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# M I N U T E S

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church

FOR THE YEAR

1786



Quest. 1. **W**HO are the Superintendents of our church?

Ans. Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury.

Quest. 2. Who are the Elders?

Ans. Rd. Whatcoat	Enoch Matson
John Tunnell	Ignatius Pigman
Freeborn Garretson	Thomas Foster
Thomas Chew	John Baxter
John Haggerty	James Cromwell
Reuben Ellis	Lee Roy Cole
William Gill	Beverly Allen
James Kelly	Thomas Vasey
Henry Willis	James Foster
Richard Ivy	Francis Poythress
Caleb Boyer	James Haw
Nelson Reed	Philip Bruce.

Quest. 3. Who are the Deacons?

Ans. Michael Ellis	William Cannon
Joseph Everett	Thomas Humphreys
Samuel Dudley	John Dickins.

Quest. 4. Who are the Assistants?

Ans. All the Deacons:

Isaac Smith	William Waters
Richard Swift	Jesse Lee
John Baldwin	James White
Edward Morris	Ira Ellis
John Easter	William Jessop
William Partridge	James Riggin
Thomas Anderson	William Thomas
Thomas Bowen	Thomas Curtis
Thomas Jackson	Henry Ogbourn
Philip Cox	Matthew Greentree
Elijah Ellis	Robert Cloud
William Damaron	Thomas Ware
William Cannon	Woolman Hickson
John Smith	Jonathan Forrest.
Richard Owens	

Quest. 5. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. Isaac Smith	William Jessop
John Smith	James Riggin
Elijah Ellis	Wilson Lee
John Robertson	Thomas Ware
Thomas Jackson	John Fidler.
Henry Jones	

Quest. 6. Who remain on trial?

Ans. Mark Whitaker	Robert Sparks
Henry Bingham	Jacob Brush
Stephen Johnson	Robert Ayres
Thomas Williamson	Garret Thomson
Joshua Hartley	John Paup
Hope Hull	John M'Claskey
William Steens	Robert Cann
Jeremiah Maston	Stephen Dickins
Ezekiel Cooper	Simon Pile.
Levin Ross	

Quest. 7. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. Sihon Smith	Newman Spain
John Mason	Jacob Lurton
Robert Johnson Miller	William Hudson
Mark Moore	John Jarrel
Charles Hardy	William Hervey
Daniel Asbury	Benjamin Ogdon
Caleb Maxey	John Simmons

John Steward	Moses Hurley
Henry Vanover	John Merrick
Terence Burns	Samuel Talbot
Micajah Tracy	Lastley Matthews
Elijah Lumsdon	Michael Lard.

Quest. 8. Who desist from travelling?

Ans. James Hinton	William Glendenning
Edward Drumgole	William Ringold.

Quest. 4. Are there any objections to any of the Preachers?

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Quest. 10. Who have died this year?

Ans. Jeremiah Lambert, an Elder; six years in the work; a man of sound judgment, clear understanding, good gifts, genuine piety, and very useful, humble and holy; diligent in life and resigned in death; much esteemed in the connection, and justly lamented in his death.—But we do not sorrow as men without hope, but expect shortly to join with him and all those that rest from their labors.—And James Thomas, a pious young man, of good gifts, useful and acceptable, blameless in his life, and much resigned in his death.

Quest. 11. How are the Preachers stationed?

Ans.

	James Foster, Elder.
Georgia,	Thomas Humphreys, John Major.
Broad-River,	Stephen Johnson.
	Henry Willis, Elder.
Charleston,	Isaac Smith.
	Beverly Allen, Elder.
Santee,	Richard Smith.
Pee Dee,	Jeremiah Maston, Hope Hull.
	Reuben Ellis, Elder.
Salisbury,	Thomas Williamson, Henry Bingham.

Yadkin,	Robert Miller, John Mason.
Holstein,	Mark Whitaker, Mark Moore.
James Kelly, Elder.	
Guilford,	John Baldwin.
Halifax,	Edward Morris, Charles Hardy.
Mecklenburg,	John Easter, Henry Jones.
Richard Ivy, Elder.	
New-Hope,	William Partridge.
Tar-River,	Thomas Anderson, Micajah Tracy.
Roan-Oak,	Thomas Bowen, William Steens.
Caswell,	Sihon Smith.
Philip Bruce, Elder.	
Bartie,	Thomas Jackson, John Freeman.
Camden and Banks,	John Robertson, John Steward.
Portsmouth,	T. Burns.
Francis Poythress, Elder.	
Brunswick,	Philip Cox, James Gibbons, Henry Merritt.
Sussex,	Simon Pile, Lastley Matthews.
Amelia,	Elijah Ellis, Daniel Asbury.
Thomas Chew, Elder.	
Williamsburg,	Levin Ross.
Orange,	William Dameron Elijah Lumsdon.

