

# Minutes of the Ninth International Conference of the I.H.C.A.

Held at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., 20th—22nd September, 1955

**Tuesday, 20th September**

**T**HE Conference convened at 8.45 a.m., the President, Mr. J. C. van Gelderen in the Chair.

1. Worship was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Finestone.

2. Welcome to the Conference was expressed by the Rev. Victor Buksbazen, B.D., President of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, at whose invitation the meetings were being held in Chicago, and Mr. van Gelderen made suitable response.

3. Mr. van Gelderen delivered his presidential address.

4. Delegates from Great Britain, America, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, South Africa and Israel presented their credentials.

5. Messages of greeting were read from Dr. Arnold Frank, Mr. Werner Steinberg, Mr. Joseph Isakoff and Dr. Otto Cahn.

6. The Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of Dr. G. Frohwein, the Rev. Victor Buksbazen, Mr. R. Rosen, Mr. R. Metzou, Mr. H. Stern, Mr. C. Modijefsky, Dr. Peter Salzberg, Mr. S. Saiovici, Mr. H. L. Ellison and the Rev. H. D. Leuner.

7. 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 prayer, led by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, the Conference joined in the hymn "For all the saints who from their labours rest."

8. 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.

9. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances were given by chosen representatives, and each of these was followed by discussion.

10. The Rev. Jakob Jocz offered prayer and the session concluded.

### **Wednesday, 21st September**

The Conference convened at 9.15 a.m., the President, Mr. J. C. van Gelderen, in the Chair.

11. Worship was conducted by the Rev. Peter Salzberg.

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

13. The minutes of the proceedings on Tuesday, 20th September, were read and confirmed.

14. On behalf of the Executive Committee the Secretary submitted a proposal to amend Clause IV of the Constitution as follows:

#### **Executive Committee**

1. There shall be an Executive Committee constituted as follows:

- (a) The Office Bearers.
- (b) The Presidents of affiliated national Alliances.
- (c) Not more than twelve other members elected by the Conference.
- (d) Not more than five other members co-opted by the Executive Committee.

The proposal was duly seconded. Mr. Robert Rosen moved an amendment to delete clause (c) and to substitute the following:

- (c) Affiliated Alliances shall be represented in proportion to their membership. Every Alliance shall send as many members of its committee to the I.H.C.A. Executive as it is entitled according to a statistical survey to be made by the Executive Secretary on 1st January of each year for the respective year. These representatives (whose names are to be given to the Executive Secretary by each national Alliance) shall have their expenses in attending meetings of the Executive Committee paid.

The amendment was duly seconded. On the invitation of Mr. H. L. Ellison, the President