

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS & RESIDENCES

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(a) Report of Special Committee: It was agreed that

(i) The Board of Home Missions continue to operate Residential Schools and Residences.

(ii) The use of private boarding homes be encouraged.

(iii) The Board of Home Missions continue to operate Church-owned Residences when and where these can be justified.

(iv) (As amended in 1964)

(v) (As amended in 1964) That Presbytery Home Mission Committees, Home Mission Superintendents, and the Board of Home Missions should be provided annually, with a statement of expenses and the government-approved budget for the coming year, along with a list of staff positions and current salaries.

(vi) Wherever there is a Residential School or School Residence within the bounds of a Presbytery, the Presbytery Home Mission Committee be urged to appoint a sub-committee for such Residential School or Residence.

(vii) In accordance with section 111 (b) vi of the Manual, principals of Residential Schools be recognized as corresponding members of the Presbytery in which they are serving.

(viii) The following be the scale of Principals' Salaries effective January 1st, 1963:

Basic starting salary, up to 200 pupils - \$5,000

201 pupils or more 5,500

Increments at \$100 per year, up to ten years, for experience as a principal in such a School or Residence.

This scale to affect only Government-financed Residences.

(ix) (Added 1964) That the principals make every effort to use all salary allotments for salaries, with particular consideration to adequate remuneration for well qualified supervisors.

(x) At the end of the calendar year, if funds permit, a modest bonus may be paid members of the staff, ranging from \$10 to \$25, but that these be not applicable to the principals.

(xi) An adequate programme of Christian Education be provided, both in the Residences and where possible by integration with Churches and groups in the area.

(xii) The Board of Home Missions again name a Committee on Residential Schools and School Residences, and appoint its members for the coming year.

(xiii) A meeting of the principals be held in Winnipeg, with one day being devoted to a meeting of the principals themselves, one day for the principals and members of this committee to meet with representatives of the Indian Affairs Branch, and a final day for a meeting of this committee.

(xiv) Every effort be made to insure that the Church, through the Home Mission Superintendents and the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions responsible for the work among the Indians, will be involved in the making of policy. Principals should notify the Superintendent, with a copy to the Board, of any proposed changes which come to their attention.

(xv) We express our appreciation of the cooperation given by representatives of the Indian Affairs Branch and that our representatives be urged to seek the cooperation of such officials at every level of government.

(xvi) When new Principals are being employed, a list of qualifications, to be supplied to School Committees, be used as a guide.

(Added 1964 after meeting of Residential School Principals and the United Church Committee) B. Extension of Residence Accomodation for Indian High School Students, (with special reference to Manitoba and Portage la Prairie).

(i) (As amended 1965) That we endorse Mr. R. F. Davey's statement of priorities of policy in planning for Indian children in both elementary and secondary schools:

First - Children living at home and attending an integrated school;

Second - Children living at home and attending an Indian Day School;

Third - Children living in private boarding homes and attending an integrated school;

Fourth - Children attending a Residential School.

(ii) The Committee recommends that two further priorities be inserted between "third" and "fourth", as follows:

Children live in a smaller residence and attend an integrated school;

Children live in a large residence and attend an integrated school.

(ii) That further residence accommodation be based on proven need after a full survey has been made by Manitoba Conference (or other Conference).

(iii) That the Board of Home Missions have the opportunity of recommending the type of accommodation to be provided.

(iv) That if further institutional accommodation is required in Manitoba, the first unit(s) be at Portage la Prairie.