All Christian workers conducting services under the name of Pentecostal Rescue Mission, shall be under the control of the official board of said mission, and shall report to them at their request.

2. All workers sent out shall give satisfactory answers to all the general rules.

3. That they feel called of God to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

4. That they recognize the authority of the official board in all matters pertaining to their work.

5. That they give evidence of being capable of teaching the way of salvation plainly and effectively.

6. All workers sent out by the Pentecostal Rescue Mission shall have credentials to show that they are indeed God's ambassadors and have been sent by said Mission.
Provisions for the Government
of Societies Desiring to Unite with the Pentecostal Rescue Mission.

1. All societies shall be governed by the general rules of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission already formed and shall have representation by delegates in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the united societies.

2. A united society meeting shall be held annually, commencing the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, to transact business in the interest of the united societies, but they shall not change the Constitution nor Covenant except upon the instruction of the societies to their delegates, and it shall require at least three-fourths of all the delegates of all the societies.

3. The place of meeting for the year 1904 shall be at the Pentecostal Rescue Mission Hall of Binghamton, N. Y. At each annual meeting, the place for holding the next annual meeting shall be decided by ballot. Each superintendent shall be entitled to a seat as delegate in the annual society meetings.

4. The society of Binghamton shall be entitled to two lay delegates, one for the superintendent and one for the general superintendent, each of the other societies shall be entitled to one lay delegate. The general superintendent shall preside at the annual society meetings.

5. Each local society shall be independent in conducting its own affairs that do not conflict with our general constitution and covenant.

6. Each local society shall elect delegates to the united society meeting at least two weeks previous to the time of said meeting.
7. Each local society shall present an annual report of the spiritual and financial work of the society.

8. A Secretary shall be elected at each annual society meeting for the ensuing year.

Baptism of Adults.

299. Dearly beloved, since all men are by nature sinners, and have nothing in themselves by which they can be delivered from the guilt and pollution of sin, and attain to that holiness without which no man can see the Lord, we invite you to join with us in fervent prayer for these persons, that they may have grace always to keep their covenant with God, and that they may continually enjoy the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

(Then shall the minister say:)

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succor, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon thee for these persons; that they, coming to thy holy baptism, may receive the inward baptism of the Holy Ghost. Receive them, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; so give now unto us that ask; let us that seek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that these persons may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then shall the people stand up, and the minister shall say:)

Hear the words of the gospel written by St. John, in
the third chapter: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but thou canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

(Then the minister shall speak to the person to be baptized in this wise:)

Well beloved, who are come hither, desiring to receive holy baptism, ye have heard how the congregation hath prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, and bless you, to give you the kingdom of Heaven, and everlasting life. And our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised, in his holy word, to grant all those things that we have prayed for, which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise, in the presence of this whole congregation, that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy word, and obediently keep his commandments.

(Then shall the minister demand of each of the persons to be baptized severally:)

300. Question. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all.

Question. Dost thou believe in God, the Father
Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? That he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; that he arose again on the third day; that he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost, the communion of saints, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the body and everlasting life after death?

Answer. All this I steadfastly believe.

Question. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Answer. This is my desire.

Question. Wilt thou obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper.

(Then shall the minister say.)

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in these persons may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in them. Amen.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in them, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live, and grow in them. Amen.

Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and triumph against the devil, the world and the flesh. Amen.

Grant that they, being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with Heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O, blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.
Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved 
Son, Jesus Christ, died for the forgiveness of our sins; 
and gave commandment to his disciples that they should 
go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name 
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; 
regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of this congre­ 
gation; and grant that the persons now to be baptized 
may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in 
the number of thy faithful and elect children, through 
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then shall the minister take by the right hand each person 
to be baptized, and placing him or her conveniently by 
the font, according to his discretion, shall ask the name, 
and then immerse the candidate in water, saying:)

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of 
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Then shall be said the Lord’s Prayer, all kneeling, conclud­ 
ing with extemporary prayer, and the benediction.)

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The Lord’s Supper.
General Direction.

301. Let all our ministers exercise due care to see 
that no person known to be living an immoral life or to 
be guilty of any disreputable practice be admitted to the 
Lord’s table, among us until he shall have given satis­ 
factory evidence of repentance and amendment of life.

