

to God for the happy years and the rich Christian fellowship which they have enjoyed in Africa. In the closing prayer of the meeting they were commended to God in prayer, petitioning that their labors in the Brussels Bureau in Belgium may be as fruitful as their service for Christ has been in the Congo.

786. *Expression of thanks to the President.* The Council expressed its appreciation to the President, Dr. A. C. Stanley Smith, of his capable leadership and of the genial and kindly spirit in which he guided the meeting through its sessions.

787. *Place and date of the next meeting.* It was decided that the next meeting of the Council shall be held at Léopoldville February 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1947.

788. The July 1946 meeting of the Council was adjourned with prayer.

*President:*

Dr. A. C. STANLEY SMITH

*Minute Secretary:*

*General Secretary: a. i.*

Rev. HANS P. JENSEN    Rev. VERNON A. ANDERSON.

LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE  
CONGO PROTESTANT COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 15, 1946

789. *Meeting.* The Local Committee of the C. P. C. met at the call of the Interim General Secretary at Léopoldville on October 15, 1946. The meeting was opened with prayer. Those present were the Reverends H. D. Brown, George W. Carpenter, Arthur Lundblad, W. D. Reynolds, John Södergren and Vernon A. Anderson.

790. *Ad-interim General Secretary.* The General Secretary, a. i. reported that he had received a communication from Rev. John Morrison, Secretary of the A. P. C. M. in which he reminds us that there will be an hiatus between the date when the engagement of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Anderson comes to an end in July 1947 and the time of Mr. and Mrs. Öhrneman's return from their furlough, a period of perhaps seven months. It was recalled that this question was discussed at the July 1946 meeting of the C. P. C. At that time Mr. Anderson was asked if he would consider serving until Mr. Öhrneman's return. He replied that he was willing to serve where he can be most useful but that his mission would have to make that deci-



sion. Mr. Morrison suggested in his letter that since the A. P. C. M. at its annual meeting in November would as a matter of routine set the furlough period of the Andersons, it might be well for the Local Committee of the C. P. C. to advise the A. P. C. M. as to its plans. Therefore, the following action was taken:

Referring to the discussion at the last Council meeting concerning the appointment of an Interim Secretary, the Local Committee heartily proposes that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson be invited to remain in that office up to the time of the return to Congo of Mr. and Mrs. Öhrneman, and that an approach be made to the A. P. C. M. for the loan of the services of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for that period.

791. *The C. P. C. Car* Since the C. P. C. automobile is now almost ten years old and since a good price can be obtained for it were we to sell it within the next few months, it was decided that the C. P. C. Secretary be authorized to apply for a priority on a new Chevrolet and that the present C. P. C. car be retained in service until such time as a new car is definitely obtainable.

792. *Legal representative of the C. P. C.* Our attention having been called to the fact that no Représentant Légal of the C. P. C. has been appointed since Mr. Coxill's departure and that only one alternate, Dr. George W. Carpenter, is now on the field, it was moved and carried that a petition be prepared and

circulated looking to the appointment of Rev. J. Öhrneman as Représentant Légal of the C. P. C. and of Rev. W. D. Reynolds and Rev. Vernon A. Anderson as additional alternates.

793. *Labour unions in the Congo.* Since mission employees are being asked by leaders of labour syndicates to join unions which have recently been organized in the Congo, and since many Protestant church members employed by secular businesses are asking missionaries whether they should join, the question has arisen as to what should be the attitude of Protestant missions toward these labour syndicates. While no action was taken, the committee members felt that for the present at least, our attitude toward these organizations should be neutral.

794. *Co-operation with Belgian Protestant chaplains in the Congo.*

After expressing our hearty approval of the programme which contemplates the installation of several Belgian Protestant chaplains at army camps in the Colony and reviewing the religious work which has been done and is at present carried on by Protestant missions located near army camps, the Interim Secretary and Rev. H. D. Brown were asked to address a communication to the Révérend Colonel Van Goethem in Belgium with a view to furthering and clarifying the plans which are being drafted for cooperation in this field of service. The fact that the majority of the Protestant African soldiers received most or much of their religious training from missionaries, and therefore continue to look upon the



Missions from which they came as their spiritual homes, demands that these missions maintain a certain interest in the soldiers and their families. It is realized that when the Belgian Protestant chaplains arrive and have been installed they should and will take over work which is now being done in the camps by the Missions. In the meantime the latter are happy to carry on until the shift is made.

*The meeting was adjourned with prayer*

Rev. H. D. BROWN	Rev. VERNON A. ANDERSON
RECORDING SECRETARY.	GENERAL SECRETARY A. I.
	OF THE CONGO PROTESTANT
	COUNCIL.

## CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO

MINUTES — MEETING 26

LÉOPOLDVILLE, CONGO BELGE,

FEB. 23 - MAR. 1, 1947

795 Meeting. The Conseil Protestant du Congo met at Leopoldville, Congo Belge, February 23 - March 1, 1947.

796. Present. The following were present:

*American Baptist Foreign Mission Society :*

Rev. B. W. ARMSTRONG	Councillor
Rev. ELMER HALL	Alternate Councillor

*Africa Evangelistic Band :*

Rev. VERNON A. ANDERSON	Proxy
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*American Presbyterian Congo Mission :*

Rev. J. M. MORRISON	Councillor
Rev. GLEN MURRAY	Alternate Councillor

*Armée du Salut :*

BRIGADIER R. SOUTHALL	Alternate Councillor
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*Berean African Missionary Society :*

Rev. VERNON A ANDERSON	Proxy
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