

Martin O. Weddington Papers.

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I am a fifty year member of Pilgrim Baptist Church. I have sang in the chior, ushered and taught sunday school. Member of N.A.A.C.P. & Urban League & Twin Cities Organization. Past President of the Credjafawn Social Club. Was member of the Educational Committee, Credit Committee and Board of Directors of the Credgafawn Credit Union. Brought charges of discrimination on State level and won the case against a trailer court. Coached a basketball team to championship at Hallie Q. Brown Community House. I have debated at H.Q.B. House. May have been the first black passenger on the steamer Capital. We danced until asked not to. Was part of group to call on Mr. Sands of the Western State Bank, requesting they stop red lineing blacks. Western was the second bank in St. Paul to stop such a practice. Was first black to be hired as an inspector by the War Ordnance Dept. at New Brighten. Served on U. S. Selective Service for years. Served Attucks-Brooks Post #606, American Legion in many offices and as Post Commander. Helped make it possible for the Post to first rent a place, next buy a store and finally build a building for our Post. Was elected Vice Commander of the 4th District (Ramsey County) American Legion. Was Chairman of Conservation Committee and was elected Commander of the 4th District Color Guard. We won a Winter Carnival trophy. I marched in the Winter Carnival for many years. Served on Department of Minnesota Conservation Committee. Was elected Delegate to the national American Legion Convention twice. Served as lobbyist at State Capitol. Member of Board of Directors of the Minnesota Conservation Federation, and was Chairman for the 4th District. It is an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. Served as an officer in several positions and was elected President of the Twin City Reel and Trigger Club. I was President when the Club bought its Lake shore property. Was counselor for a boys club, the T.I.J's. Was committeeman for a boy scout troop at church.

Past President of the Twin Cities Council of Clubs. Past President of the Esquires Club. Past President of the Credjafawn Social Club, as President sponsored Dance with proceeds to go to Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. \$400.00 was a respectful sum then. Was honorbly discharged as H.A. 1st class from U.S. Navy. Past Jr. Deacon, Sr. Deacon, Jr. & Sr. Warden, Treasurer and Worshipful Master. Now a Life member of Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4. Can't remember all the offices held, butwas elected Treasurer, Lt. Comd. & Commander-in-Chief of North Star Consistory # 14. Can't remember all the offices held in the Minnesota Council of Deliberation, but was elected Treasurer and I am the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, at present. Have served on the Place & Time Committee and at present, a member of the Ritual & Ritualistic Committee of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. My title is Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Deputy of the Orient of Minnesota. I was elected Treasurer of the Clarence A. Monroe Class, 33°. Served several Offices in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.& A.M., State of Minnesota & its Jurisdiction, such as Warden, Deputy Present R. W. Grand Secretary. Grand Master & M. W. Grand Master. I am Secy. Treas. of the Prince Hall Exempt Organization of the Conference of Grand Masters. Served many offices in Fezzan Temple No. 26, such as Rabban and Illustrious Potentate. I am the present Lecturer. Served on publicity committee, Housing Chairman of Imperal Council, A.E.A.O.N. OF THE Mystic Shrine of N.& S. America. Was Imperial Organizer. I am a Life member. Past Worthy Joshua, Past Worth Patron, Past Eminent Commander, Present Deputy, Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, One of first blacks admitted into the La Societe Des 40 Hommies Et 8Chevaux, Voiture Locale # 39, member of Retired Men's Club at the HallieQ. Brown Community Center, past officer of the Holy Royal Arch Masons. Elected Officer Middle Western States, I.B.P.O.E.

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"TO THE GLORY OF THE GREATEST GOD AND MOST UNIVERSAL GOD WHO IS THE FOUNTAIN AND ORIGINAL OF ALL THINGS. OR

TO THE GLORY OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD ETC."

LUX FIAT et LUX FIT! LET THERE BE LIGHT & THERE WAS LIGHT! SPES, mea in DES EST. (MY HOPE IS IN GOD.) MOTTO OF THE 320.

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LAUS DEO. "GOD BE PRAISED."

