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ARTICLE VI.

Each applicant for membership shall present creditable credentials of ordination. The applicant must be a resident of Baltimore or vicinity, and hold membership in a Baptist Church. Licentiates may become members of this conference, on the recommendation of their pastors, who are members of this conference.

ARTICLE VII.

Joining Fee

The joining fee shall be one dollar a year, in advance, or within three months; any member failing to pay in the time allotted, without a reasonable excuse, his name will be erased from the membership roll.

ARTICLE VIII.

Notice to Delinquent Members

It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify each delinquent member to appear at the next meeting of the conference and show cause why his membership should not be discontinued.

ARTICLE IX.

Appointment of Committees

It shall be the duty of the president to appoint the following committees: (a) on membership, (b) on program, (c) on benevolence, (d) discipline, (e) on sick, (f) on hearing, (g) on correspondence, (h) on publicity and other committees which may be found necessary by the body.

ARTICLE X.

Hiscox Star book shall be the parliamentary guide of this body.

ARTICLE XI.

The president shall preside at all meetings; in his absence one of the vice-presidents shall preside.

ARTICLE XII

Duties of the Secretary

The duties of the secretary shall be to record an accurate and correct account of the actions of this body and to do all correspondence unless otherwise provided.

ARTICLE XIII.

Duties of the Assistant Secretary

The assistant secretary shall do the work of the Secretary, when the Secretary is absent, or when asked by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XIV.

Duties of the Treasurer

The treasurer shall receive all monies, and provide for the safe keeping of the same, and pay all bills on the presentation of an order signed by the proper officers, and shall render a financial statement whenever requested by the body, and at the expiration of his term of office surrender all papers and finance on hand.

This constitution and by-laws may be changed, altered or amended in any regular meeting of the conference, by two-third votes of the members present in good standing, provided thirty days' notice have been given from the chair.

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1. The time of the regular meetings of the conference shall be Mondays, beginning at 12 o'clock, noon. Time for adjournment shall be 3 P. M., unless the time is extended by vote. Four members shall constitute a quorum to open any session of the conference, and seven a quorum for business.

2. The order of all regular meetings of the conference shall be: (a) devotional exercises (b) reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting, thirty minutes for miscellaneous business.

3. Routine procedure, the president shall preside at all meetings; in his absence, one of the vice-presidents shall preside. In the absence of both, the secretary shall call the meeting to order and a president pro-tem. be chosen by vote of the members present, and shall appoint some person or persons to conduct devotionals. In the absence of the president, vice-presidents and secretary, the members present shall elect a secretary pro-tem.

4. Members who desire to speak, or offer motions, or resolutions, must rise and address the chair. No member shall speak more than five minutes, or more than once, on any question, unless by general consent, or by vote of the body. This rule shall not apply to members appointed to preach a sermon, make opening addresses, or to read papers, who shall have thirty minutes to open, and ten minutes to close.

When any member of the conference is appointed to preach, to read papers, he shall have thirty minutes to open, and ten minutes to close. When a member of the conference is appointed to preach, to read a paper, or to deliver an address, and having been made the order of the day, and has performed faithfully his duty, no member of the conference shall be allowed to criticize the preacher, essayist, or speaker, who is not willing to remain at the conference until said preacher, essayist or speaker shall have made his reply. And that the power is delegated to the president to see that such member or members be restrained from participating in the discussion as a critic or critics, who signify his or their intention of leaving before the discussion is closed.

5. All members of the conference must govern themselves by the rules which govern Christian bodies, and any member who refuses to respect

the presiding officers or to observe and apply the rules that govern Christian ministers during the sessions of the conference, shall be regarded as a disturber of the peace of the conference, and shall be subject to censure for conduct unbecoming a Christian minister.

6. Every member of the conference is required to deport himself, as a faithful minister of Christ, as he goes in and out among the people, and if any member violates the Bible standard for ministers of Christ he shall not hold membership in this conference.

7. The Monday after the second Sunday in each month shall be report day, when each member of the conference shall have three minutes to make his report.

8. The program committee shall provide an order of the day for the first, third, fourth and fifth Mondays, subject to the approval of the conference.

9. A charge or charges made against members of the conference, must be presented to the president in writing, who shall refer it to the committee on discipline or a special committee. The committee shall investigate the charge, or charges, and report to the president, who shall make known the committee's report to the conference in executive session. It shall be the privilege of the conference to call an executive session at any regular meeting.

