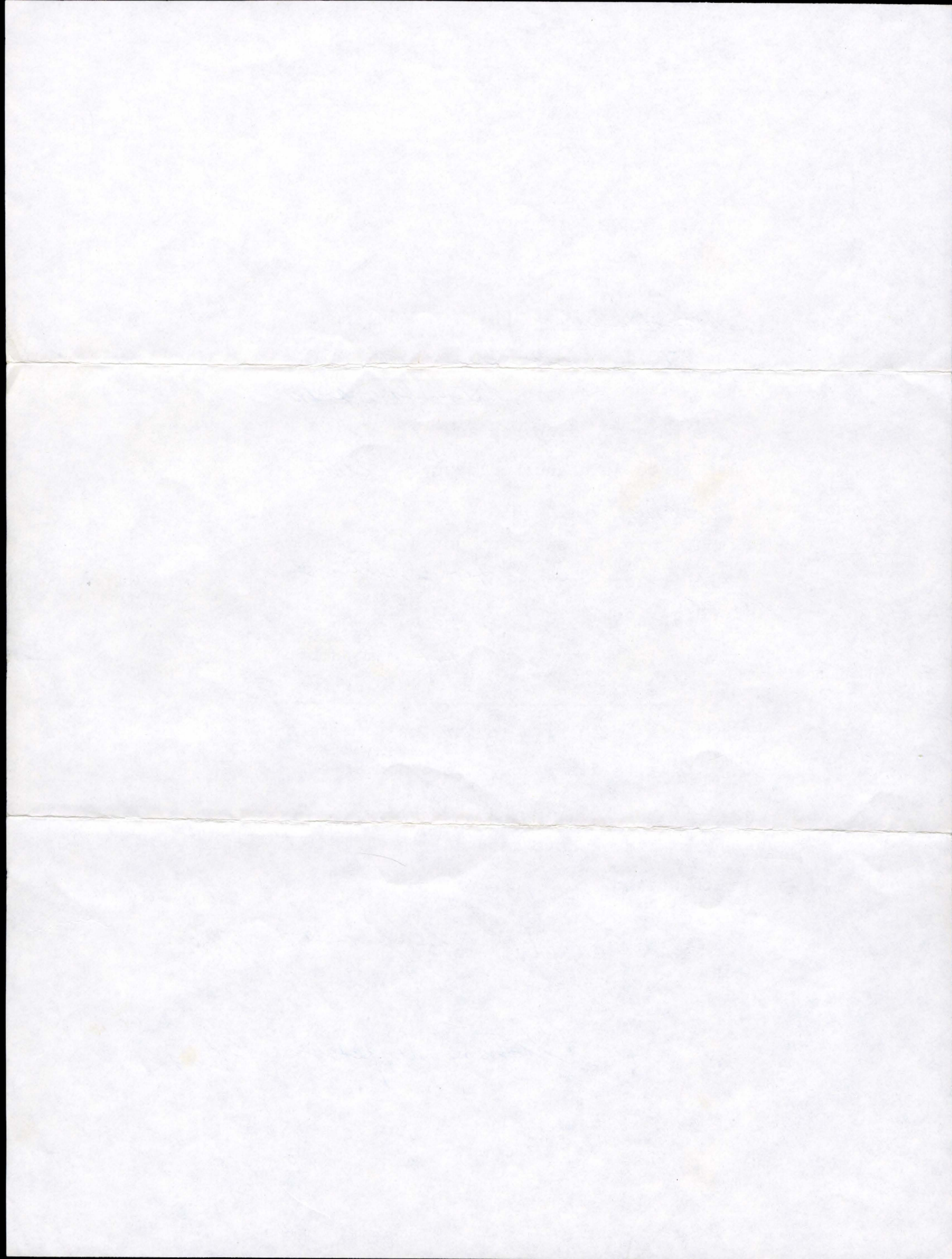


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her request. As to her convenience

This is to Certify she has been
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such action.

W L Jefferson Mod.

Clinton Jefferson Clerk



COVENANT AND CHURCH RULES OF DECORUM

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of Divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory, taking Him as our true guide and only portion; promising by the help of Divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of His people.

