

Minutes of the Tenth International Hebrew Christian Conference of the I.H.C.A.

Held at Augsburg, Germany, 24th-27th August, 1960

Wednesday, 24th August

The Conference convened at 8.15 p.m., the President, Dr. Jakob Jocz, in the chair.

1. Worship was conducted by the President.
2. Welcome to the Conference was expressed by the President.
3. Dr. Jocz delivered his Presidential Address.
4. Delegates from Great Britain, America, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Iran, South Africa and Argentine presented their credentials.
5. The Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of Mrs. Osment, Dr. Arthur Kac, Mrs. Goldman, Dr. Hans Citron, Mr. Herz-Hablützel, Mr. Habib Yusefzadeh, Mr. John Daring and Mr. Victor Sedaca.
6. The Conference stood as the Secretary read the names of Hebrew Christian leaders who had passed to their rest and reward since the last Conference. After a period of silence the President offered prayer.
7. The session then concluded.

Thursday, 25th August

The Conference convened at 9 a.m., the President, Dr. Jakob Jocz, in the chair.

8. Prayer was offered by Dr. Victor Buksbazen.
9. A roll call showed that representatives of all affiliated Alliances were present.
10. The minutes of the proceedings on Wednesday, 24th August, were read and confirmed.

11. Messages of greeting were read from Dr. Arnold Frank, the Revs. Hyman Appelman, E. S. Gabe, Herman Maas, Felix Propper and John Witt, Miss Cecilia Goldfein, Miss Helena Jacobs and Mr. J. N. Pfeffer.

12. It was moved, seconded and resolved that a telegram of greeting be sent to the President Emeritus, Dr. Arnold Frank.
13. The President called for the report of the Executive Committee. This was handed in by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the report be adopted.
14. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances were given by chosen representatives and each of these was followed by discussion.
15. The session then adjourned.
16. Upon resumption the chair was taken by the Vice-President, Dr. Victor Buksbazen.
17. Prayer was offered by Mr. H. L. Ellison.
18. The Rev. Jacob Peltz submitted a report on his work as Secretary in America.
19. The Rev. H. D. Leuner submitted a report on his work as Secretary in Europe.
20. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs. Hajos, Mr. A. Ungar and Mr. B. Heller gave an account of the condition of Hebrew Christians in Hungary and Mrs. Moise reported on news which had reached her from Rumania.

21. Dr. Machlin offered prayer and the session concluded.

Friday, 26th August

The Conference convened at 9 a.m., the President, Dr. Jakob Jocz, in the chair.

22. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Nathan Stone.

23. A roll call showed that representatives of all affiliated Alliances were present.

24. The minutes of the proceedings on Thursday, 25th August, were read and confirmed.

25. The Rev. H. B. Pencovic submitted a report on his work as Secretary in Israel.

26. The President called for the report of the delegation sent to Israel by the Executive Committee. This was handed in by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the report be received and its conclusions endorsed.

27. The President called for the report of the Board of Abraham's Vineyard Ltd. This was handed in by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the report be received.

28. The session then adjourned.

29. Upon resumption the chair was taken by the Vice-President, Dr. Victor Buksbazen.

30. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Hugo Spitzer.

31. The Chairman called for the report of the Nominations Committee. This was handed in by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

32. Two nominations were submitted for the position of President. After a ballot the Chairman declared the Rev.

Jakob Jocz, Ph.D., D.Litt., to have been re-elected President of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

33. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the Rev. Arnold Frank, D.D., be re-elected President Emeritus of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

34. It was moved, seconded and resolved that Dr. Arthur W. Kac and the Rev. Peter Schneider, M.A., be elected Vice-Presidents of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

35. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, O.B.E., be re-elected Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

36. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the following be elected members of the Executive Committee: the Revs. L. Dewitz, Max Enker, Jacob Gartenhaus, A. B. Machlin, F. Mayer-Leonhard, T. H. Bendor Samuel and N. J. Stone, Mrs. A. Moise, Messrs. H. L. Ellison, E. P. Lipson, H. Newmark and H. Yusefzadeh.

37. Dr. Raff offered prayer and the session concluded.

Saturday, 27th August

The Conference convened at 9 a.m., the President, Dr. Jakob Jocz, in the chair.

38. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Hugo Spitzer.

39. A roll call showed that representatives of all affiliated Alliances were present.

40. The minutes of the proceedings on Friday, 26th August, were read and confirmed.

41. It was moved, seconded and resolved:

"That we members of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance assembled in Conference at Augsburg, Germany, express our grave concern at the outbreak of anti-Semitism in Germany and many other countries earlier in the year. We point out that in the past, and specially during Nazi times, Hebrew Christians have suffered with their Jewish brethren and are as much exposed to the evil today as they are, since Hebrew Christians and Jews are one people. We have learned with pleasure of the efforts being made in Germany to combat all forms of anti-Semitic prejudice and discrimination by church and other organizations, and assure all such of our willingness to support their efforts in every possible way. Our choice of Germany as a meeting place is a demonstration of our desire to work for reconciliation in the spirit of Jesus Christ."

42. Arising from minute No. 32 of the ninth International Conference at Chicago in 1955, the Executive Committee reported having given consideration to the Vienna Declaration and the British amendment thereto and recommended:

1. That the Constitution does not permit such statements as the Vienna

Declaration to be made binding upon affiliated Alliances, since, subject to the principles of the Constitution and specially to the Doctrinal Statement, each Alliance has complete autonomy.

2. That this Committee does not desire the Constitution to be altered to take away this autonomy, nor does it consider that the Vienna Declaration should be written into the Constitution.
3. That each Alliance should be left to adopt or amend the Vienna Declaration and the British Amendment thereto as it sees fit.

It was moved, seconded and resolved that the recommendation be adopted.

43. The Conference learned with pleasure that the British Alliance would (D.V.) celebrate its centenary in 1966 and would like to have an international Conference in Great Britain that year. It was resolved to vary paragraph 111 (2) of the Constitution to permit the Executive to summon the next ordinary Conference at any time during the next six years.
44. The President delivered the final address to the Conference.
45. The minutes of the day's proceedings were read and confirmed.
46. The President offered prayer, pronounced the Benediction and the Conference concluded.