

Meeting of the Official Board of Highway Mission Tabernacle held immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, August 31, 1952, called by Brother Charles Krause, Chairman of the Elder Board.

There were present: Bros. Krause, Alexander, Bogdan, Griffith, Lanham, McAnney, MacPherson, Oscar Schmel, Lafferty, Sisters Griffin, Maude Nethery, Emma Zehner, Clara M. Payne.

Bro. Krause stated that he had called the meeting because of the receipt of a letter from Bro. Vogler written to Brother Bragg, enclosing a copy of a letter that he had written to Sister Baehr, and he felt the Board should be apprised of their contents.

Bro. Krause read both letters, copies of which are attached hereto.

Bro. Lafferty made a statement that he had received a letter from Sister Baehr, and while she did not say so in so many words, she inferred that Highway Home for the Aged had refused to accept her for admission into the Home.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the letters were turned over to Highway Home for the Aged for their consideration.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara M. Payne

Church Clerk

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GENERAL COUNCIL * ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

August 27, 1952

Rev. Wallace S. Bragg
8111 Eastern Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brother Bragg:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

I presume you are acquainted with some of the correspondence that has passed between Sister M. Baehr and friends of the Highway Mission Tabernacle.

This office has had a great deal of correspondence from Sister Baehr. If you will note from the enclosed copy of letter we have written to her, you will see that after we accepted Sister Baehr into our retirement home in Florida about a year ago, she consulted an attorney and had him advise us to return her application that she did not want to enter into the home. I fear that if we were to take Sister Baehr into the home now, we would not be in a position to give her the care she requires.

Since Sister Baehr has been a faithful member of Highway Mission Tabernacle, it would seem to me only logical that she be received into your old folks home. The Department of Benevolences would be willing to continue the support she is now receiving from our office; namely, \$35. per month. We will be glad to hear from you as soon as possible regarding this matter.

We trust that you are enjoying the best of health and the rich blessings of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

Fred Vogler,
Director of Benevolences.

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August 27, 1952

Mrs. M. Baehr
Box #104
Mendota, Virginia.

Dear Sister Baehr:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am very sorry that I have not answered your letters long before this time. I left the office in April for an extended ministry and have only been back in the office about two weeks since that time.

I note your urgent appeal that you be granted permission to go to the retirement home in Pinellas Park, Florida. Do you not think you would be much happier in the home for the aged in Philadelphia? You would be among your friends. It is my suggestion that you seriously consider making application to the home in Philadelphia. We would be glad to continue your support you receive monthly if you were to go into the above home.

We really do feel sorry for you and regret that you did not accept our offer to receive you into the home in Florida a year ago. I knew then that you were making a serious mistake, but there was nothing we could do about it since you had engaged a lawyer to write and restrain us from insisting you go to the home.

I realize in your physical condition it was hard for you to think for yourself, and we do not in any way hold this against you. This is proven by the fact that when you decided to remain at home, we granted you monthly support so that you could have the necessities of life.

May God lead and guide you is our earnest prayer.

Your brother in Christ,

Fred Vogler,
Director of Benevolences.

CC;Rev.R.S.Bragg