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We are protectors or Conservators and Commandment Love thy neighbor as thyself.

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June 10,1992

To: The Chairman of the Deacon Board; Robert Morgan. and to the Church Officers, Administrative Staff, Committee members and Church Members:

- I, MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON WILL BE OUT OF TOWN THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992.
- I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MY NAME IS PLACED IN NOMINATION AS A MEMBER OF THE PULPIT COMMITTEE.
- A LITTLE HISTORY: I STARTED GOING TO PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1924. I WAS BAPTIZED IN THE OLD CHURCH.
- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF PILGRIM.
- IF ELECTED I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN TO EXECUTE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE, SINCERELY,

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON, PAST TRUSTEE

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH 2ND QUARTER CHURCH MEETING July 30, 1992

MINUTES

Devotion was led by the Deacons. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Deacon Charles Thames. It was moved and properly seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Deaconess Brenda Starr, Church Clerk, read the Minutes from the June 11, 1992 Special Call Meeting. Denise LaBranch motioned to accept the Minutes as read with the correction made by Church Treasurer, Jonathan Price (PBC not to pay Rev. Earl F. Miller for the MONTH of June). The Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Deaconess Starr said the Minutes would be corrected and available to the congregation on Sunday, August 2nd.

REPORTS

PASTOR'S SEARCH COMMITTEE

Report was given by Chairman, Martin O. Weddington. The Pastor's Search Committee has met twice. A Profile of Pilgrim is being prepared. Mr. Weddington explains the process the Committee will use in searching for and selecting a new Pastor. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the report from the Pastor's Search Committee. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Report was given by Financial Secretary, Leroy Leftwich, who is also acting as Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Mr. Leftwich reported that at the 1st Quarter meeting, the Church voted to support a spending freeze. This decision was to be re-evaluated at the 2nd Quarter meeting. Mr. Leftwich thanks the Church for its support and says that based on our current financial condition, the Mission & Benevolence will be reinstated to receive 10% of the total collection and the Trustee Board will receive 8% as proposed. The offering plate will be passed twice on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Although our overall performance is fine, requisitions will still be required. It's time to get started on the planning of our '93 Budget. The Finance Committee would like to work with all auxiliaries and the support of the church is needed to look ahead and plan out its needs. The Finance Committee recommends consolidating the savings accounts of all auxiliaries. Mr. Leftwich asks for feedback from the Church and solicits support from the Church in naming a Finance Committee Chairperson.

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The Question was asked: - "What is the 8% Trustees Budget used for?" George Allen responded that it was used for Housing, repair, and maintenance of Church properties. Deacon Gray asked "How does the House Chair relate to the Trustees? This question was referred to the Trustee Board.

Janabelle Taylor motioned that the Financial Secretary's report be accepted. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report was given by Church Treasurer, Jonathan Price. The auxiliaries are doing a better job of providing approved requisitions and we are controlling expenses. With regard to our outstanding debt, we have a loan at Western State Bank for \$30,000 and there is a \$1,600 debt for property taxes. Payments of \$11,360 for clergical salaries include that which would have been paid to Rev. Earl F. Miller (please see Mr. Price if you have any questions regarding this point). We need to cap our monthly fees. The auditors were glad to be paid. The Church is doing pretty good for all we has been through - \$10,000 will remain at Western State Bank. There is \$2,900 in the PBC Credit Union, which will taken out and put into a certificate, as our Credit Union will be merging with another Credit Union.

QUESTION:

Ms. Emma Kirk asks about the \$500.00 in the Building

Fund.

ANSWER:

He has not seen anything in the Building Fund. Deacon Leroy Cunningham was the Chair but Jonathan will look for it. He thinks the money went to the Church's general checking

account.

