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NEW PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BODY FORMED

Local Church People Play Prominent Role

Hundreds of pastors, elders and missionaries of the Apostolic Faith met Oct. 23-25 in Detroit, coming from all over the country to unite their strength in organizing the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith (World-Wide Movement), composed of ministers and laymen.

Christ Temple of Indianapolis was represented with a large delegation led by the pastor, Elder Willie Lee; Willis Horner, chairman of the deacon board, and Deacon Earle Ballard, secretary.

At the start of the gigantic "Jesus Only" organization, over 500 pastors, elders and missionaries from Ohio, Illinois, Alabama, New York, Mississippi, California, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania represented thousands of Pentecostal people.

Each night of the three-day meeting approximately 2000 people filled the huge Detroit Bethlehem Temple auditorium.

The aim and purpose of the union, as stated by Bishop S. N. Hancock of Bethlehem Temple, was to "maintain the standard of holiness and to perpetuate the principles of the Apostolic doctrine." "Moving on to higher heights and deeper depths in God is our objective," he said.

Marking the first day and night were prayer, consecration and evangelistic services, while on the second day during the business session, officers were elected in the new "Oneness" movement.

The host pastor, Bishop Hancock, was elected presiding bishop, and Elder Lee of this city was named presiding bishop. Other church dignitaries elevated to the bishopric were Elder Gus Thomas of Rochester, N. Y., and Elder Heardie Leaston, Ferndale, Mich.

Other national officers elected were Mrs. Martha E. Jones of Christ Temple, Indianapolis, secretary; Elder Robert Little, Pittsburgh, assistant secretary; Elder Charles Poole, Chicago, treasurer; Elder Nathaniel Madden, Indianapolis, editor of publications, and Mrs. A. Hofbrook, Detroit, associate editor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL national officers elected were William Webb, general superintendent, and Elder Harry Herman, assistant. Both are of Indianapolis.

Elder David Coffins, Detroit, was named chairman of the board of directors, which also includes Pastor Martha Finn, Monticello, N. Y.; Elder McCullough, Chicago, and Elder Walker, Dellroy, Mich.

Officers of the missionary department are Evangelist Mary Tucker, Detroit, chairman; Arranda Vandiver, Indianapolis, vice-chairman; Mrs. Odessa Bennet, Pittsburgh, secretary; Mrs. Rosa James, Detroit, assistant, and Mrs. Anna Hancock, Detroit, treasurer.

Chairman of the young peoples department is Horace Ransom, Detroit, while Fred Majors of this city is vice-chairman. Hattie Childers, Highland Park, Mich., is secretary; Jackie Thompson, Indianapolis, assistant, and Elder

Henry Herman, treasurer.

In the home missions department are Evangelist Lottie Glenn, Detroit, chairman; Mary Jackson, Indianapolis, secretary; Helen Glenn, secretary; Dorothy Brown, treasurer, and Paul Arnes, reporter.

Evangelists appointed were Evangelists Lucille Valentine, Arranda Vandiver, Elder Richard Owens and Elder Samuel Tolbert. Bishop Phillips of Mobile, Ala., and Bishop Harris, Baltimore, gave exhortations to the delegates.

The organization will hold its mid-winter meeting March 5-7, 1958 in Bethlehem Healing Temple, Chicago, of which Elder Charles Poole is pastor, while Christ Temple, Indianapolis, will be host to the first annual meeting of the large organization next August.