

The willingness to help and do for others is the need of the hour. Seeking to help others, we help ourselves. By sacrificing that others may get the light, we are enlarged. Let the mind of Christ possess you, the spirit of the Master dwell within you, and the love of God envelope you; then, seeking to extend the Kingdom of God will be the delight of your soul. May you all be true to God, and the vows you have made. May you press on to higher heights in God.

Yours for God's best,  
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**RESOLUTIONS AND REVISIONS**

1908-1934

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— By Order of Alliance —

Resolved that we urge upon all our brethren in the ministry the importance of being present at our annual meeting, or failing this, to send a reasonable excuse or be open to censure. 1908. Page 9.

Resolved that our agents or officers of Alliance holding money in trust for our denominational work, be requested to so arrange these matters that the banking of money be done in the name of the Alliance of the R. B. Church of Canada. 1908. P. 17.

**REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION.**

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada.

Article 2. The Alliance shall be composed of its regular officers, all ordained ministers who have been received into the Alliance, all licentiates who are pastors of one or more of the churches of the Alliance, or are engaged as missionaries by the General Missionary Society, two delegates from each church of the Alliance and the officers and delegates of the General Missionary Society.

Article 8. There shall be an Executive of five members of the Alliance, who shall have the general charge of the affairs of the denomination between the annual sessions of the Alliance.

The Executive shall act for the Alliance, such action to be subject to the approval of the Alliance at its next annual or special session.

The members of the Executive to be elected annually. 1908, page 21.

**BYE-LAWS OF ALLIANCE**

Article 1. The annual session of the Alliance shall begin on the Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in June.

Article 2. The first meeting held on Wednesday shall be at 10.30 a. m. and shall be for prayer and testimony. It shall be presided over by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President.

Article 3. The first business session of the Alliance shall begin on Wednesday at 2 p. m. and shall be presided over by the President or Vice-President, or in their absence, by one chosen by the Alliance until after the election of the new President.

Article 12. Each church in connection with the Alliance is expected to pay annually a sum equal to 25 cents per member into the Alliance Minute Fund; and it shall be the duty of the deacons of each church to see to the collecting and forwarding the same to

the treasurer of Alliance at or before its annual session.

Article 16. All ordained ministers and pastors must report at the close of every year to the Alliance Executive, as to their field of labor for the incoming year.

Article 17. All licenses to preach shall lapse at the close of each Annual Alliance, and will need renewal each year by the Alliance. 1908. P. 22.

Resolved, that we recommend that in the future all young men coming up for ordination possess a high school education. 1910. P. 23.

In view of the fact that there is an undue tendency on the part of some of our churches to make frequent change of pastors, which we consider is often detrimental to our work, as well as both expensive and discouraging to the pastor.

Therefore, Resolved that we the Alliance, recommend to all our churches for the work's sake, that they be more considerate in the matter when calling a pastor.

We would further recommend to the church calling a pastor that they defray his moving expenses. 1927. P. 8. 1929. P. 10. 1930. P. 10.

Resolved, that those in charge of Sunday School picnic at Beulah be given the use of hotel dishes, under the direction of Chairman of Hotel Committee. 1930. P. 8.

Resolved, that hereafter if one member of any standing committee is present at Alliance, they prepare and submit report. 1930. P. 6

Resolved, that Church Covenant be amended, and a clause be inserted as follows: We will not hold membership in oath-bound secret societies. 1931. P. 11.

Resolved, that the following be inserted in Advisory Rules for the Churches:

1. When any member of any of our churches, join any oath-bound secret society, or when any member of any of our churches marry any one who has a husband or wife living, though they may be divorced by law, that in either case such persons shall automatically forfeit membership in our churches.

2. That we will not receive as members in our churches persons who have been divorced and remarried while the husband or wife is still living.

3. We will not solemnize marriage between persons whose husband or wife is still living.

4. Whereas some members of our churches have voted on important questions when not in the enjoyment of Christian experience.

Therefore, Resolved that in the future when a member does not profess themselves, and are not recognized by the church as enjoying a Christian experience, they should consider themselves debarred from voting until such time as they are again restored to a Christian experience.

Resolved, that the word "Not" be inserted after the word "shall" in Rules of Order No. 11, Page 90 in History of Organization 1888. 1931. P. 11, 12.

Resolved, that the duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to investigate difficulties in the Churches, which they are unable to settle for themselves, and that the travelling expenses be paid by the Alliance if any be incurred. 1932. P. 12.

We recommend that all licentiates who are engaged in work other than the active ministry, also licentiates who are married to any of our ministers, henceforth shall not receive free board or travelling expenses to our Camp Meetings, nor shall any licentiate or minister not actively engaged in the ministry receive

any remuneration at any quarterly meeting.

Whenever any of our ordained ministers leave the active work of the ministry, and devoting their time to secular labor, or ways which do not further the interest of Holiness;

And, whereas our object in ordaining them to the ministry was, and is, that they should give themselves to the preaching of Full Salvation, therefore

Resolved, that all such shall now and hereafter be requested by their Association to surrender their credentials until such time as they are ready to resume their duties among us again as ordained elders. 1932. Page 12.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Alliance be the authorized agent to sign all legal papers for the Alliance. 1933. P. 10.

Resolved, that the preachers of our Alliance have sufficient accommodation for their families free of cost. 1934. P. 6.

Resolved, that we recommend to our churches that they hold their meeting at which they call their pastor, not later than March 1st, and that the pastor be requested to give his answer not later than April 1st. 1934. P. 8.

Resolved, that the matter of travelling expenses of ministers attending Alliance and Camp Meetings be left in the hands of the Committee on Camp Meeting Workers. 1934. P. 9.

Resolved, that we recommend to our churches that an offering be taken at each Communion service for the Aged Ministers' Fund 1934. P. 11.

Resolved, that the Alliance pay \$60.00 a year interest to the Widows' Fund.

Resolved, that Ministers' Association have charge of the distribution of Widows' Fund. 1934. P. 11.

**DUTIES OF ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE**

1st. It shall be the duty of the Executive to exercise oversight over all Alliance property, and to take any measures necessary in the safe guarding of such property, according to their best judgment.

2nd. It is their duty to carry out the will and wishes of the Alliance, as expressed previously in resolution or otherwise.

3rd. They shall move very cautiously in the initiation of new business, involving expense to the Alliance, or affecting seriously the interest of the body.

4th. All the business done by the Executive shall be subject to satisfaction by the Alliance, in order to be legal.

5th. The Alliance Executive shall not have power to buy any real estate, or to rent or sell any of the Alliance property without permission of the Alliance by resolution of the body. 1908. Page 1-2.

**WEALTH**

The gifts of wealth, place and position, ease and luxury, are dispensed with a good deal of caprice, but nobody ever heard that a character was got by chance. The gifts of fortune are often taken away as rapidly as they came, but everybody knows that strength of soul and mind and personal nobility are possessions which survive the external circumstances of life. Each man is the "captain of his soul."—Selected.

**FAITH**

The faith of the future, like the faith of the present and the faith of the past, will in its essence be simple. It will be faith in the goodness of things—faith that the world is governed for good.—Sir Francis Younghusband.