

OFFICIAL BOARD
HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE

Meeting of the Official Board held on January 30, 1937,
after the morning service, at the church.

Present:

Brothers

Sisters

Steelberg
Carr
Krause
Hepworth
Day
Hollahan
Brosky

McKittrick,
Combs
Nethery
Reinhardt
Spain

Steelberg
M. Nethery
McEwen
Clarke
Payne

The Pastor presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pastor made a statement with reference to the meetings which are now in progress by Brother Robert E. Lee, and asked that the Board set a definite date as to their length of time, if they should continue.

After discussion it was moved by Brother Krause, seconded by Brother Carr, and carried, that the meetings continue for another week.

The Pastor read a letter dated January 28, 1937, from Brother H. Laverack, in which he stated that he was "definitely led of the Lord to leave Highway, x x x and to join the Apostolic Church."

(This letter is attached to these minutes.)

Moved by Brother McKittrick, seconded by Brother Krause, and carried, that the Pastor write a letter to Brother Laverack expressing our regret for the step taken by him, and that we earnestly hold our brother up before the throne of Grace.

The Pastor presented the matter of the radio broadcast to the Board, stating that the studio had made a mistake in the price quoted; that they had called brother Zell two or three times; had called him on the telephone; and had also requested that brother Zell pay the difference in the amount paid and what they term the correct price, about \$50.00

After discussion it was moved by Brother Krause, seconded and carried, that Brother Zell send a check to W.I.P. for \$69.40 as called for by the contract, for next Saturday's broadcast (February 6, 1937), and in the meantime that Brother Steelberg see what arrangements can be made with the studio with reference to the price of the broadcast, and the time; if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with them, to see what we can get over station WRAX.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Clara M. Payne

Church Clerk

Jan 28th 1937

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Dear Bro Steelberg.

Greetings in Jesus Precious Name

Grace mercy and peace be multiplied unto you
and your loved ones

I have the difficult and disagreeable task of writing this to you, to inform you that I am definitely led of the Lord, to leave Highway. I have put it off now for a long time, but if I want the Grace of God to rest on me, I feel I must go where He leads

I had this thought in mind when I asked you not to nominate me, for an office on the board and even before you came, I felt the Lord leading me out, but did not know where, at that time.

I feel that as the deacons board has not started to function yet, this would be the best time to go, and so not create any more difficulty than necessary

I now feel definitely led of the Lord to join the apostolic Church, which the Lord long ago showed me He was going to restore, though I did not know, how or where, or when. I have now learned that it is well established in England, and is fast spreading over the world, and is here on the borders of Phila and I wist not.

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You will ask, what is there in that Church that you do not find at Highway. I answer first of all. The Word of the Lord in Prophecy as well as tongues and interpretation, also a reverence of, and for, the utterances of God, also comment and proving of the utterances of the Holy Spirit, as well as sound practical and convincing exposition of the written Word, And above all, their faces are set in the right direction, they do not push and plan and scheme in their own strength and wisdom, but rest in God to plan and order and bring things to pass, and He does

I had long hoped that Pentecost would be converted, and be Gods instrument for the last Hour testimony, but in the face of all I have seen and learned, I had to give up that idea. I know now that God starts a new thing and calls out His own, as He has always done before. Of course I knew this before but my love for Pentecost distorted my vision, and you yourself have said

"If we do not go Gods way He will set us aside," and many of your fellow ministers have said it too. It is my present conviction that He has already done it and that is saying something, that to me is awful.

nevertheless Gods will must be done, and He is still merciful and has closed the door on nobody, but they close it on themselves. Pentecost has persistently resisted the Holy Spirit untill now, His voice is seldom heard in many assemblies. They not only have refused to walk in the light, but they have refused the Light Himself

I believe the Chief sin of Pentecost has been that they have despised prophecys. I have never yet heard a real facing of this problem, nor an earnest exhortation to court to prophecy, nor an altar call for this purpose. Though we have altar calls for every thing else, but a persistent avoidance of the whole subject, lest it should interfere with our running the church. I wrote to Bro Van Meter about this, before the council meeting in the fall of 35 I was also willing to speak to the council about it, and asked the privilege of the platform for this purpose, but was disregarded. It hurts me, to hear you ministers ask for apostolic power, knowing you do not want apostles, and not being able to see, that the one is vested in the other. and asking for miracles when ye despise prophecys. It is necessary to say ye will not get them

O Bro it is costing me something to write this, for God knows I have loved you all, and let me say there is nothing personal about my decision, and what anybody ever said or did, has no weight with me at all. I must have the Truth at any cost, and I will say now that in a remarkable way, all the Truth as far as I know that the Apostolic church has learned, God has showed me alone and independently, glory be to His Name

Let me also say a word about your teaching, that when folks receive the Baptism they receive power from on High. This teaching makes me chilly, when I know that the C and M Alliance people can do all that we do except speak in tongues. Well you say "What have they received."

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I answer. The Promise of the Father. If you look at Luke 24-49 you will see the Promise of the Father is one thing. Power from on high is another. You have made them both one, which they are not. Those to whom the promise was given received it, but not you or I.

and again you ought to know that saved people are not the Church, but that the church is a Spiritual body into which we are Baptised by the Holy Ghost. Saved people are born into the Kingdom. They are not born into the church. Their privileges are the same as the Elect, they can make their Election sure, if they meet the conditions

The difference is one of Predestination many are called few are chosen. Dear Bro let me say this as I think of it. It is one thing to read a lot of Scripture, and claim to have power, but it is another thing to manifest it thro the gifts, thro which the power of God is made evident and manifest

The ministry gifts in Eph 4 show us what Christ can do for His church thro these gifts. The present condition of Highway shows us what man can do to a church with human gifts. The Prophetic gift I believe to be the most vital and fundamental gift in the church of Christ. Thro this gift He guides, warns, exhort, comforts, ordains, convicts of sin and gives Spiritual gifts, and governs His people. Even Apostles are called and their work laid out for them, thro this gift.

You know the Word well enough dear Bro, to know I can back up what I am saying

Well thank God my search for Truth and my studies

have not been unfruitful, but God in His love and kindness to me has abundantly rewarded me.

I had hoped to be some use in Highway, but my gift for teaching could find no room, and so I suppose I will not be missed. Even in the Bible studies it was clear there was no room for two teachers, so I kept quiet.

Now dear Bro I think I have showed you there is quite a gulf separates us, and I feel out of harmony in Highway. So it is Gods will I believe that I withdraw.

If you think I ought to send a letter of resignation to the board or appear before them, I will do whatever you advise. I am first of all for peace if it be possible, though I cannot compromise on what I know is true. You may do with this letter as you feel led of the Lord, it is yours.

I am still at your service and desire your prayers and friendship, as you also have mine.

With all best wishes for yourself and Highway

I still count myself

your Bro in Christ

H Laverack