The following is to be considered in the miscellaneous period, (a) digest of news, (b) comments on the S. S. Lesson, (c) Introduction of Visitors, (d) reports of committees. All business of a controversial nature must be transacted in an executive session.

The Critic to have the last fifteen minutes. Announcements shall be made just before benediction.

10. This conference shall close for vocation at a time to be designated by the conference with an appropriate outing or public demonstration.

11. This conference shall have annually a literary program or concert for the purpose of replenishing its treasury.

12. All requests, invitations, etc. coming to this body for consideration must be presented in writing.

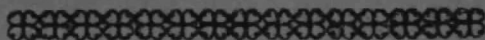
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotionals,
2. Reading and a pproval of minutes,
3. Miscellaneous period,
4. Introduction of visitors,
5. The order of the day,
6. Announcements,
7. Benediction.

Rev. E. D. Meade, Chairman,
Rev. G. A. Crawley,
Rev. W. D. Yerby,
Rev. G. R. Waller,
Rev. E. W. White,
Rev. W. W. Allen,
Rev. Simon Williamson,
Rev. A. J. Green,
Rev. Paul Pollard, Secretary.

March 9, 1940.



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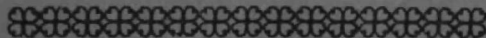
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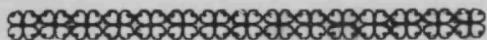
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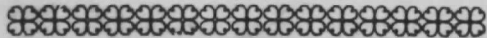
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ARTICLE I — NAME

This organization shall be known as the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity.

ARTICLE II — OBJECTS

The objects of this organization shall be the spiritual, intellectual, moral, religious and mutual helpfulness of its members in their relation to each other as Baptist Ministers.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Members of this organization shall be regular ordained ministers, and licentiates; licentiates shall have all the rights and privileges of the Conference, except dealing with an ordained Elder on trial or filling the executive office.

ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS

The officers shall be president, first and second vice presidents, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, critic and news commentator, who shall be elected annually, Monday after the third Lord's day in December; and the president shall not succeed himself after two consecutive years of service, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the financial members.

ARTICLE V APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Each applicant for membership shall present

6. Every member of the conference is required to deport himself as a faithful and worthy minister of Christ, as he goes in and out among the people, and if any member violates the Bible Standard for ministers of Christ, he shall not hold membership in this conference.

7. A charge or charges made against members of the conference, must be presented to the president in writing, who shall refer it to the Committee on Discipline or a special committee. The committee shall carefully and thoroughly investigate the charge or charges, and report to the president, who shall make known the committee's report to the conference in Executive Session. It shall be the privilege of the Conference to call an Executive Session at any meeting: And any member who has any urgent business or grievance may be granted an executive session at any regular meeting of the conference.

8. The program committee shall provide an Order of the Day for the first, third, fourth and fifth Mondays, subject to the approval of the conference.

9. Monday after the second Lord's day in each month shall be report day, when each member of the conference shall have three (3) minutes to make his report.

10. Thirty minutes shall be given each Monday after the reading and approving of minutes for miscellaneous matters exclusively, after which shall be digest of news by the commentator, followed by comments on the Sunday School Lesson. Reports of committees. All business of a controversial nature must be transacted in an executive session.

11. The critic shall have the last fifteen minutes after announcements.

12. The Conference shall close for vacation at a time to be designated by the conference with an appropriate outing or public demonstration.

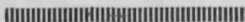
13. The conference shall have if desired, annually a literary program or concert for the purpose of raising funds to replenish the treasury.

14. All requests, invitations, etc. coming to this conference for consideration must be presented in writing.

These By-Laws may be changed, altered, or amended, at any regular meeting of the Conference by two-third vote of the members present, who are in good and regular standing, provided thirty (30) days notice has been publicly given to the conference, embodying the nature of the change to be made.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1.—Devotionals.
- 2.—Reading and approval of minutes.
- 3.—Miscellaneous period, thirty minutes.
- 4.—Digest of News.
- 5.—Comment on Sunday School Lesson.
- 6.—Introduction of Visitors.
- 7.—Order of the Day.
- 8.—Announcements.
- 9.—Report of Critic.
- 10.—Benediction.



Rev. W. J. Winston, Chairman.

Rev. G. A. Crawley.

Rev. M. C. Allen.

Rev. E. W. White.

Rev. E. W. Williams.

Rev. A. L. Bailey.

Rev. J. W. Luck, Secretary.

October 19th. 1942.