

THE INTERNATIONAL MESSIANIC JEWISH (HEBREW CHRISTIAN) ALLIANCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth International Conference held at Bond
Place Hotel, Toronto, Canada from 19th - 23rd October, 1992

President Ernest Lloyd in the chair.

Monday, 19th October

1. Conference convened at 9.00 a.m. The President conducted opening worship; after prayer led by Joel Chernoff, Elie Nessim and George Gunsberger, he read Scripture and gave an address.
2. Representatives of affiliated Alliances in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, Holland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States of America and Uruguay presented their credentials.
3. It was moved, seconded and resolved that all those visitors present be welcomed as observers without right of vote, but with right of speech at the President's discretion.
4. The President gave the President of the newly affiliated Messianic Jewish Alliance of Mexico the right hand of fellowship.
5. The Conference stood while the Executive Secretary read the names of Hebrew Christian leaders who had passed to their rest and reward since the last Conference. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered by Tom Lori and Haim Levi.
6. The Executive Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of the Presidents of affiliated Alliances.
7. Reference was made to the absence of Irene Hide because of her husband's ill health, and of Theodore Bendor-Samuel and Menahem Benhayim because of their own ill health, and they were commended to the Lord in prayer.
8. Reports of the work of affiliated Alliances in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, U.S.A. and Uruguay were received and considered.
9. On learning that the German Alliance had now only some eight to ten members it was agreed to ask Tom Lori, who often visited Germany, to do all that he could to encourage those who remain, and to seek to introduce new members. It was also agreed to tell Fritz Majer-Leonhard how much his faithful and continued efforts to raise funds for work in Israel was appreciated. Bob Winer brought this consideration to a close with prayer for them all.
10. David Sedaca presented his report on his work as Secretary for the Americas. It was considered carefully, and David was thanked for the work he does and the spirit in which he does it.
11. The session closed with Scripture read by the President and prayer by Richard Harvey.

Tuesday, 20th October

12. A devotional address was given by Baruch Goldstein, and this was followed by a time of prayer.

13. George Gunsberger presented a draft revised Constitution prepared by the Special Committee appointed by the Executive Committee on 17th October, 1988. The Conference proceeded to examine it clause by clause. There was a long discussion on the recommendation to include in Paragraph VI(i) the words "There shall be only one affiliated Alliance in each country". By a vote of 18 to 10 the recommendation was not accepted. It was then unanimously resolved that the amended draft be approved and submitted to the Charity Commissioners for approval, and that when approval was received it come into force.
14. It was resolved to rescind Minute 18 of the Conference in 1955, and that the Nominations Committee be instructed in this instance only to recommend the appointment of two Vice-Presidents, and an Executive Committee consisting of Presidents of affiliated Alliances and six elected members, two from the Americas, two from Europe, and two from other countries, but not more than one from any one country. It was also resolved to ask the Executive Committee to appoint a special Committee to consider the composition and functioning of the Executive Committee.
15. After prayer the Conference adjourned.

Wednesday, 21st October

16. A devotional address was given by Haim Levi and prayer was offered by Mark Neugebauer.
17. David Sedaca presented his report as Secretary for the Americas. Discussion followed.
18. The Nominations Committee presented their report.
19. Following a ballot Richard Harvey was elected President until the next Ordinary Conference.
20. Following a ballot Mark Neugebauer (23 votes) and Ernest Lloyd (20 votes) were elected Vice-Presidents until the next Ordinary Conference.
21. It was resolved that Ronald Lewis be elected Executive Secretary until the next Ordinary Conference.
22. It was resolved that Dafna Israeli be elected Treasurer until the next Ordinary Conference.
23. Following a ballot the following were elected to membership of the Executive Committee:- Evangelina Conti, Peter Eliastam, Anya Ghennassia, Joy Hickman, Herman Meininger, Larry Rich.
24. It was agreed to recommend the Executive Committee to appoint a Jewish Ancestry Committee.
25. It was resolved that in view of his work as Chairman of the Jewish Ancestry Committee, Bob Winer be invited to meetings of the Executive Committee with right of speech, but not of vote.
26. It was resolved to acknowledge Harcourt Samuel's 64 years of service to the Alliance by appointing him President Emeritus with right of speech, but not of vote.
27. Following a break for tea there was a season of prayer.
28. In accordance with the Executive Committee's resolution (Minute 25 of 22nd October, 1990) it was resolved that the annual affiliation fee be raised to £1.00 per member of each national Alliance.

29. In the absence of Menahem Benhayim through illness the Executive Secretary read his report on work in Israel. It was received with appreciation.
30. It was agreed to ask that Agendas and Business papers that have to be sent to delegates to Conference and members of the Executive Committee should contain as much information as possible.
31. The Conference adjourned.

Thursday, 22nd October

32. A service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Executive Secretary. The remainder of the day was free.

Friday, 23rd October

33. A devotional address was given by Malvern Jacobs followed by a time of prayer.
34. The Conference learned with rejoicing of the hope of fraternal relations between the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America and the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations and Synagogues following the informal meetings between representatives of both organisations.
35. It was resolved strongly to recommend the Executive Committee that before considering the affiliation of a second Alliance in the U.S.A. every effort should be made to draw the two organisations together and that in the meantime two representatives of the American Association of Messianic Jewish Believers should be invited to the Councils of the Alliance with right of speech, but not of vote, and that the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America have an observer, also with right of speech, but not of vote, and if at any time a similar situation arises each will be dealt with on its own merits.
36. The retiring President addressed Conference, expressing the thanks of all present to a number of folk whose services had enabled the proceedings to be carried through, and welcomed his successor. He offered prayer and the Conference concluded.