## MINUTES OF THE 16th INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

# OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE HELD AT KOLDING.

DENMARK

from 11th to 14th April, 1983

#### Monday, 11th April

- Conference convened at 2 p.m. The Executive Secretary welcomed all present and conducted opening worship.
- 2. Mr. Harry Herz-Hablutzel gave the President's address and declared the Conference open. He then asked Vice-President Ernest bloyd to take the chair.
- 3. Representatives of affiliated Alliances in Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, South Africa, Switzerland, United States of America and Uruguay presented their credentials, and a welcome was extended to observers and visitors from various countries.
- 4. Conference stood while the Executive Secretary read names of Hebrew Christian leaders who had passed to their rest since the last Conference. Prayer was offered by the Revd. T.H.Bendor-Samuel.
- 5. The Executive Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of the Presidents of the national Alliances and the Executive Secretary.
- 6. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances in Argentina, Australia, Canada, France and Germany were given by their representatives. Following the report of the German Alliance warm tribute was paid to Pfarrer Majer-Leonhard for his work in raising funds for Alliance work in Israel, and at the Counselling Centre for the racially persecuted in Stuttgart, and it was resolved to send greetings and a letter of appreciation to him.

- 7. The Executive Secretary conveyed the greetings of Mrs. Marianne Goldmann of Copenhagen who was unable to attend the Conference, and it was agreed that they be reciprocated.
- 8. The session concluded with a time of open prayer.

#### Tuesday, 12th April

- 9. Worship was conducted and a devotional address given by the Revd. Anker Gjerding.
- 10. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances in Great Britain, Holland, Switzerland, South Africa, United States of America and Uruguay were received. Following discussion about Associated membership permitted by some national Alliances it was resolved that the number of delegates should in future be based simply on the number of full members in each Alliance.
- 11. A welcome was extended to the Revd. Per Weber of Ordet og Israel who was invited to address Conference.
- 12. The Executive Secretary presented his report.
- 13. The Revd. David Bronstein submitted a report on his work as Secretary in North America. Following discussion it was resolved to ask the Theological Consultation to prepare a paper on "Who is a Jew?; Who is a Messianic Jew?; Who is a Hebrew Christian?"
- 14. Mr. Menahem Benhayim submitted a report on his work as Secretary in Israel.
- ) 15. The President closed the Session with prayer.

### Wednesday, 13th April

- 16. Worship was conducted and a devotional address was given by the Revd. Anker Gjerding.
- 17. The Executive Secretary presented the report of the Nominations Committee, and further nominations were received from Conference
- 18. Following a ballot it was resolved that Mr. Ernest Lloyd be elected President of the I.H.C.A. until the next ordinary Conference.

- 19. Following a ballot it was resolved that Mr. Joel Chernoff, the Revd. Ludwig Dewitz, Mr. Bernard Feldman and Mr. George Gunsberger be elected Vice-Presidents until the next ordinary Conference.
- 20. There being no other nomination it was resolved that the Revd. Ronald H. Lewis, B.A. be elected Executive Secretary until the next ordinary Conference.
- 21. There being no other nominations it was resolved that the Revd. Harcourt Samuel, O.B.E. be elected as Treasurer until the next ordinary Conference. The Revd. Harcourt Samuel paid warm tribute to the Revd. Ronald Lewis for his work during his first period of office as Executive Secretary.
- Following a ballot it was resolved that the following be elected members of the Executive Committee until the next ordinary Conference: Mr. Joop Akker, the Revd. T.H.Bendor-Samual, Mr. David Chernoff, Mrs. Ruth Eastwood, Mr. Hans Grassmann, Mr. Fred Gunsberger, the Revd. Henry Knight, Mr. Paul Liberman, Dr. Joseph Rosenfarb, Mr. Alan Sax, the Revd. David Sedaca and Dr. Robert Winer.
  The Incoming President, Mr. Ernest Lloyd paid warm
- Hablützel who responded.

  24. The Revd. David Sedaca presented a report on the situation in South America in which he mentioned the possibility of an Alliance being formed in Brazil.

tribute to the retiring President, Mr. Harry Herz-

- 25. The executive Secretary spoke of the regular publications of the I.H.C.A. and answered questions concerning them. He welcomed the suggestion that all Alliances producing their own periodicals should send him a copy regularly.
- 26. Members of Conference placed on record their gratitude to God for the harmony that had prevailed throughout the meetings.
- 27. There being no further business the minutes were read and adopted.
- 28. The President gave the final address and closed the Conference with prayer.