

Minutes of the first Quarterly Conference

of Forest Grove Circuit Portland District Oregon
 Annual Conference of the M.E. Church held
 at Cornelius November 17 1877.

P. M. Star P. E. in the Chair
 W. S. Curtis was elected Secretary

Members Present

- S. S. Van Dersal P. E., A. C.
- Leabo, Exhorter; J. R. Cornelius,
- R. M. Hut, H. Raymond, Wilson
- Boulby, David Wilcox

The usual disciplinary questions were asked
 viz. Are there any complaints? 2. Are there
 any appeals? and both were answered in the negative

Q. Are there any Reports? Pastor reported
 verbally that the work is progressing very well
 so far as I am acquainted and but one
 death during the quarter

Q. Any Re. from Class Leaders? None.

Q. What report from Committee to estimate
 Ministers Salary? One of the committee,
 J. L. Smith was absent and in rotation Wilson
 Boulby was appointed to his place. Committee
 returned and after consultation offered the
 following report

For Pastors Salary	700
which in rotation was adopted	
Unit assigned ^{& on meeting accepted} for Presby Elders	75
" " " Bishop	538

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What amounts have been recd for the support of the ministry, and how applied?

Forest Grove class*

Gaston Class	\$16.00		
Cornelius	2.50	}	25 88
Public Collection	7.38		
Boston			
Rev. P. E.	7.35		
" Pastor	18.50		
		25 85	25 85

* Before the meeting of the Annual Conference a union had been formed in Forest Grove between the M. E. Church and the Congregational Church in condition in condition that if Rev. Van Dersal was returned to the F. G. Charge he was to preach for one year to both congregations united and the union to include the S. S.'s ^{prayer} public preaching & all religious services of both churches and all to be held in the Congregational meeting house and that the Congregational Society should liberal in support of the Pastor and the united bodies fixed his salary at \$800.

Rev. Vandersal was returned with union endorsed by Conf. And when the estimating committee of the Circuit came to act upon the question they ignored the F. G. estimate by making Pastor's salary \$700, instead of \$800. and the Conference also ignored the arrangement by adopting the Committee's report and the F. G. Stewards were not expected to look after the collection of salary and no funds were given into their hands & consequently they could not report, as above

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Q. Are the Sunday Schools organized into
missionary Societies? Ans. No.

Q. Is any change desired in the board of Stewards?
Ans. in motion No.

Q. Have the Gen. rules been read this quarter?
Answer No.

Q. Are the Records properly kept?
Ans. Yes.

Q. When shall the next Quarterly Meeting
be held? Ans. in motion First Gen.
Minutes read and approved and in
motion conference adjourned

W. L. Curtis Sec. } P. M. Starr & E

I hereby certify the above to be a correct
record of said Minutes

W. L. Curtis,

Recording Steward.

Minutes of the second quarterly Conference
Forest Grove Circuit Portland District Oregon
Annual Conference of the M. E. Church was
held in Congregational Church Forest Grove
January 19 1878.

P. M. Starr P. E. in the chair

The ~~following~~ conference was opened by the usual religious
services.

The following members were present viz.

D. S. Dandersal P. E., J. L. Smith, Wilson Bowby,
Wm Waters, Henry Raymond and W. L. Curtis.

W. L. Curtis was elected Secretary

Q. 1. Are there any complaints? Ans. none.

Q. 2. Are there any appeals? Ans. none.

Q. 3. Are there any reports? None from Pastor & none
from Leaders and none from Trustees.

Q. 4. What amounts have been received for the support
of the ministry, and how has it been applied?

Forest Grove Class,	\$ 53.
Cornelius "	5.
Gasten "	5.
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	63.

Public collection (at F. Grove) 9. 95

Contra

Paid P. Elder

" Bishops fund

" Pastor D. S. Dandersal

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Also the Sunday Schools organized into
missionary societies? Else not.

Q. Is there any change desired in the
board of Stewards? Ans. Bro. Waters
asked leave to resign and on motion his
resignation was accepted.