302. All persons properly included in the general 
invitation may be allowed to partake of the Lord’s 
Supper among us.
Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

(The elder may say:)

303. Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

(Then may this general confession be made:)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Or in place of it the elder may say the Lord's Prayer, the people repeating after him every petition:)

304. Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.
(Then may the elder say):

O, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**The Collect.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then the elder may say:)

It is very meet, right, and our bonden duty that we should at all times, in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy holy name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Then may the elder say:)

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his
blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that being washed through his most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Then may the elder say the Prayer of Consecration as follows:)

305. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread.

(Here the elder may take the plate of bread in his hand:)
And when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup;

(Here he may take the cup in his hand:)
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this

(And here he may lay his hands upon all the vessels which contain the wine:)
is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.
(Then may the minister first receive the communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the other ministers, if there be present, and after that to the people also, in order, into their hands. And when he delivers the bread he shall say:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy soul and body into everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart, by faith, with thanksgiving.

(And the minister that delivers the cup may say):

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

(If the consecrated bread or wine shall be all spent before all have communed, the elder may consecrate more by repeating the Prayer of Consecration.)

When all have communed the minister shall return to the Lord’s table and place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

Here the elder may offer extempore prayer, concluding with this blessing:)

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.
Form of Solemnizing Matrimony.

319.
(At the day and time appointed for the Solemnizing of Matrimony, the persons to be married standing together, the man on the right hand of the woman, the minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and his church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

320.
(And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, he may say):

I require and charge you both (as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed) that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it, for be ye
well assured that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.

321.
(If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man:)
M., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony?
Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor her and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?
(Then the man shall answer:) 
I will.

322.
(Then the minister shall say unto the woman:)
N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony?
Wilt thou love, honor and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsake all other, keep thee only unto him so long as ye both shall live?
(The woman shall say:) 
I will.

323.
(Then shall the minister join hands together, and say:)
Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.
Forasmuch as M. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God, and this company, and thereto have pledged their faith each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands; I pronounce that they are husband and wife.
together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(And the minister shall add this blessing:)

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord merciful with His favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

(Then let prayer be offered.)

Order of the Burial of the Dead.

324.

(The minister, meeting the corpse and going before it, shall say:) I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25, 26.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19:25-27.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. 1 Tim. 6:7; Job 1:21.

(At the grave, while the corpse is being laid in the earth, the minister shall say:) Man that is born of woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up and is cut down.
like a flower: he fleeth as it were a shadow and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord, God most high. O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us. Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee.

325.

(Then while the earth shall be cast upon the body, the minister shall say:)

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write: From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as
The Collect.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he dies; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life we may rest in him; and at the general resurrection on the last day, may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Form for the Dedication of a Church.

(The congregation being assembled in the Church, the minister shall say:) Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to his name. We have heard how he filled the Temple of Solomon with glory, and how in the second temple he manifested himself still more gloriously. And the Gospel approve and
commends the centurion who built a synagogue for the people. Let us not doubt that he will also favorably approve our purpose of dedicating this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us now devoutly join in praise to his name, that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed, and in prayer for this further blessing upon all who have been engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter worship his name in this place.

Hymn.

Then shall the minister or someone appointed by him read the First Lesson. II Chronicles 6:1, 2, 18-21, 40-42; 7:1-4.


Hymn sung; after which the minister shall deliver a Sermon suitable for the occasion. Contributions shall be received from the people.

Then shall the minister and congregation read Psalm 122.

Then let the Trustees stand up before the altar, and one of them or someone in their behalf say unto the minister:

We present unto you this Building, to be dedicated as a Church for the service and worship of Almighty God.

(Then shall the minister request the congregation to stand, while he repeats the following:—)
Declaration.

Dearly beloved, it is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be especially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled.

With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God, who has signally blessed his servants in their holy enterprise of erecting this Mission, we dedicate it to His service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Discipline and Usages of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, I now call upon you all to dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God. To Him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To Him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. To Him may our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of his great name, and to the advancement of his kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this solemn act,—Let us pray.