Jonathan Price answers general questions regarding the Church budget. The Mother's Day collection is an issue, as Jonathan says we only collected \$10.00. Denise LaBranch says that members told her they gave more. Discussion on whether special envelopes were used. Jonathan explains that in using the special collection envelopes, if you do not designate where the money is to go, then it goes to the general fund. Jonathan Price explains details of the budget process to the church. He announces that he will continue to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the year, but will not submit his name for 1993. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Report Given by Ms. Frances Waddell, Chair. In May, the Intercom system was put in and paid for. Additionally, signs stating that Pilgrim Baptist Church will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles, were erected. Our lawnmower was stolen but we have purchased another. Deacon Gerald Christopher spoke on the condition of the Parsonage. He felt that the holes could have gotten there when Earl Jr. and Melvin Miller were small children. There is one door in the bathroom where the lamination is peeling off. He feels that what he has seen is just normal wear and tear on a house of that age. Much discussion and disagreement. The Trustees will handle all repairs that have to be done. Deacon Charles Thames asks Ms. Emma Kirk to join the House Chair Committee to help with the repairs. It was moved and properly seconded that the Trustee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

The attorney recommended by the Trustee Board is Michelle Miller. Deacon Kenny Saffold spoke to the Church regarding Attorney Miller's strength and ability in handling cases such as ours. He said that the insurance lawyer feels that the church is in a pretty good position and that the plaintiff would soon be deposed. Discussion on Deacon Saffold remarks. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the lawyer recommended by the Trustee Board. Motion carried.

PILGRIM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Report given by Deaconess Gladys Brewton. Deaconess Brewton explains to the church why the decision was made to merge the credit union (see 2nd Qtr report). It was moved and properly seconded to accept the PBC Federal Credit Union Report. Motion carried.

ENDOWMENT FUND

It was moved and seconded to accept the report on the Endowment Fund (see 2nd Qtr Report). Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

- Sunday School. Oral report by Deacon Alvin Irby (Asst. Sunday School Superintendant). We have a new Teacher, Mrs. Tina Dorsey. There has been good attendance in Sunday School and the collections have been consistent. The written report will be forthcoming. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the Sunday School report. Motion carried.
- AFM Club Denise LaBranch reported that the 100 Women in White program has been postponed to August 16th. She asks for our support. The AFM Club will also be having a Prayer Luncheon. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the report of the AFM Club. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Samuels raised the issue of the Deacon and Deaconess Board working separately. He feels that the Boards should be combined and asks that someone who has this point of view be allowed to make a presentation. Deacon Thames said that we should wait until the new Pastor comes before we entertain that thought process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Deacon Charles Thames announced that the Interim Pastor and his wife will be arriving on September 13. His name is Rev. Jack D. Thomas, her name is Mrs. Pearl Thomas.
- Ms. Ruby Woods thanks the leaders of the Church for the tremendous job they have done and for their commitment, in bringing Pilgrim through these difficult times. She asks that we continue to pray for and uplift our leaders.
- The Right Hand of Fellowship will be at the 11:00 service. There will be no 6:00 service on Sunday.

It was moved and properly seconded to adjourn at 9:20pm. Motion carried. Congregation prayed together and were dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Starr

Church Clerk of Records

October 29, 1992

September 18, 1992

714 W. Central Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104-4820 222-0295

To: The Budget Committee

Please accept this proposed budget for the Search Committee.

Our cost of operating will vary, such as: Do Persons use air or auto transportation? Do they make only one trip or three? Do they stay in a hotel or a suburban motel? Do they rent a compact car or does some one volunteer use of their car? These questions will be answered in time.

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Cost for one trip for two:

Transportation for two for one trip	\$	600
Lodging for two for one trip	.0.00	150
Food for two for trip		-50
To bring prospective Minister to Pilgrim		500
Office expense		50
Other expenses @ fax, telephone & postage		100
One car rental		65
Total	\$1	,515

Sincerely submitted

Martin O. Weddington, Chir.

p.s. There are other variations for transportation.

AGENDA - SEARCH COMMITTEE February 20, 1993

Opening Prayer
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Personnel Tanya Bransford Set new dates to accomplish work of committees, E. Bronson Any other reports or comments?
Set new dates to accomplish work of committees, E. Bronson april 13
Any other reports or comments?
Unfinished business? Our meeting with Rev. Christenson, North
Field Minister for Mid-American Baptist Churches.