Bedford,	William Cannon, Henry Vanover, Newman Spain.
Hanover,	Ananias Hudson.
Enoch Matson, Elder.	
Allegany,	Carret Thomson, Aquila Edwards, Michael Lard.
Redstone,	John Smith, Robert Ayres, Stephen Dickins.
Nelson Reed, Elder.	
Westmoreland,	Lemuel Green, John Paup.
Fairfax,	Richard Owens, John Fidler.
Berkley,	William Waters, William Hervey.
Richard Whatcoat, Elder.	
Kent,	Jesse Lee, Samuel Talbot.
Talbot,	James White, Wilson Lee.
Dover,	Ira Ellis, I. Moore.
John Haggerty, Elder.	
Caroline,	William Jessop, Moses Hurley, John Jarrell.
Dorset,	Samuel Dudley, Joseph Everett.
Thomas Foster, Elder.	
Somerset,	James Riggim, John Merrick.
Annamessex,	William Thomas.

Northampton,	Thomas Curtis.
	Caleb Boyer, Elder.
Philadelphia,	Henry Ogbourn, Peter Moriarty.
Little-York and Juniata,	Matthew Greentree.
Freeborn Garrettson and Jas. Cromwell, Elders.	
Nova-Scotia,	William Black, John Mann.
	Thomas Vasey, Elder.
Trenton,	Robert Sparks, Robert Cann.
	Jacob Brush,
West-Jersey,	John Simmons, Jacob Lurton.
	John Tunnell, Elder.
East-Jersey,	John M'Clasky, Ezekiel Cooper.
Newark	Robert Cloud.
New-York,	John Dickins.
Long-Island,	Thomas Ware.
William Gill and Ignatius Pigman, Elders.	
Baltimore,	Woolman Hickson, Adam Cloud.
Frederick,	Michael Ellis, Joseph Cromwell.
Calvert,	Jonathan Forrest.
	James Haw, Elder.
Kentucky,	Benjamin Ogdon.
	Lee Roy Cole, Elder.
Newbern, New-River, & Wilmington	Joshua Hartley, Caleb Maxcy.
Antigua,	John Baxter, Elder.

Quest. 12. What number are in society?

	Whites	Blacks
Ans. Portsmouth .....	330	26
Sussex .....	416	72
Brunswick .....	305	59
Amelia .....	382	30
Mecklenburg .....	392	37
Bedford .....	524	16
Orange .....	374	75
Williamsburg .....	167	11
Alleghany .....	350	18
Berkley .....	140	26
Redstone .....	523	
Fairfax .....	260	
Lancaster .....	174	
Frederick .....	390	32
Calvert .....	295	316
Baltimore .....	655	111
Little-York .....	136	
Kent .....	1013	
Talbot .....	632	332
Dorset .....	719	
Somerset .....	220	
Annamessex .....	317	33
Northampton .....	151	9
Caroline .....	657	243
Dover .....	690	158
Philadelphia .....	498	
Georgia .....	78	
Charleston .....	35	23
Santee .....	75	
Pee Dee .....	285	10
Broad River .....	200	
Salisbury .....	327	10
Yadkin .....	426	11
Holstein .....	250	

	Whites.	Blacks.
Guilford .....	400	10
Halifax .....	324	14
New-Hope .....	192	3
Tar-River .....	607	42
New-River .....	500	72
Roan-Oak .....	474	
Caswell .....	153	
Bartie .....	405	58
Camden and Banks .....	257	
West-Jersey .....	492	
Trenton .....	352	
East-Jersey .....	365	
New-York .....	178	25
Long-Island .....	146	8
Newark .....	50	
Nova-Scotia .....	510	
Antigua .....	1000	
Total .....	<u>18791</u>	<u>1890</u>

Quest. 13. What is the yearly collection?

Ans. One hundred eighty-two pounds six shillings and six pence.

Quest. 14. How was this applied?

Ans. Towards supplying the deficiencies of the preachers.

Quest. 15. What was contributed towards the Preachers' fund for the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?

Ans. Thirty-eight pounds, five shillings and four pence.

Quest. 16. What demands are upon it?

Ans. Fourteen pounds for the funeral expences of Jeremiah Lambert.

Quest. 17. What was collected for, and expended on missionaries this year?

Ans. Fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings.

Quest. 18. What has been collected this year for Cokesbury college?

Ans. Eight hundred pounds two shillings and eleven pence.

Quest. 19. What has been expended this year?

Ans. Sixteen hundred and eighteen pounds fourteen shillings and two pence.

Balance due eight hundred and eighteen pounds eleven shillings and three pence.

Quest. 20. When and where shall we hold conference next year?

Ans. At Salisbury, North Carolina, on Thursday May 17—At Petersburg, Virginia, June 19—and at Abingdon, in Maryland, on Tuesday July 24. 1787.