

Memphis, Tennessee
December 6, 1960

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Evening Session

The secretary opened the Council with a most inspiring worship service, singing, I Need Thee Every Hour. All the ministers participated in the evening prayer.

Parliamentarian G.B. Pickens presented Chairman Shipman, who stated that Bishop Mason, in the early days of the Church, took the Bible as the guide and discipline of the Church and that at that time, everybody feared God, and therefore there was no need of any other form of discipline. He further stated that at this time men do not fear God as they did then, and therefore we must have discipline to control the Church.

Then followed some miscellaneous discussion after which the Chair called for the reading of the roll of the States which had, and had not reported. All except about four had reported.

The Chair then asked the ministers and members of the house to give Bishop A.B. McEwen Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, an offering, as a token of the appreciation we have for his unlimited service down through the year. The brethren responded in a most wonderful way. The amount given was \$210.00. Having Bishop McEwen to stand, the Chair presented the offering, for which the Bishop expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude.

The Chair then called for the report of the Judicial Committee, of which Bishop J.W. White is Chairman. The Committee made the following report:

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THE CASE OF LAKE COMO CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST AT FORT WORTH TEXAS

Concerning the two pastors appointed to the above mentioned church.

After examining the information given us, we have concluded that Bishop F. L. Haynes was within his own rights when he appointed Elder D.L. Smith to the said Church according to Article II of the Constitution of the Church of God in Christ.

Therefore, we recommend that the Lake Como Church of God in Christ at Fort Worth, Texas remain under the auspices of Bishop F.L. Haynes.

We recommend further that no Bishop be allowed to invade another Bishop's territory without the agreement of the presiding Bishop of the said territory or state.

National Judiciary Committee

Bishop J.W. White, Chairman

Bishop A.T. Moore

" W. A. Patterson

" F. C. Clemmons

" E.B. Stewart

" W.L. McKinney

" H.B. Richardson

" C.C. Cox