

MINUTES - STUDY COMMISSION OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

April 15, 1991

OPENING - The WTS Study Commission authorized at the November, 1990, WTS Annual Meeting, met on April 15, 1991, at the Radisson North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting began at 1:15 p.m. Present were Randy Maddox, current WTS President, Paul Bassett, Howard Snyder, and (later) Steve Gunter (members of the Executive Committee), as well as former WTS presidents Luke Keefer and Donald Dayton. Randy Maddox chaired the meeting.

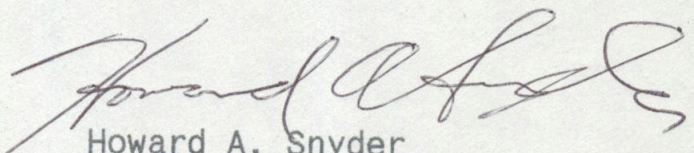
QUESTION OF AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP - The question of instituting affiliate membership in WTS and related issues, including WTS' relationship to CHA, were discussed. After full discussion the following points were agreed to:

- 1. Replace the current WTS statement of faith with the CHA statement.
- 2. The form of doctrinal affirmation should be along these lines: "All members [of WTS] shall be in accord with the purposes of the society as expressed in Article II [i.e., the CHA statement]."
- 3. Add in Article II, Purpose, the statement that WTS shall "serve as the theological commission of CHA" as a "theological society."
- 4. Add the category of affiliate membership. Suggested wording: "Persons interested in the work of the society who do not wish to become full members may join as affiliate members."
- 5. Discontinue the category of associate membership and all references to academic degrees.
- 6. Discontinue the membership committee.

PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION - It was agreed, further, to write up and circulate to the whole commission a proposed Bylaws revision reflecting the above points of agreement in order to get feedback from Study Commission members not present; and to report to the annual WTS meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Howard A. Snyder
 Secretary