

METHODIST PASTORS PLAN PARLEY

Conference To Be Held in City Church

700 Expected for 106th Annual State Meeting.

Methodist Episcopal ministers in Indianapolis today were making plans for the 106th session of the Indiana Annual Conference, to be held Sept. 14-20 in Roberts Park Church. Bishop Francis J. McConnell of New York is to preside.

Approximately 700 church officials are expected to attend. Governor Townsend is to welcome the delegates.

The conference committee members are: the Rev. Guy O. Carpenter, Central Avenue Church pastor; the Rev. Chester A. McPhee, North Church pastor, and the Rev. Charles T. Alexander, Roberts Park Church pastor.

The arrangements committee is composed of the Rev. Wallace O. Calvert, Grace Church; the Rev. Abram S. Woodard, Irvington Church, and William C. Hartinger, Indianapolis District superintendent.

Missionary Meeting Set

Methodist Group to Discuss Building Program.

RESIGNS POST



Membership Big Problem, Study Says

61 Per Cent of Church Members Women or Girls, Claim.

Sixty-one per cent of all church members are women or girls, according to a survey to be discussed by the Rev. Reuben H. Lindstrom at a meeting of the Baptist Superintendents League Monday night at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

This is to be the first presentation in Indianapolis of figures prepared by the committee on Local Church Emphasis of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The study covered 7716 representative Protestant churches and shows that the church's major problem is small membership. Only 3 per cent of the churches studied had memberships of more than 700, while 55 per cent had memberships of less than 125.

Concerning the activity of church members, the survey showed that 23 per cent of the membership does all the work, that 71 per cent of the members do no church work at all.

Schools Cited

For every 100 church members only 72 are enrolled in Bible schools, and the average attendance at church schools is 65 per cent, the survey showed.

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According to the author, "the purpose has been to suggest the vitality of the Scriptures for those of our own time who live in rural areas, and to challenge urban citizens by a presentation of their responsibilities and obligations to the churches of the open country and rural village."

WRITES BOOK



Articles for New Church Group Filed

'Presbyterian Foundation Of Indiana' Is to Handle Bequests.

Articles of incorporation for a "Presbyterian Foundation of Indiana" have been filed by 12 ministers and laymen with the Secretary of State. It was announced today.

The organization is to be a non-profit concern with its capital stock, organized for the purpose of receiving and administering bequests to synods, presbyteries, local churches and other benevolent organizations. It was said, Annuity contracts are to be written and funds established to perpetuate the name and will of the donors.

Those sponsoring the organization are Edgar H. Evans, Marshall D. Lupine, Henry M. Dowling, Fernon S. Cannon, Dr. George Arthur Frantz and Dr. Jean S. Milner, all of Indianapolis, and Dr. F. W. Backenmyer, Gary; Dr. H. L. Crain, Frankfort; Dr. William E. Crain, Frankfort; Dr. James R. Fleming, Ft. Wayne; W. Eden Thurston, Shelbyville, and Walter A. Swartz, Jeffersonville.

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