

REPORT FROM

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Our heritage reveals to us that we of all people are chosen by God. Imagine that! God chose us to be the media for self-revelation. How absolutely amazing, yet how awesomely simple. What better way for all the heritage of revelation to be experienced than by people created in God's own image. We are affirmed by the very freedom which allows us to proclaim God has chosen us and we shall serve Him.

Now that we know who we are, our mission becomes clear. We are to be the workers today and the visionaries for tomorrow. We are called to be the best people possible. A people working for wholeness now and a better tomorrow with God as our future.

Therefore, be it resolved that we will be free to dream dreams. Free of the deep darkness of prejudice, fear, war, poverty, grinding toil that dehumanizes, tyranny, oppression and all other things evil. Free to have visions of hope filled with the joy of God's holy securing peace.

Be it resolved that: being a people reconciled to God we shall take this opportunity and every other to reconcile ourselves to one another.

Further be it resolved that: As we in awe and wonderment recognize God's openness to forgive, that we replace anger, distrust, and suspicion toward one another with forgiveness which sends us into the future with God's love as a shield against bleak failure. With God's love now felt and assured in the future, let us become a people sent out; forgiven, reconciled, and bonded to one another in the ministry of God as revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

To affirm our willingness to be the chosen people of God, let us now show signs of Christ's loving propensity for unity to a common ministry revealed through us to others. Let us now in sign, symbol and action show ourselves and the world that we care. In the ministry of Jesus Christ, AMEN!

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMOIRS

ACTIVE MINISTERS

Dr. John W. Mulder

Memorial services for Dr. John W. Mulder were held on Thursday, May 29, 1980, at the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn with an overflowing crowd in attendance. Bishop Edsel A. Ammons led the worship with the reading of scripture and liturgy; Bishop Dwight D. Loder, the former bishop of the Michigan Area under whom Dr. Mulder served as superintendent of the Saginaw Bay District (1966-1971) and area administrative assistant (1971-1976), delivered the meditation. The service contained three anthems by the choirs of the First Methodist churches of Dearborn and Royal Oak, four hymns, and several special numbers in organ prelude and postlude, which were symbolic of the importance of music in Dr. Mulder's life and that of his family. John was a graduate of Albion College and Boston University School of Theology, and he was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree by Albion College in 1971. He began his ministry in 1952 as the associate minister at the Pontiac Central Church; in 1956 he became the pastor at Walled Lake where he served until 1963 when he was assigned to Henderson Memorial Church in Detroit. Three years later he became a district superintendent. In 1976 the West Michigan Conference honored him by electing him as one of two nominees it would like to see elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Dr. Mulder was born on March 20, 1927, and died on Memorial Day, May 26, 1980, after a long illness with cancer. He continued as the pastor of Dearborn First Church during his struggle with the dreaded disease which proved fatal. He died exactly one year after learning of his illness in 1979. Dr. Mulder is survived by his wife, Lydia; two sons, John A. and David G.; three daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Kolasa, Martha and Carol; five grandchildren and one brother. The burial was at Imlay City.

RETIRED MINISTERS

Rev. Harold J. Salmon

Rev. Harold J. Salmon, retired member of the Detroit Conference, died on August 21 at the Vista Grande Villa Retirement Home in Jackson. Mr. Salmon, the son of John and Annie Salmon, was born and raised in Calumet. He married Florence Ellis of Calumet in 1928; she survives. In 1929 he became a full member of the Detroit Conference and served churches in Lexington, Grayling, Grass Lake, Morenci, Port Huron, Cheboygan and Pincanning before retiring in 1965. He lived in Port Huron following his retirement, until moving to Jackson a few years ago. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jack Richards (Phyllis) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. John Fountain (Marjorie) of Saline; one brother, William, of Chicago; and eight grandchildren. He was a member of Lodge 85 F&AM of Morenci and Chapter 109 RAM of Cheboygan. Funeral services were conducted in the First United Methodist Church, Port Huron by Rev. Ivan Gonsler of Chelsea and Chaplain Jack Richards, USAF, Colorado Springs. Burial was in Port Huron.

Rev. William J. Mundy

Rev. William J. Mundy, retired member of the Detroit Conference, died on September 3, at the Methodist Home at Chelsea. Age 90 years. He was born December 26, 1888 in Cornwall, England coming to Michigan in 1911. He had been employed as a store superintendent for the M. W. Tanner Co. for 12 years. He served as minister with the Presbyterian Church at Teymouth from 1924 until 1929. He received his Elders Orders in the Detroit Methodist Conference and served charges at Homer, Gordonville and Poseyville serving the Poseyville Church for 23 years. Along with his church work, he worked in the township for the Saginaw County Social Welfare Board for 33 years.