

MINUTES OF THE 17th INTERNATIONAL  
HEBREW CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN  
ALLIANCE HELD AT BUENOS AIRES,  
ARGENTINA

from 13th to 16th October, 1988

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Thursday, 13th October

1. Conference convened at 9 a.m. when the President/ read the Scripture & Mr. Elie Nessim led in prayer.
2. A welcome was given to all delegates and visitors present, first by Mr. Ernest Lloyd, President of I.H.C.A., and then by the Revd. Guillermo Sedaca, President of the Argentinian host Alliance, who expressed his delight at a dream come true.
3. Representatives of affiliated Alliances in Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Great Britain, South Africa, United States of America and Uruguay presented their credentials.
4. Mr. Ernest Lloyd gave the President's address, reminding us of our past history, and exhorting for the future.
5. The Executive Secretary reported receipt of two applications for affiliation, from the Brazillian and New Zealand Alliances. Mr. George Gunsberger drew attention to Byelaw I(3) and asked if this matter should not be dealt with by the Executive Committee. It was pointed out that as the supreme legislative body, Conference had power to act, and it was moved, seconded, and resolved that in the case of these two applications, Conference exercise this power, and proceed to consider the applications, and reach conclusions.

It was resolved to grant affiliation to the Brazilian Alliance.

Discussion followed concerning the application from the New Zealand Alliance, and was terminated when a motion that the question be now put was carried. It was then resolved nem con that the application be granted.

The President gave the representatives of the newly affiliated Alliances the right hand of fellowship, and they were commended to God in prayer.

6. Conference adjourned, and the next session began with prayer led by Dr. Ludwig Dewitz.
7. Conference stood while the Executive Secretary read the names of Hebrew Christian leaders who had passed to their rest since the last Conference. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by the Revd. Alan Sax.
8. The Executive Secretary gave notice that the Nominations Committee would consist of the Presidents of the national Alliances, or some other person named by the President. It was agreed that Miss Joy Hickman, the Secretary and delegate of the newly affiliated New Zealand Alliance be such a person.
9. Reports of the work of the affiliated Alliances in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa, United States of America and Uruguay were received from their representatives, and the Executive Secretary read reports from Germany, Holland and Switzerland, who were not represented. Warm tribute was paid to the small Alliances in Germany and Switzerland who regularly raised money for work in Israel and also for the publication of the German language magazine, "der Zeuge". Dr. Ludwig Dewitz brought greetings from Pfarrer Majer-Leonhard and Mr. Harry Herz-Hablutzel.

The Executive Secretary was asked to write to the Presidents of the three Alliances not represented to the effect that their presence was missed to the sadness of all, and particularly the Argentinian host Alliance.

Dr. Bob Winer led Conference in prayer for the work of all the national Alliances.

10. There followed a session of open discussion concerning the following matters:-

- (i) Methods of voting for Officers and Committee in elections
  - (ii) Propagating the Alliance
  - (iii) The possibility of contacting Jewish believers in Athens
  - (iv) The need for vision and plans for the future.
11. Mr. Paul Liberman closed the session with a meditation and prayer.
  12. Discussion continued, and it was then resolved to remit further detailed consideration to the three Secretaries, with instructions to prepare plans for the setting of aims, taking existing material into account, and to submit these to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Friday, 14th October

13. A devotional address was given by the Revd. Peter Clarke, followed by a time of open prayer.
14. The report of the Argentinian Alliance was received with real sympathy. It was agreed that the collection at the Communion Service should be given to the Argentinian Alliance for relief. Mr. Elie Nessim led Conference in prayer for the Argentinian Alliance.
15. The Revd. David Sedaca submitted his report on his work as Secretary for the Americas.  
  
Many tributes were paid to him for his very hard work in promoting the I.H.C.A. and building up the work, restoring relationships, and putting the Alliance on a sound financial basis. The Revd. Sadie Profes in particular expressed his thanks for help received in bringing the Brazillian Alliance into being. The Revd. Harcourt Samuel led Conference in a prayer of thanksgiving for all that had been achieved, and commended Mr. Sedaca to God.
16. The Revd. Ronald Lewis, Executive Secretary presented his report, and Conference stood in appreciation while Mr. George Gunsberger commended

him to God in prayer. Warm tributes were paid to the Executive Secretary.

17. A session devoted to discussion was helpful in clarifying the situation concerning the American Alliance and various other Messianic bodies, including the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues.
18. Mr. Menahem Benhayim, Secretary for Israel, presented his report and answered questions concerning work in Israel, including the Ebenezer Home. Mr. Henri Pokryzwa commended Mr. Benhayim to God in prayer.
19. Discussion concerning the Alliance publications took place, and various suggestions were made for more up-to-date promotional literature.
20. Conference was informed of a broadcast on local radio in which some Alliance members would be taking part, answering questions and speaking about their faith in Yeshua. This was commended to God in prayer.
21. The session closed with a time of open prayer.

#### Sunday, 16th October

22. Following clarification concerning the voting procedure, the Executive Secretary presented the report of the Nominations Committee.
23. It was resolved that Mr. Ernest Lloyd be elected President until the next ordinary Conference.
24. It was proposed by Mr. Guy Gian, and seconded by Mr. George Gunsberger that Mr. Paul Liberman's name be added to the names recommended for Vice Presidents by the Nominations Committee. It was agreed that voting be by ballot. Following the ballot the following were elected:-

Mr. George Gunsberger  
Mr. Elie Nessim  
Mr. Joel Chernoff  
Miss Victoria Gaguine

25. It was resolved that the Revd. Ronald Lewis be elected Executive Secretary.
26. It was resolved that the Revd. Harcourt Samuel be elected as Treasurer.
27. It was resolved that the following be elected members of the Executive Committee until the next ordinary Conference:-

From Great Britain

Revd. T.H.Bendor-Samuel

Mr. Richard Harvey

Mrs. Rosina Levinson

Mr. Paul Livingstone.

From U.S.A.

Mr. David Chernoff

Mr. Haim Levi

Mr. Paul Liberman

Dr. Bob Winer

From other countries

Mr. Peter Eliastam

Mr. Guy Gian

Mr. Manuel Goffman

Mr. Henri Pokryzwa

28. Votes of thanks were expressed to the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer for their past services, and they responded. The Executive Secretary asked that appreciation of the work of Mrs. Irene Hide be minuted.
29. Concern was expressed by Mr. George Gunsberger about the wording of certain clauses in the Constitution, and an assurance was given that this would be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
30. Mr. George Gunsberger expressed Conference's warm appreciation of all that the Revd. David Sedaca had done to arrange the Conference and throughout its duration.
31. The Executive Secretary read the Conference minutes and they were adopted.
32. The President gave the final address and led Conference in prayer, after which all joined in singing "The Hatikvah". Conference concluded with all joining to say the Grace in unison.