Close with prayer.

For your notes. Send letters to minister

notice

TO: PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH DEACON BOARD

FROM: PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIOR PASTOR

DATE: AUGUST 31, 1993

This communication is to inform the Deacon Board of the Search Committee recommendation for Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church.

We did appreciate the Deacon Boards patience and prayers. The Search Committee on Monday, August 30, 1993 in a responsible manner voted overwhelmingly to recommend to you Rev. Thomas E. Fantroy of Ontario, California.

There are many challenges that will face the Pastor of Pilgrim. We believe Rev. Fantroy can help Pilgrim rise to a greater height. Rev. Fantroy was born February 10, 1962 in Moss Point, Miss. He is the oldest of 10 children. He is married and has one child.

EDUCATION

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss. B.A. in Philosophy-Minor in History, Honor graduate.

The Interdenominational Theological center, Atlanta, GA. earned Master of Divinity. Honor graduate.

Princeton, Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. one year of post-Master of Divinity.

Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, CA. Currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Religion, Emphasis on Biblical Studies. (0.T.)

CHURCH HISTORY

Second Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss.
Westhills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.
Friendship Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ.
Second Mr. Nebo Baptist Church, Inglewood, CA.

In conclusion, we, the Search Committee, are confident, you the members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church Deacon Board can steer, mold and develop Rev. Fantroy into becoming the leading minister in the Twin Cities.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Weddington, Chairman



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July 5, 1994

Mr. Martin Weddington, Chair Finance Committee, Pilgrim Baptist Church 714 Central Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear Martin,

The memories I have are precious when I remember working with you when you chaired the pastor Search Committee during '92 and '93. Thank you for our friendship.

In your phone call I have learned that you now chair a committee, with Mrs. Emma Kirk assisting you, which is to investigate the advantages/disadvantages of a church owned parsonage as compared with providing a housing allowance for a pastor. It seems appropriate to refer you to a colleague in ministry and ask him to resource both you and me at the same time. He is the Rev. Mr. Loren McLean, 189 Nature Way, St. Paul, MN 55117. He is a Field Representative of our Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, American Baptist Churches USA. His telephone number is (612)481-0856. He has many clients to service in a number of states. so be patient in waiting for a reply. You can have implicit trust in him.

Since you also indicate that you are now chair of the Pilgrim Baptist Church Finance Committee, I respectfully wish to point out that your church total contribution in 1993 to support our American Baptist world-wide mission effort was \$2,583.42. According to the latest information I have received, at the end of May 1994 no mission contributions had been received through our region office in Des Moines. Since our missionaries and programs require and are deserving of support each month, I hope you will give this your attention.

In the bonds of the Spirit,

Carlton G. Christenson

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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF IOWA AND MINNESOTA

TELFER L. EPP Executive Minister of New People For of New Century

ADDRESS --- Mrs. Luella Brown
Past President, Women's Auxiliary, Minnesota South Dakota State Baptist Convention.

Invitation Selection -----Young Women's Choral Group Evening Offering, Dedication, Benediction

FELLOWSHIP UNITS DRIVE DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Again we rally to continue liquidation of indebtedness on Educational Building. As usual, quotas are Men - \$10.00, Ladies - \$7.00. If you are not contacted for your contribution by a Unit Leader call General Chairman M. A. Knott, (CA 7-2153) or Vice Chairman Richard Stokes (CA 5-9355) to be given proper credit.

"LIFT HIM UP"

"How to reach the masses

Men of ev'ry birth?

For an answer Jesus gave a Key,

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth
Will draw all men unto Me."

CHORUS: "Lift him up, lift the precious Savior up Still he speaks from eternity "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

O the world is hungry
For the living bread,
Lift the Savior up for them to see
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that he said,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

PILCRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
"The Church of Lofty Friendship"
W. Central at Grotto, St. Faul; Minnesota
Floyd Massey, Jr., Minister
Res. 719 St. Anthony Avenue - CA 6-7095
Hazel Butler, Office Secretary -CA 6-3241
Harold Howard, Caretaker - CA 6-7402
Church - CA 7-3220

Church School

9:30 a.m.

