

Minutes of the 14th International Hebrew Christian Conference of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance held at Jerusalem, from 4th-7th October, 1975.

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER

The Conference convened at 7.45 p.m., Mr. E. P. E. Lipson, a Vice-President, in the Chair.

1. Worship was conducted by Mr. Ernest Lloyd.
2. Welcome was warmly expressed by Mr. Z. Kofsman on behalf of the Messianic Assembly of Jerusalem, and was acknowledged by the Chairman.
3. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. Habib Yusefzadeh, the opening Presidential address was given by Mr. Lipson.
4. Representatives of the Alliances in Great Britain, United States of America, Canada, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, South Africa, Argentine and Iran, presented their credentials.
5. Greetings from Mr. Habib Yusefzadeh, Mr. J. C. van Gelderen, and the Revd. Stephen Levinson were received and reciprocated.
6. The Executive Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of the Revds. David Bronstein, Heinz Leuner and Ernst Loewy, and Messrs. Joel Chernoff, John During, Bernard Feldman, Natalio Krauthammer and Ernest Lloyd.
7. The Conference stood as the Executive 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 he offered prayer.
8. Worship was conducted by the Chairman and the session concluded.

SUNDAY, 5th OCTOBER

The Conference resumed at 4.00 p.m., Mr. E. P. E. Lipson in the Chair.

9. Worship was conducted by Dr. Alkahe.

10. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances were given by their representatives. It was moved, seconded and resolved to send a message of greeting to the Australian Alliance which had been unable to send a representative.

11. The Revd. Murdo McLeod offered prayer and the session concluded.

MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER

The Conference resumed at 10.15 a.m., Mr. E. P. E. Lipson in the Chair.

12. Worship was conducted by Dr. Adler.

13. The Chairman called for the report of the Executive Committee. This was handed in by the Revd. Harcourt Samuel. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the report be adopted.

14. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Revd. Harcourt Samuel had shared in the founding of the Alliance and completed fifty years of service as a member of the Executive Committee, for forty-seven of which he had been Secretary, and stated that members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee had arranged to give him a chiming clock as a tangible expression of their appreciation of his work. Their action was applauded. Mr. Samuel expressed his gratitude for all the kindness and co-operation he had been given.

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

16. The Revd. H. D. Leuner submitted a report on his work as Secretary in Europe. It was moved, seconded and resolved to record the gratitude of the Conference to him for the service he continues to give.

17. The Revd. David Bronstein submitted a report on his work as Secretary in America. It was moved, seconded and resolved to record the gratitude of the Conference to him for the service he is rendering on the North American Continent.

18. The Revd. R. H. Lewis offered prayer and the session concluded.

TUESDAY, 7th OCTOBER

The Conference resumed at 2.00 p.m., Mr. E. P. E. Lipson in the Chair.

19. Worship was conducted by the Revd. Ernst Loewy.

20. The Chairman called for the report of the Nominations Committee. This was handed in by the Executive Secretary.

21. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the Revd. Daniel Fuchs, D.D. be elected President

of the Alliance until the next Ordinary Conference.

22. It was moved, seconded and resolved that Mr. Ernest Lloyd, Mr. Harry Herz-Hablutzel, the Revd. Victor Sedaca and Mr. Bernard Feldman, be elected Vice-Presidents of the Alliance until the next Ordinary Conference.

23. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the Revd. Harcourt Samuel, O.B.E., be re-elected Executive Secretary and Treasurer until the next Ordinary Conference.

24. It was moved, seconded and resolved that the following be elected members of the Executive Committee until the next Ordinary Conference: the Revds. Stephen Levinson, R. H. Lewis, T. H. Bendor Samuel, Dr. Alfred Rueff, Messrs. David Chernoff, Joel Chernoff, Lejb Feldman, Joseph Finkelstein, Gottlieb Ornstein, Joseph Rosenfarb, Alan Sax, and Habib Yusefzadeh.

25. It was moved, seconded and resolved to tell the Executive Committee that Conference would welcome the reservation of two co-optative places on that Committee for Israeli brethren so soon as there should be an application for affiliation from a community of Hebrew Christians covering the country.

26. It was moved, seconded and resolved to send Mr. Habib Yusefzadeh a message of appreciation of his services as President during the last four years.

27. Mr. Lipson introduced the new President, Dr. Daniel Fuchs, offered prayer and vacated the chair in his favour.

28. The Revd. Henry Knight submitted a report on work in Israel. It was moved, seconded and resolved to record the sincere appreciation of the Conference to him for his work as Secretary in Israel.

29. It was moved, seconded and resolved that this Conference learn with very great pleasure of the approaching completion of the Ebenezer Home at Haifa, which will meet a longfelt need for a home for elderly folk no longer able to care for themselves, and records its gratitude to the Revds. Magne Solheim and L. G. Terray for their courage and persistence in all the work involved in planning and securing the necessary finances for the work. It assures the Board of the Home of its continuing prayers for God's blessing.

30. It was moved, seconded and resolved to send warm greetings to Alliances not represented by their own members, telling them how much they were missed both for their fellowship and the counsel they would have given and assuring them

of the affection and prayers of all the other Alliances. Israeli observers asked that they be included in this greeting.

31. It was moved, seconded and resolved that we, members of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, gathered in Jerusalem from many parts of the world in an International Conference which marks the completion of fifty years of fellowship, service and witness, give thanks to Almighty God for calling our organisation into being and for all His goodness throughout a half century that has been so momentous for the Jewish people of whom we are an integral part. We recall with sorrow those who suffered and perished in the Holocaust, we rejoice in the founding of the State of Israel, in the progress it has made in gathering the people of the *Golah*, in the defence of its sovereignty against overwhelming odds, in the building up of its political and intellectual independence, and we give thanks to God Whose covenant love has protected and preserved His chosen people. Convinced of the eternal link between the Jewish people and the Land, and of Israel's unique place in God's plan of salvation, we urge Christians everywhere to study the theological significance of the continuance of the Jewish people and of the rebirth of the State of Israel, to see therein God's faithfulness to His promises and by prayer and effort support it. In this our Jubilee year we call upon Hebrew Christians throughout the world, and specially in the State of Israel, to pray that the nation and its leaders may ever be guided by the Spirit of God, and that those in their midst who confess Jesus as Messiah may be ready always to give account of the hope that is in them with gentleness and reverence. Peace be upon Israel.

32. It was moved, seconded and resolved that we, members of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, gathered at Jerusalem at our Jubilee Conference by invitation of the Messianic Assembly of Jerusalem do place on record our deep appreciation of that invitation and of the warmth of the welcome we have received. We assure them and all our brothers and sisters in the Messiah in the land of Israel of our love and constant prayer for them, their work and their witness. With them we look forward with joyful anticipation to the fulfilment of the promise that all Israel shall be saved.

33. It was moved, seconded and resolved to record the grateful thanks of the Conference to Miss Barbara Logsdon for all the work done by her in the arranging of the Conference and the comfort