Q. Have the Gen. Rules been read during the
past quarter? Have not.

Q. Have the rules respecting the instruction of
children been complied with? They have.

Q. Where shall the next Quarterly Meeting be held?
Ans. Gaston was made the place.

Q. Is there any further business to attend to?

Brother Van-Dersal asked Council of Conf.
as to continuing preaching at Cornelius.

And on motion the following resolution was
passed. Whereas, no official members are
present from Cornelius to represent that class
we deem it advisable to appoint a Committee
of three including the Pastor to meet the brethren
at Cornelius to decide the matter; at such time
as the Pastor shall designate. On motion
J. L. Smith and W. L. Curtis. Afterwards the
time was fixed for said committee to meet and one
member went, but found that the other members
were not present and that the brethren at Cornelius

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had failed to get notice and no report was ever
presented by said Committee

Minutes were read and approved and
on motion Conference adjourned

W. L. Curtis Secy } P. M. Starr P. E.

Minutes of the third Q. Conference of Forest
Grove Circuit, Portland District Oregon
Annual Conference of the M. E. Church
held in Gaston Meeting house May 4, 1878.

P. M. Starr P. E. Absent - from sickness.
S. S. Dan Dersul P. C. in the Chair
Conference opened with the usual religious
services

Members present

A. C. Leabo Ex. Robert Patton, J. L. Smith
R. B. Hugden, W. L. Curtis.

W. L. Curtis elected Secretary

On motion R. B. Hugden S. S. Superintendent
was approved as member of Q. Conference

Q. Are there any complaints? None.

Q. Are there any appeals? None.

Q. Are there any Reports?

Paster verbally reported, One received
on Probation and two by letter during the Q.

Q. Any report from Leaders? None.

Q. What amount has been received for
the support of the ministry and how applied

From			
Forest Grove Class.	\$30.		
Cornelius "			
Gaston "	20.		
Public Collection	9.50		59.50

(Carried up)

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Disbursement

Paul P. E.

" Bishops fund

" Pastor

Q. Are the S. Schools organized into missionary societies? They are not.

Q. Any change desired in the Board of Stewards?

Ans. Bro. Fadden asked to resign, which was granted and on motion R. B. Hayden was elected in his place.

Q. Are there any recommendations for Licenses to preach? Ans. None.

Q. How the Gen. Rules been revised during this quarter? They have not.

Q. Have the Rules respecting the instruction of children been complied with? In part.

Q. Are the Church Records properly kept?

Ans. Yes.

Q. When shall the next Quarterly meeting be held? On motion Forest Grove was made the place. Minutes read and approved

and on motion conference adjourned

W. L. Curtis Sec.

S. S. Van Benschel Pres.

Minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Conference
First Grove Circuit, Portland
District Oregon. Annual Conference of the
M. E. Church was held in the congregation
Church First Grove July 27 1878.

P. M. Starr P. E. in the Chair

Conference opened with prayer by the President
Members Present

S. S. Van Dersal P. C., J. M. Sweeney L.
A. C. Leabo Ex., J. L. Smith, J. Gould,
D. Melcox, R. M. McInt, W. L. Curtis,
R. B. Hayden, Wilson Bowdley.

W. L. Curtis appointed secretary

Q. 1. Are there any complaints?

Ans. None

Q. 2. Are there any appeals? Ans. None

Q. 3. Are there any Reports?

Paster reported verbally that the Church
was prospering moderately well

Q. 4. Any Reports from Leaders? Bro. Hay

reported his class at Gaston, prospering
growing in grace and prospect good

Report of Trustees:—Dr Bowdley reported
Church and Parsonage lot in First Grove
in need of a new fence, and an in-
debtedness of between one and Two Hundred
Dollars incurred in building or finishing Parsonage

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Q. What amounts have been received for the support of the ministry, and how applied?