Under His covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other, to bear one another's burdens in the gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His spirit in His word; and by the Lord believing that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

CHURCH RULES OF DECORUM

- 1st. All meetings shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- 2nd. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members.
- 3rd. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
- 4th. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator, until he has finished his speech.
- 5th. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.
- 6th. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Church without liberty obtained from it.
- 7th. No person shall rise and speak more than twice upon the same subject without liberty obtained from the moderator.
- 8th. No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the service, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
- 9th. No member of the Church shall address another in any other term or appellation but that of brother.
- 10th. A majority of the members present shall rule the minority except in receiving members in which case the church shall be unanimous.
- 11th. The names of all members of the church shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the church requireth.
- 12th. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Church be equally divided.
- 13th. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Church as it shall think proper.

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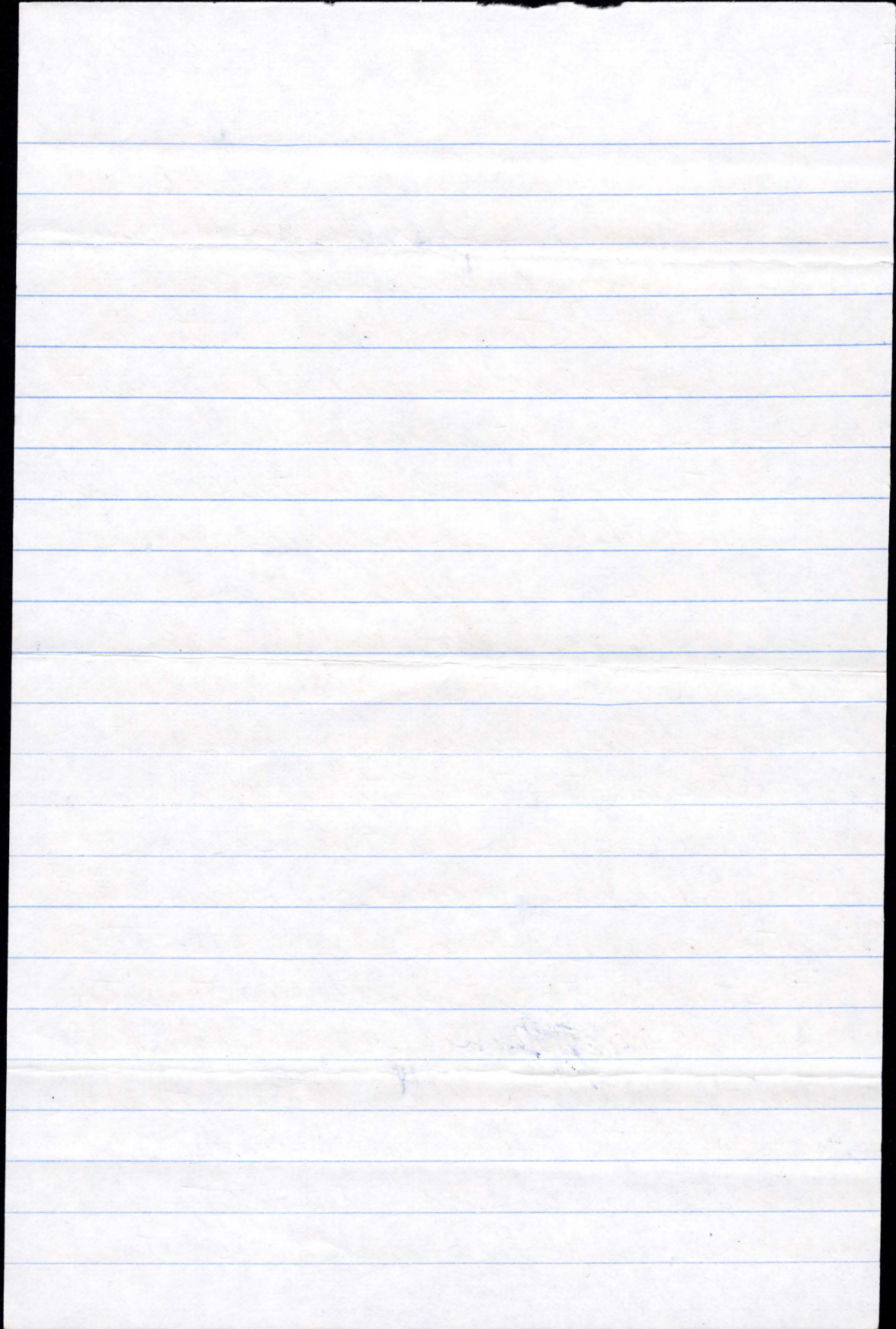
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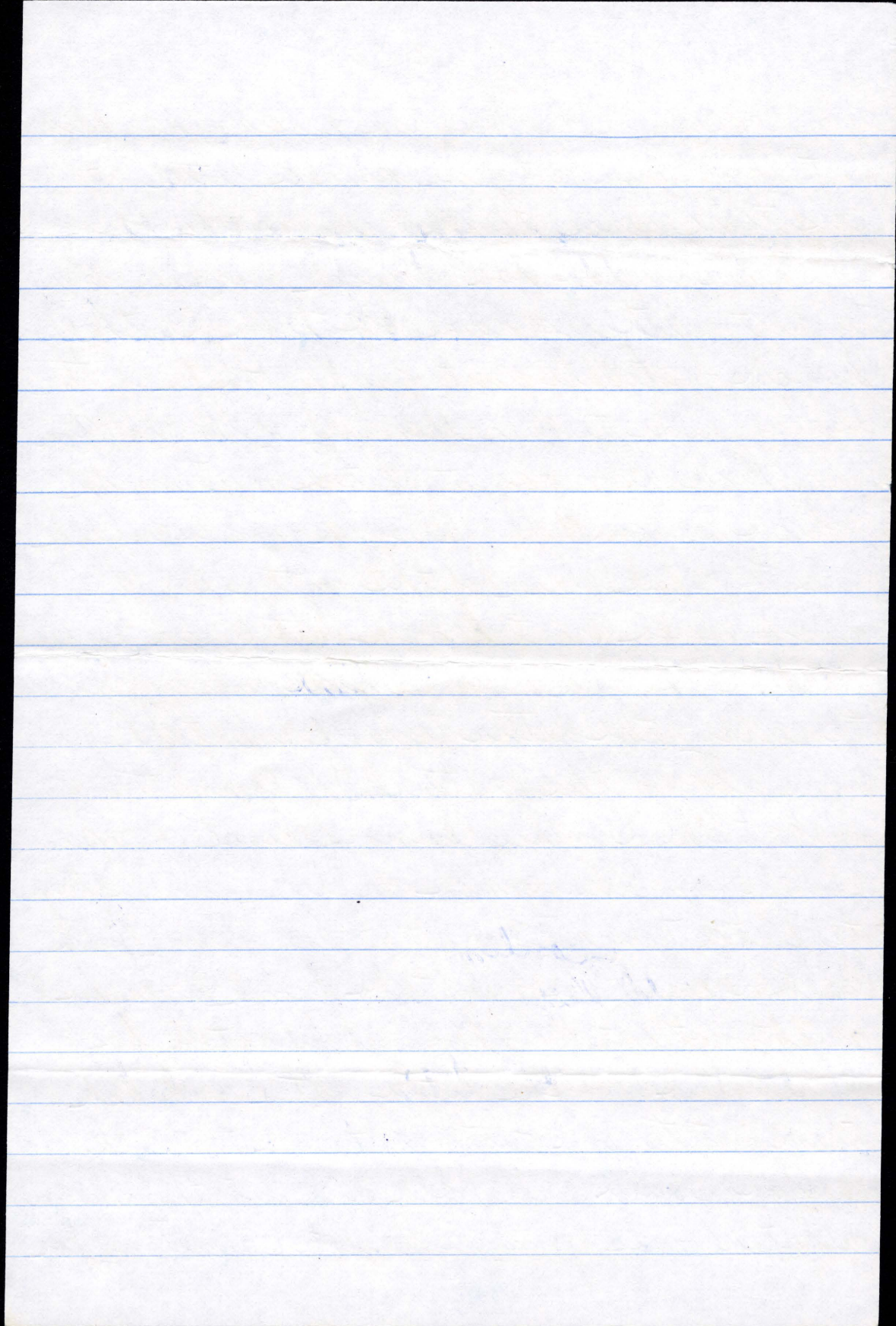
July 21, 1980

Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church

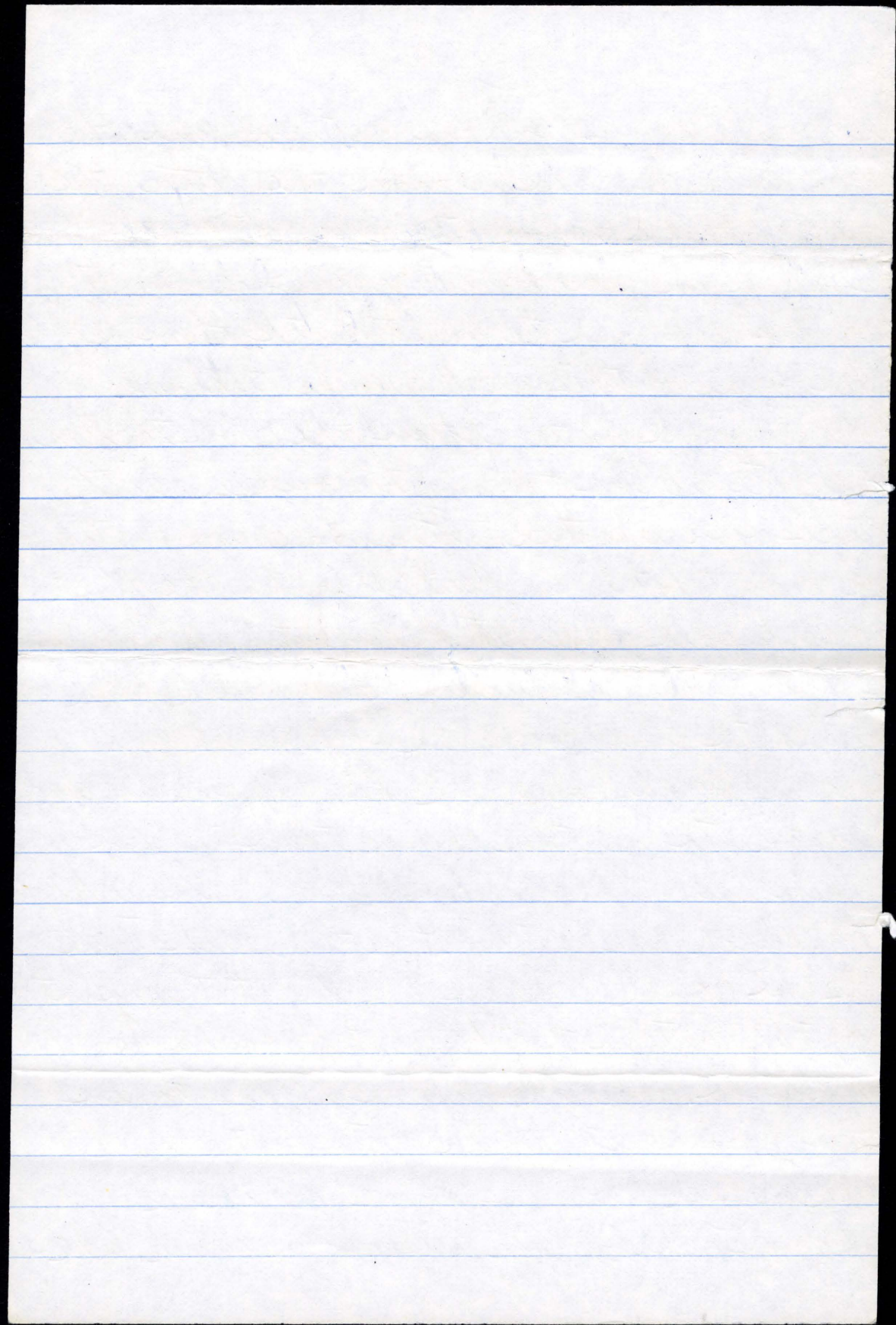
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May conference meeting, in which the Church felt they could not give him a letter at this time since things was as they were and Elder Clifton had refused our and ours to meet with his home brethren, so the Church voted to write Eld. Clifton a letter asking him to clear himself of the problem in which he moderated the meeting in which Deacon Eugene Taylor was excommunicated and to come clear of the matter, so the Church could grant him a letter in full fellowship, and a committee was appointed to carry the letter to him and talk to him about the matter. The committee met at Eld. Donnie Connois home on May 21, 1980 and Eld. Connor called Eld. Clifton to set a time to meet at his home, Eld. Clifton said he might be home and he might not but he probably wouldn't be, his wife called back a little later and ask them not to come that night, and that Eld. Clifton would call back and let them know what he was going to do. After waiting for

