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Indian Springs Holiness Campmeeting Nominating Committee

Fred Harris, ex officio Charles Adams Steve Luce Ken Vinson Joe Peabody, Chair

Brothers,

Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution says:

The Trustees shall have power to fill all vacancies of office....; and further, they may declare the office of an Trustee or Trustees vacated for any cause deemed sufficient among themselves by two-thirds vote.

Section 4 reads:

Each person elected as Trustee ... shall sincerely and wholeheartedly assert and acknowledge his belief in the fundamental doctrines of justification, regeneration, witness of the Spirit, and entire sanctification, as taught by John Wesley.

Trustees shall accept, without reservation, the following statement of faith and the definition relative to the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification contained therein.

Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE:

That both Old and New Testaments constitute the divinely inspired Word of God, inerrant in the originals and the final authority for life and truth.

That there is one God, eternally existent in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each with personality and deity.

That the Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested in the flesh through the virgin birth, died on Calvary for the redemption of the human family, all of whom may be saved from sin through faith in Him.

That the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Triune God. He is in the world today to convict people of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

That man, although created by God in His own image and likeness, fell into sin through disobedience and "so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)

That in the Salvation of the human soul, including the new birth, there is also a subsequent work of God in the soul known as entire sanctification. We stand for the Wesleyan position of entire sanctification, which is that act of divine grace, through the baptism with the Holy Spirit, by which the heart is cleansed from all sin and filled with the pure love of God. We believe that it is a definite, instantaneous work of grace, wrought in the heart of a believer, through faith in the cleansing merit of the blood of Jesus Christ, and is attested by the Holy Spirit. This gracious experience is retained by faith as expressed in constant obedience to God's revealed Will, thus giving us perfect cleansing moment by moment.

That the church is the body of Christ; that all who are united by faith to Christ are members one of another, and that it is our solemn and covenant duty to fellowship with one another in peace, and to love one another with pure and fervent hearts.

That our Lord Jesus Christ in His literal resurrection from the dead is the living guarantee of the resurrection of all human beings; the believing are saved to conscious eternal joy, and the unbelieving lost to conscious eternal punishment.

That our Lord Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of His promise, both angelically and apostolically attested, will personally return in power and great glory.

Two questions address our committee as we prepare for the October meeting of the Board:

- 1. Are there any members of the Board, who, by inactivity or incapacity, need to be encouraged to either resign or take the emeritus relationship?
- 2. In the light of the Board's decision to increase the membership to 28 persons, whom shall we recommend? There are at least six dimensions to be considered.
- a. cognizant of and committed to our particular doctrinal stance How is this verified?
- b. gender- Is this the time to bring some women onto the Board?
- c. age Is this the time to bring some younger people onto the Board?
- d. clergy or lay Do we seek some kind of balance between clergy and laity on the Board?
- e. tenure How long has the nominee been coming to Indian Springs? Is that important?
- f. family connection How many related persons are we willing to have on the Board?
- g. financial commitment Does the nominee have a history of active financial support?

If you know of other considerations, please articulate them by return mail to all of us.

The only names I have had recommended are:
Carter Eubank
Sam Jones
Joe Peabody, jr.
Al Coppedge
Cricket Coppedge
Joyce Redwine Thompson
Gary Johnson
Laurence Coppedge
Norrie McKenzie
Michael Sparks

May the Lord bless our work together for the good of Indian Springs and the Kingdom. Amen

Yours in Christ,

Joe

PS. While I have heard that there are those who are having second thoughts concerning our decision to increase the size of the board, I thought it might be valuable for each of us to give some thought to the contents and questions raised, as well as enlarge the list of potential nominees for future use.