From

Forest Grove Class	\$45.00
Public Collection	10.65
Cornelius Class	12.12
Gastin "	29.25

Disbursed

Paid P. Clerks

" Bishop's fund

" Pastor

Q. What committees shall be appointed?

1. Missions - W. L. Curtis, R. B. Hayden.
2. S. Schools - J. R. Cornelius, W. L. Curtis.
3. Tracts - J. L. Smith, J. Gould.
4. Education - Wilson Bowley, W. L. Curtis.
5. Church Exten'n - J. L. Smith, Col. Cornelius.
6. Church Records - R. M. Went.
7. Passways & Furniture - J. L. Smith, W. L. Curtis, James Gould.
8. Church music - Pastor and Dr. Bowley.
9. Estimating Preachers Salary - Dr. Bowley, R. M. Patten, J. L. Smith.
10. Conf. Claimants - W. C. Lebo, R. B. Hayden.

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Q. What has been rec'd for Benevolent purposes

1. Missions
2. Womens F. M. Society
3. Church Extension 2 50
4. Freedmens Aid Society
6. Tract Society
7. S. S. Union

Q. Are the S. S. organized into missionary societies?

Ans. Are not

Q. Who shall be the Stewards for the coming year

On motion the present board was reelected.

viz. J. L. Smith, Jas Gould, W. L. Curtis
R. M. M^rcut, J. R. Cornelius, David Wiley,
Wm Waters, R. J. Patton, R. B. Hayden.

Q. Who shall be the Trustees?

Ans. Dr. Boulby, J. L. Smith, Wm. Waters,
James Matthews, J. R. Cornelius were
elected

Q. Who shall be Recording Steward?

W. L. Curtis, was elected

Q. Who shall be District Steward?

On motion Dr. W. Boulby

Q. Are there any recommendations to preach?

Ans. None.

Examination of Character

Wm E. Smith S. Deacon, was examined & approved

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A. C. Leabo, Exhorter examined approved
and License renewed.

Q. Have the General Rules been read this
quarter? Ans. Have not.

Q. Have the rules relating to the instruction of
children been complied with? Have not.

Q. Have the Church Records been properly kept?
Ans. They have.

Q. Where shall the next quarterly Meeting
be held? On motion Cornelius was the
place designated.

Minutes read and approved and on
motion Conference adjourned.

W. L. Curtis, Sec. } P. M. Starr P. C.

Conference of 1878 and 1879

Prefatorial Remarks

By a strong effort of the Congregational Church at Forest Grove and also most of the M.E. Church of same place Rev. S.S. Vandusant was returned to Forest Grove Circuit by the Conference: but against the wishes of the two ^{other} classes composing the circuit and also against the judgement of the P. & E. cler^{ies} as it was, apparently, expected that he, ^{Rev. Vandusant} would not preach at Cornelius or Gaston, (and whether wisely or not, is not here affirmed.) The Annual ^{Combs} were induced to drop Forest Grove appointment out of the circuit to stand by itself and to recognize the balance of the circuit under the name of Cornelius circuit: leaving F. Grove united with if not merged for another year in the C. Church supplied by Rev. Vandusant, while another man was assigned to supply the balance or Cornelius Circuit. This arrangement was not fully known or understood at F. Grove until the time of the last quarterly meeting July 21 1879, it being supposed by them that the arrangement was but temporary and the division of the circuit but for one year. But then it was learned that the arrangement or division was supposed to be as permanent as "other earthly things."
(over)

The only result of which could be but
to force the M.E. Society to join the Congre-
gation^{Church} or go to pieces for they were too weak to
maintain a station. But during the
present year the Presiding Elder was to
hold the quarterly meetings or conferences
or a part of them and a certain amount
apportioned to F. G. was to be raised for the
support of the Presiding Elder and Bishop's
fund, to wit. \$15, for P. E. & 35 cts cents^{latter} for = 15.35

The second quarterly conference if not
the first was not held for want of or
failure of the Class at F. G. to get due
notice & were consequently not held.
But the third and fourth were held
in due form and at the 3. d. the P. E.
preached on the Sabbath following as per
minutes

Minutes* of the Third Quarterly Conference
 Forest Grove Charge, Portland District, Oregon
 Annual Conference of the M. E. Church
 held in the "Liberal Hall" Forest Grove on
 the 12th day of April 1879.

P. M. Starr P. E. in the chair

Conf. opened with prayer by the President.

