

We do not believe in the creation of a "separate" organization from what we already have for the following reasons:

1. That the creation of "separate" organizations divided according to ages is unscriptural.

2. Our present organic set-up provides adequate outlet for activities and leadership of our young people, both for the local church and the District.

3. The Northwest District Council has made special provision for the youth. In 1938 the following resolution was passed: "Resolved that we, the District Council, recommend that pastors encourage young peoples' activities in local assemblies."

We believe that the activities of the young people of the local church should come under the direct supervision of the pastor, and that each pastor should sense his responsibility for the spiritual welfare and all activities of the young people of the church of which he is the pastor.

The following suggestions are herewith submitted for young peoples' activities in local churches as far as practical in each locality:

1. Young Peoples' Service conducted in the church, time to be designated by the Pastor and Official Board.

2. Radio broadcasting.

3. Open air and street services.

4. Services in missions.

5. Tract Department. The distribution of tracts, Pentecostal Evangel, and other Christian literature. The placing of literature racks in bus depots, ferry terminals, train depots, hospitals, jails, etc.

6. Service Mens' Department. The writing of letters, welcome and farewell services for their service-men, as well as other activities in the spiritual interest of our boys in the armed forces.

7. The sponsoring of Christian activities among our young people in the grade, as well as Junior and High Schools. This is being done with very fine results.

8. A committee to visit young people in their homes to encourage them in spiritual and Christian activities.

9. The forming of small gospel groups to visit the sick in homes and hospitals where they would sing and play, read the scriptures and pray for them.

10. The conducting of a fellowship hour for the young people when deemed necessary.

11. A committee to encourage young people with musical talent to join the orchestra and choir.

12. The conducting of jail services.

13. Sunday School and outstation work.

14. The conducting of a Bible study by the pastor.

15. The encouraging of young people to attend Bible School. The conducting of special dedicatory services by the pastor of young people for the ministry.

16. The encouraging of young people to enter Christian service both within the church, as well as in the full-time ministry.

17. A missionary committee to carry on correspondence with missionaries on the field, and the conducting of missionary committee meetings where the missionary program as a whole will be open for free discussion as well as prayer.

18. The conducting of summer vacation Bible schools.

19. No meetings or activities shall be conducted without approval of the Pastor and Official Board.

We feel that if the young people in each local church are kept busy working for the Lord, there will be no desire for organizations beyond that which is essential to carry on the work of the Lord. We know that all the dead denominations have plenty of organizations, but the members of these organizations do not even have a real experience or testimony for Christ. Let us not follow their example.

The Northwest District Council has gone further in its provision for young people who wish to be active for Christ.

Young Peoples' Fellowship Meetings

1. The 1938 resolution relative to young peoples' activities reads further: "That the different sections of the district, where the pastor feels the need, make provision for occasional young peoples' fellowship meetings, the same to be under the supervision of the Presbyter."

2. A special school for Christian education and the training of leaders has been established, namely, the Northwest Bible Institute.

3. Upon graduation, application may be made to the District Presbytery for Christian Workers' Certificate.

4. After one year of successful service a license to preach may be obtained.

5. After two years of ministry with a license to preach, the candidate then may receive a certificate of full ordination.

6. All those holding credentials are given special assistance by the District Presbytery in their particular field of labor, whether at home or abroad.