RESOLUTIONS
100th Woman’s Christian Temperance Union Annual Convention, First Assembly of God Church, Jamestown, ND 58401, September 21, 22, 1989.

We, the members of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, meeting for our 100th annual convention at the First Assembly of God Church, Jamestown, ND, September 21-22, 1989, reflect on the goodness of our Lord for over one hundred years. We are reminded of the paramount objective of the organization which is the protection of the home, abolition of the liquor traffic, and the triumph of Christ’s Golden Rule in custom and in law. White Ribbon sisters of the past met with many difficulties and even grave dangers at times. Never did they lose sight of the goal and hence, we, White Ribbon sisters of the twentieth century renew our faith in Almighty God, realizing this is His work and we are His people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

ALCOHOL
We urge the television networks to ban the advertising of beer, wine, wine coolers, and malt liquors from all sporting events and to substitute with the advertising of such products as sporting goods and equipment and healthful foods and beverages.

TOBACCO
We commend all organizations who are working toward the goal of a smoke-free society by the year 2000.

ILLEGAL DRUGS
We support the efforts of the government to penalize users and sellers, to make parents of minor children more responsible for their children’s use of drugs and we strongly oppose the legalization of marijuana.

CHURCHES
We applaud churches who are joining us in efforts to combat the alcohol and illegal drug problem ravaging our society.

ABORTION
We urge individual citizens to support legislators who are taking a firm stand against legalized abortion.

EDUCATION
We encourage our unions to sponsor Alcohol and Drug Workshops for teachers, nurses, rehabilitation counselors, church leaders, mothers, and other concerned individuals.

SEX EDUCATION
WHEREAS, sex education strips away the natural modesty of our children, and
WHEREAS, sex education has increased teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases where used, and
WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1604, which is being voted on December 5, will make sex education mandatory in all public schools from kindergarten through grade 12, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we pray, work, and vote for its defeat.

GAMBLING
WHEREAS, gambling is a factor in the destruction of homes and families, and
WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1641, which is being voted on December 5, is expected to greatly increase gambling in North Dakota, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we pray, work, and vote for its defeat.

Ladies take notice- On the ballot December 5th, these two bills will not be referred to as H.B. No 1604 and H.B. No. 1641. But they will be numbered Measure No. 6, the bill on gambling, and Measure No. 8, the sex education bill. Be sure to VOTE NO on both these measures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey F. Kleih
Helen Mc Cleary

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman’s Christian Temperance Union 100th Convention, resolve to accept the resolutions of the State Convention.
We thank the Jamestown Union and First Assembly of God Church for hosting the Centennial Convention. We thank you for the delicious

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NOTICE – COAT MIX-UP

Mrs. Burnadeen Stemen took by mistake or was left by mistake, with the wrong coat at state convention.

Burnadeen's coat is a belted, beige trench coat, approximately size 12-14. The one she now has is not hers - though similar. Burnadeen's has a Herberger label in it.

Should you have this coat you can contact Burnadeen at this address: Box 127, Burlington, ND 58772. Perhaps some exchange of coats can be worked out.

SUBSCRIPTIONS UP

Effective January 1, 1990, the Union Signal will increase to $8.00 per year. The Young Crusader will be $3.00 per year. Get them at the price they are as yet $6.00 for the Union Signal and $2.00 for the Young Crusader. Both are excellent magazines. Subscribe before January 1st at a saving or renew your subscription. Remember you can subscribe for more than a year. Look in your Union Signal, page 2, for subscription rates.

RESTORATION PROJECT

The Willard House Museum was made a National Historic Landmark in 1967. Its uniqueness lies in the fact that Anna Hordon lived in the house after Frances Willard's death and carefully preserved it in the condition that Frances had left it. Upon Anna Gordon's death, the house was given directly to the National WCTU.

In order to preserve the heritage of Willard House and the many valuable items of memorabilia there, it has become necessary for the house to be completely restored. This will be done in 3 phases: Phase I: Structural Restoration, cost $100,000.00; Phase II: Internal Work, cost $100,000.00; Phase III: Landscaping, cost $50,000.00.

The estimated total cost of this restoration is about $500,000.00. With the sale of a house in Washington, D.C., we have about ½ of this amount at hand. To raise the needed funds, we have been divided into regions of 6 states in each.

North Dakota is in the Midwest region which includes the states of South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. This is an important project. The restoration must be done or the Willard House will lose the status of National Historic Landmark.

There was not too much discussion at State Convention as to how the unions would help raise money for this project. It was, it would seem, left up to them to decide how they wish to help in this very real need.

National prepared a set of slides which show what this project is about. Also each state president received a “Historic Structure Report” which with other information shows the very great need for restoration, by the pictures.

Please do not send any money directly to National. Send it to our state treasurer Annabelle (Mrs. Oscar) Johnson clearly marked for “Restoration”. Annabelle will send it to the right place at the right time.

Should I be able to visit unions, I will bring this “Historic Report” for you to look over and study. North Dakota “White Ribboners” have always helped National when asked and I know we will not fail to help answer this need, for these buildings at headquarters belong to all of us. Our WCTU ladies will do their best I know. Any questions you have about this feel free to call or write me and I will try to answer them.

Marion
NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

“It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore.”

“Lift up a standard for the people.” Isaiah 62:10

PROMOTION DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dear Co-Workers,

Let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. Galatians 6:9 (TEV)

Remember our theme for this year, “Let Your Light Shine”. I’m praying that each local will work hard to gain new members. We need to recruit young mothers so as to help them fight the drug problem. This is a family fight, too. This is the month to collect the dues so your union will be an Advance Union. The dues must be mailed to our State Treasurer before November 30th.

