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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PRESBYTERY TO ORGANIZE THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Commission appointed by Central Mississippi Presbytery to organize the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi was called to order by the Chairman, Reverend W. F. Mansell, in the Pastor's study of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hall's Ferry Road, Vicksburg, Mississippi at 7:30 P. M., July 8, 1951.

Present were the following Commissioners appointed by the Moderator of Central Mississippi Presbytery:

Rev. W. F. Mansell, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Chairman
Rev. V. M. Arnold, Greenwood, Mississippi
Rev. R. S. Woodson, Yazoo City, Mississippi
Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Jackson, Mississippi
Mr. John Raworth, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi
Mr. Frank E. Everett, Jr., Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg....

The Commission then proceeded into the sanctuary at 7:45 P. M. where a large congregation had assembled....

After the conclusion of the sermon Rev. W. F. Mansell received the following members on profession of faith and baptism: John Alfred Faulk; Charles Jordan Smollen.

The following members were received upon re-statement of faith: Mr. J. C. Wedgeworth; Mrs. J. C. Wedgeworth; Mr. Harvey Green; Mrs. Harvey Green; Mrs. R. S. Wilson; Mr. J. A. (Fred) Faulk.

Rev. R. S. Woodson received the following members upon certificate of transfer from churches other than the First Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi:

Mrs. John H. Thompson, First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Mississippi
Mr. J. W. Smollen, Crawford Street Methodist Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi
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Mr. H. C. Kauffman, Jr. First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend, Kansas
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The following members were received upon certificate of transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi.: Mr. and Mrs. Al H. Barnes and 1 Baptized child; Mr. and Mrs. Benson Guyton and 2 Baptized Children; Mr. and Mrs. Alan G. Skelton and 2 Baptized children; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Geddings, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson; Donald Thompson; Caroline Thompson; Claude Thompson, Jr; Eugene Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jenkins; Mrs. Leland Ferguson; Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Kaufman and 1 Baptized child; Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton; Miss Betty Jean Hamilton ; Jimmy Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foster and 2 Baptized children; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Palmer and 2 Baptized children; Mr. and Mrs. Sam H.

Buchanan and 1 Baptized child; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ardahl and 1 Baptized child; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Anderson; Mrs. T. B. Grafton; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ferris and 5 baptized children; Mrs. W. J. Mallett; Mrs. Fred Faulk; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Halthis, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alvin and 2 Baptized children; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Coleman and 2 Baptized Children; Mrs. I. L. Sorenson.

Rev. T. B. Grafton was announced as an Associate Member.

The members listed above are to be considered as charter members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger delivered the charge to the congregation after which, the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was duly constituted by the Commission and so pronounced by chairman, Rev. W. F. Mansell.

The congregation nominated and elected as Elders the following: Mr. H. C. Kauffman, Jr; Mr. James C. Anderson; Mr. Claude Thompson; Mr. W. R. Ferris.

The congregation nominated and elected as Deacons, the following: Mr. Benson Guyton; Mr. B. W. Jenkins; Mr. V. G. Kaufman; Mr. Wallace Geddings; Mr. J. W. Smollen; Mr. James C. Hamilton, Sr.; Mr. Sam H. Buchanan; Mr. Al H. Barnes.

The above named Elders and Deacons were duly ordained and installed with exception of Messrs. Claude Thompson, W. R. Ferris and Benson Guyton who could not attend meeting.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the congregation issue a call to Rev. John H. Thompson to be the first Minister for the church.

After singing of a hymn and the pronouncement of the benediction, the service was concluded and the Commission having discharged its function, was adjourned after a prayer

Rev. W. F. Mansell
Chairman

Frank E. Everett, Jr.
Secretary