Classes for All

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10:50 a.m.		Ministry, Officers
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service	Congregation
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Processional Hym	n No. 2, Invocation	
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Sermon Hymn		No. 277
SERMON: "Resu	lts of The Second Touc	ch" Rev. Massey
Invitational Hym	n	Selected
Regular Offering	: Offertory	The Senior Choir
Doxology, Dedica	tory Prayer	Prustee B. L. Morris
Closing Hymn		No. 73
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Attendance for last Sunday A.M. - 492 P. M. Service at Zion Church, Mpls. Financial Report for last Sunday Priscilla Kirk, Current Expenses Treas. Walter Goins, M. R. & C. I. Fund Treas. A. M. (Tithers - \$ 48.50; Offering -\$219.25) \$267.75 Church School 8.90 For Benevolence 22.48 Refund (Convention) 1.25 For Church School (Mr. John Wright) 5.00 Masonic Donation 15.00 Total \$320.38 CALENDAR: Today - 6 p.m. - Baptist Youth Fellowship. - 7 p.m. - Pastor's Cabinet meeting. - 8 p.m. - Missionary Society Service. Monday - 8 p.m. - Kindergarten & Nursery teachers meet with Rev. Vern Lake, Director Christian Education, Baptist Union. Tuesday- 8 p.m. - Usher Board meets with Miss Geneva Armstrong, 683 Carroll. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. - Prayer meeting. - 7:30 p.m. - Senior Choir Rehearsal. - 8:30 p.m. - Know Your Candidate Forum, sponsored by Social Action Committee. Thursday - 5 p.m. - Youth Activities. - 7:30 p.m. - Gospel Chorus Rehearsal. - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal. Friday Saturday - 11 a.m. - Bar-B-Que at 773 Rondo. Sponsored by College Age B.Y.F. to help with program of F.E.P.C. Donation - \$1.00. - 6:30 pere - Choral Group Rehearsal. Next Sunday - 11 a.m. - Rev. Massey preaches. 21st Fellowship Units Drive. - 5 - 7 p.m. - Youth Choir Introductory Tea. - 7:30 p.m. - Reformation Day Service, Central

Prebyterian Church.

Fri. Nov. 19 - 8:15 p.m. - "Evening In Paris" Style Revue

sponsored by Usher Board. Donation - 75¢

Remember the following in Prayer and Visitation

Reported Sick:	the same of the transfer of the same
Mrs. Susie Beasley	905 Marion
Mrs. Dorothy Maddox	St. Luke's Hospital
Mrs. Joe Stella Johnson	
Mr. Walter Goins, Sr.	St. John's Hospital
Deaconess Alice Jackson	Ancker Hospital
Mr. Horace Daniels	465 St. Anthony
Mrs. Anna Harris	St. Joseph's Hospital
Reported Shut-in:	
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Mr. Robert Williams 922 St. Anthony Deaconess Martha Diggs Crispus Attucks Home Miss Beatrice Goss Rochester Hospital Mrs. Lottie Brent 735 Carroll Mr. Adolphus Perry 398 St. Anthony Mr. Sidney Cuthbert Ramsey County Home Mrs. Carrie Sleet 752 Iglehart Miss Gertrude James 707 St. Anthony Mrs. Emma Mosby 320 W. Central Mr. Richard Chapman 1020 Iglehart Mrs. Anna Maxfield 686 Iglehart Mrs. Cora Strothers 492 W. Central Mrs. Estyrline Rodgers Ancker Hospital

Please notify church office when names should be added or dropped from sick and shut-in list.

WELCOME: We welcome the members of Perfect Ashler Lodge # 4, Free & Accepted Masons, who are our guests this morning. They celebrate their 60th Anniversary today. Congratulations.

"KNOW YOUR CANDIDATE" Forum: Every citizen interested in our community should be present at the non-partisan forum Wednesday in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 p.m. Candidates for Congress, State Senate and House of Representatives will speak and answer questions. Come and bring your family and friends.