Please start your reading. It is just 5 books and some are small pamphlets. I believe that at least 3 are found in your program packets for 1989-90.

Thank you for sending your reports to me for the year. This is the time to start writing down everything you do each month. Yearly reports will be much easier. Pray about everything you do. This thought is taken from Upper Room, “Be faithful and leave the results to God.”

Your Promotion Director

Vivian Trapp

IN MEMORIAM

“Long after a beautiful life has gone to that fair world on high, Our lives are bright with a lingering light, for a true life cannot die.”

Rev. Carl G. Nelson

Rev. Carl G. Nelson passed away in September. He was born February 12, 1902, in the Turtle Mountains north of Dunseith, ND.


He married Olga Norstegaard of Souris June 7, 1931. He was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He served churches in Sims, Epping and Washburn. They moved to Minot where he served as a visitation pastor, also chaplain for two hospitals.

He traveled for the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota, taught Christianity at the former Dakota Lutheran Academy of Minot.

They moved to Williston in 1967 where he served as visitation pastor for 2 churches and chaplain for Bethel Lutheran Home for 10 years.

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson were active members of the Williston Woman’s Christian Temperance Union. When this disbanded they became members-at-large of North Dakota WCTU.

Survivors include his wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and 2 brothers.
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banquet. We enjoyed the wonderful speakers and special music.
We express our appreciation for the fine hospitality and comfort at the Economy Motor Hotel.
A very special “thank you” to our speaker and workshop leader, Mrs. Winifred Kissling, for education and inspiring the unions.
Also, a very special “thank you” to Marion Bartle, our Centennial State President, for her labor of love this past year.
We appreciate the host of people who so graciously gave of their time toward the planning of the Centennial Convention of the North Dakota WCTU.
Respectfully submitted,
Audrey F. Kleih
Helen Mc Cleary

MARION’S MEMOS

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.
A very Blessed Christmas and holiday season to all our WCTU members all over the state and out of state. May the New Year be filled with happy days of faithful service for God’s cause.
Dear Co-Workers,
Many of you did not make it to our 100th state convention. It was a great and blessed time - wish more could have been there.
So I will try and give you a report on our activities. This may be continued in another issue if we run out of space.
Rev. Darrell Losing gave us a warm welcome. He was our host pastor. Christian Outreach Director Bertina Evanson conducted her usual warm and uplifting Prayer and Praise Service. We were privileged to have our National Promotion Director with us all during convention. She conducted two informative and helpful workshops. One thing Winifred said about our local meetings that impressed upon was - Winifred said “Plan your meetings well in advance. Make them interesting, as well as informative, do not let them drag on.” I would say - especially when you have visitors or new members. Sometimes we ladies have a tendency to get carried away with our lessons or programs. Keep to what you have planned to say and present for that meeting.
Thursday afternoon we also had our Memorial Hour which Lou Matzke and Evelyn Kluer were in charge of. The DeVries sisters, Jennie, Hattie, and Henrietta sang for this service.
Thursday evening was banquet time. Our guest speaker Mrs. Kissling brought a most meaningful and challenging address titled “North Dakota WCTU, A Lighthouse”. Rev. Harold Cooper greeted us from the Ministerial Association. Mr. Ralph Kraft gave greetings from city schools.
Lillian Kraft gave us welcome and greetings from Lydia Wanner Union and James Valley District. Annabelle Johnson responded to greeting. Margaret Berg and June Lundgren favored us with a lovely duet.
Earl and Barbara Dodge were with us Thursday. Earl sang for us at the banquet and Barbara played a beautiful piano solo which was her own arrangement.
Marion brought us bits of state WCTU history. Mrs. Kissling told us a bit about our National headquarters and the very real need for restoration there. The audience responded with a generous offering.
Jeanette Waldie sang our North Dakota WCTU song. Oh yes, nut cups were provided by the Marion WCTU ladies. Ladies of the host church served a bountiful and delicious banquet and for dessert we had ice cream, sherbet and anniversary cake.
Benediction by Rev. Cooper ended our 100th banquet.

Friday Morning

Rev. Harold Cooper brought us provocating, challenging devotions. It was a busy, busy day. Vivian gave a great report and there was a time of awards. We had a lovely White Ribbon Recruit Service. Our little White Ribboner was Candace June Everson. Margaret Berg and Candace’s sister (3-year old Lacey) sang for this.
Our able convention pianist was Margaret Gackle. Margaret, Winifred and Jeanette favored us with several songs during the day.
We must not forget to mention our honorary members who are so faithful in attending our conventions. We appreciate your attendance and all your help during the year, too.
Don, Jake, Gordon, Frank, Earl, and this year Fred Kulish and Mr. Byers were also with us.
The Jamestown ladies are to be commended and heartily thanked for all they did in advance to make our 100th a successful convention. The lovely design on our program leaflets was designed by Dorothy Skor, a member of the Jamestown Union.

TO BE CONTINUED IN
JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE

NOTICE A RAISE IN DUES

It was voted during state convention to raise state dues from $3.65 to $5.65. $5.00 of this is to be sent to our state treasurer.
One reason for the raise- National has requested that instead of $1.00, that $2.80 be sent for each lady WCTU member to National. This leaves 65 cents in the local treasury and $2.20 for state.
The unions who have been crusade members and already paying $5.00 dues need add 65 cents more. If you have been paying $3.65, you need to add $2.00. We do hope and pray this does not result in hardship for some unions and loss of members. Many organizations pay several times over what our dues are. This is the first raise since 1968, when penny a day and prayer a day made you a “Rock of Ages member”, with dues at $3.65 -- a $2.00 raise over 20 years.