

## BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION

MINUTES OF THE BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION HELD AT THE  
LAY ECUMENICAL CENTRE, EDENDALE (PIETERMARITZBURG) FROM  
8th JULY, 1972 TO 10th JULY, 1972

SATURDAY, 8th JULY, 1972.

The Convention started with the registration of participants  
at 8.00 a.m.

Business of the Convention started at 10.30 a.m.

The Chairman read the agenda and made adjustments which  
were suggested by the Organiser.

A history of meetings which led to the present Convention  
was given by the Chairman. The Secretary of the ad hoc  
committee formed at Orlando in December, 1971, read the  
minutes of the Conference held at Orlando from the  
17th December, 1971 to 19th December, 1971, as part of  
Chairman's report.

Discussion on the Chairman's report was opened. The Convention  
accepted the Chairman's report.

The draft constitution which has been prepared by the ad hoc  
committee was read and left to the participants to consider.

The Convention adjourned for lunch at 12.30 p.m.

The Convention resumed at 1.35 p.m.

Discussion of the draft constitution was opened, and necessary  
amendments were made.

Clause 7 of section 2 "To re-orientate the theological  
system....etc." was queried, and a suggestion was made that it be  
deleted; it was, however, resolved that:-

"Clause 7 of section 2 of the constitution remain as it  
is."

Mover: S. Cooper  
Seconder: D. F. Mazibuko

On clause (f) of section 11, it was resolved that:-

"This house amends clause (f) of section 11 so that it  
reads 'Books and/or records of the Convention shall be  
in possession of the Secretary-General thirty (30) days  
before the Annual National Congress Session.'"

Mover: N. Pillay  
Seconder: H. Singh

A commission was elected to look into the discrepancies in the  
constitution.

While this commission met, the Chairman distributed all press  
statements made by the ad hoc committee.