The following members were present

D. S. Van Dersal P. E. A. L. Smith,
 W. L. Curtis, Nelson Bowley

W. L. Curtis appointed Secretary

Q. 1. Are there any complaints? Ans. None

Q. 2. Are there any appeals? Ans. None

Q. 3. Are there any reports? No written reports

Apportionment for Forest Grove Charge

Presiding Elder	15		
Bishops Fund	35	15	35

Pastors support provided for by the
 united arrangement of the two churches therein
 interested

Q. What amounts have been received for the
 support of the ministry and how applied?

Public Collection the following Sabbath 6 55

Paul P. E.	6 55	6 55
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* See explanation on preceding page.

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Q. Are the S. Schools organized into
missionary? Ans. They are not.

Q. Any change desired in the board of Stewards?
Ans. None

Q. Are there any recommendations for licenses
to preach? None.

Q. Have the General Rules been rec'd this quarter?
They have not.

Q. Any other business? Ans. None

Minutes read and approved and on
motion Conference adjourned

W. L. Custis Sec. P. M. Starr. P. E.

Minutes Fourth Quarterly Conference
Forest Grove Charge Portland District Oregon
Annual Conference of The M & E Church held
in Congregational Church in Forest Grove
July 21, 1879.

P. M. Starr P. E. in the Chair
Conference opened with prayer by President.
The following members were present:
viz. S. S. Va Dersal P. E.
J. L. Smith, Wm Waters, W. L. Curtis,
and Wilson Bowly
W. L. Curtis was elected secretary
The following committees were elected

1. On Missions - Wm Waters, J. L. Smith.
 2. On S. Schools - Sarah Bowly, John Garrison.
 3. On Tracts - The Pastor
 4. On Education - Dr. Bowly, W. L. Curtis.
 5. On Church Extension - W. L. Curtis, J. L. Smith.
 6. On Church Records - Wm. Waters.
 7. On Parsonage & Furniture - J. L. Smith, Sister Buxton.
 8. On Church Music - Sarah Bowly, Ella Scott
 9. On Pastors Salary - W. L. Curtis, J. L. Smith, Dr. Bowly.
 10. On Conference Claimants - Dr. Bowly, J. L. Smith, W. L. Curtis.
- Q. Are there any complaints? None.
- Q. Are there any appeals? None.
- Q. Are there any Reports? Ans. Verbal report from Pastor - Work in a prosperous condition.

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Any Reports from Leaders? None
 Q. What amounts have been received
 for the support of the ministry and
 how applied? For Pastors Salary see R. 3d.

From F. Grove \$8.80

Applied
 Paid P. Elder 8.45
 " Bishops Fund .35
8.80

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8 80

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Recapitulation

1. Quarters 6.55
 2. " 8.80

15 35

Applied
 Paid P. Elder 1. Qu' 6.55
 " " 2. " 8.45
 " Bishops Fund in full .35

15 35

15 35

Q. What amounts have been
 received for Benevolent purposes?

Ans. For Missions \$7.50

For P. E. & Bishops 15.35 \$22.85

Total Am'ts Rec'd not including ^{account} Pastors, 22 85
 Trustees Reported for Dr. Bouilly a Debt
 of about One Hundred Dollars incurred
 in Parsonage addition

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Are the S. Schools organized into missionary societies? Ans. Are not.

Q. Who shall be the Stewards?

On motion J. B. Matthews Dr. W. Boulby and W. L. Curtis.

Q. Who shall be recording Steward?

Ans. W. L. Curtis, was elected.

Q. Who shall be the District Steward?

J. B. Matthews appointed.

Q. Who are the Trustees? W. Boulby, J. L. Smith,

Wm Waters, J. Matthews, & Col. Cornelius.

On motion, Boulby, Smith, Waters, Matthews, of the above, and Jas Gould and W. L. Curtis were elected.

Q. Have the General Rules been read this quarter? Ans. have not.

Q. Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed? Ans. They have.

Q. Are the Church Records properly kept?

They are. On motion Dr. W. Boulby was

elected Lay Delegate to Oregon Annual Conference and W. L. Curtis reserve Delegate.

Minutes read and approved and on motion conference adjourned.

W. L. Curtis Sec. P. M. Starr. P. E.