

From the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting, November 6, 1981 (held at Asbury Theological Seminary), the following recommendation was moved and voted unanimously:

"Inasmuch as some members have raised questions concerning the variance in expression between the doctrinal statements of the Wesleyan Theological Society and of the parent body, the Christian Holiness Association, we request that this body authorize the Executive Committee to make a study of the matter during the new fiscal year and bring a report to the Annual Meeting of 1982."

Subsequently, the Executive Committee did study the matter but was not prepared to make a firm recommendation to the 1982 Annual Business Meeting, but continued the study into the present year. In a special meeting of the Executive Committee, June 3-4, 1983, in Indianapolis, among other crucial concerns, the following recommendations were prepared for consideration and decision at the Annual Business Meeting, November 4, 1983 (to be held in Anderson, Indiana - Anderson College, School of Theology), in accordance with Bylaws of the Society:

1. Your Executive Committee RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHA STATEMENT OF FAITH BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE WTS DOCTRINAL STATEMENT, as follows:

CHRISTIAN HOLINESS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Christian Holiness Association is a body of churches, organizations and individuals who accept the inspiration and infallibility of sacred Scripture and evangelical doctrine that pertains to divine revelation, the incarnation, the resurrection, the second coming of Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Church as affirmed in the historic Christian creeds. The particular concern of this fellowship is the Biblical doctrine of sanctification identified historically in what is known as the Wesleyan position.

The Association believes that personal salvation includes both the new birth and entire sanctification wrought by God in the heart by faith. Entire sanctification is a crisis experience subsequent to conversion which results in a heart cleansed from all sin and filled with the Holy Spirit. This grace is witnessed to by the Holy Spirit. It is maintained by that faith which expresses itself in constant obedience to God's revealed will and results in a moment by moment cleansing.

NOTE: In order to effect this statement, if approved by the voting members at the Annual Meeting (November 4, 1983), the opening statement shall read, "The Wesleyan Theological Society is a body of individuals which accepts" -- then continue " . . . the inspiration and infallibility . . . " Also, that the word "Association" in the second paragraph of the Statement of Faith, be substituted by the word "Society."

THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF THE WTS, BEING OF CONSTITUTIONAL NATURE, CAN BE REPLACED BY THE CHA STATEMENT OF FAITH ONLY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

2. Your Executive Committee further recommends that Article IV: Membership, Section 1. Types and Privileges of Members in the WTS, subparagraph D. Honorary Members, be amended to read as follows:

Those Full, Associate or Student Members who were charter members of the WTS, or who have twenty continuous years of membership in the Society prior to retirement from their active service/ministry, and who notify the Secretary in writing, shall be exempted from further payment of dues, with full rights and privileges accorded them in the type of membership they have maintained before retirement.

THE MEMBERSHIP BYLAW, BEING OF CONSTITUTIONAL NATURE, CAN BE AMENDED ONLY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Your Secretary-Treasurer will be on sabbatical leave from August to December, in various countries of the Southwest Pacific and the Orient. Routine items of business (payment of dues, ordering of Journals, new memberships), will be cared for by the Secretary-Treasurer's daughter.

Please continue to mail all WTS matters as usual--same address, same name, but expect that any matters of technical nature must wait until December for reply, or you may direct such matters to other members of the Executive Committee (See the latest Journal for addresses). The Executive Committee has directed that the Promotional Secretary, Donald W. Dayton, shall serve as Secretary protem at the Annual Business meeting in November and for the Executive Committee meetings.

Thank you for understanding, for your patience and cooperation in these few months of temporary absence.

If you need more programs to distribute to nonmembers, please write as per usual and my daughter will mail them to you. ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR SECRETARY.

In Christian Fellowship,

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Secretary-Treasurer