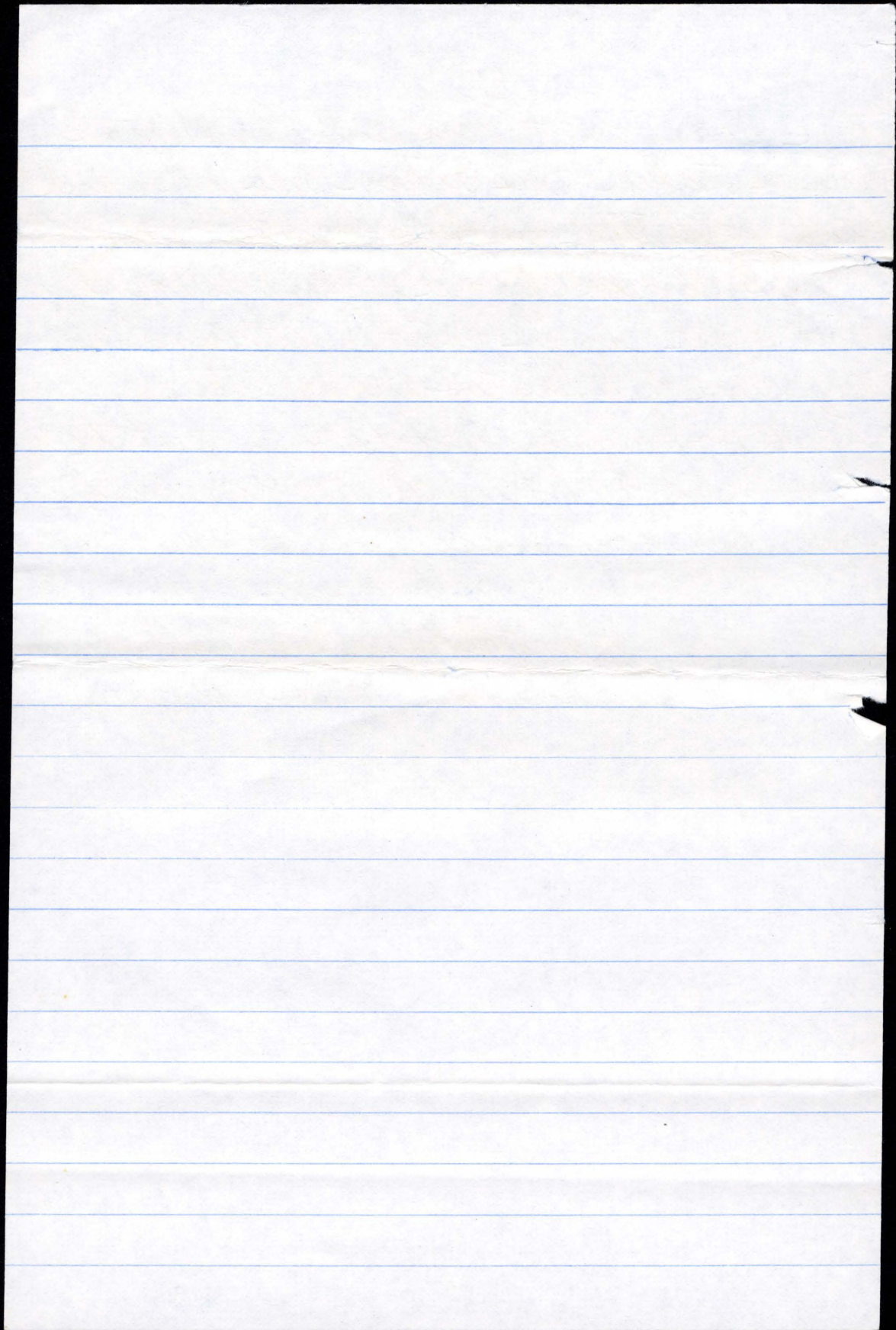


several hours and no return call the committee decided to mail the letter the next day and make their report to the Church in their next conference meeting of his refusal to meet with them. So in view of this work we feel that we have gone farther than the Bible teaches us to do, in trying to counsel with this our brother. Titus: 3-10 and 11 states a man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject. Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. So it seems he has condemned himself, and we are left with no other choice than to drop him from the membership and fellowship of Church for contempt, until such time as he could feel in his heart to repent of this action to the point he could be restored. also the action he has taken in Zion's Rest Church with out proper dismissal from his home Church is against all Church rules and order. We



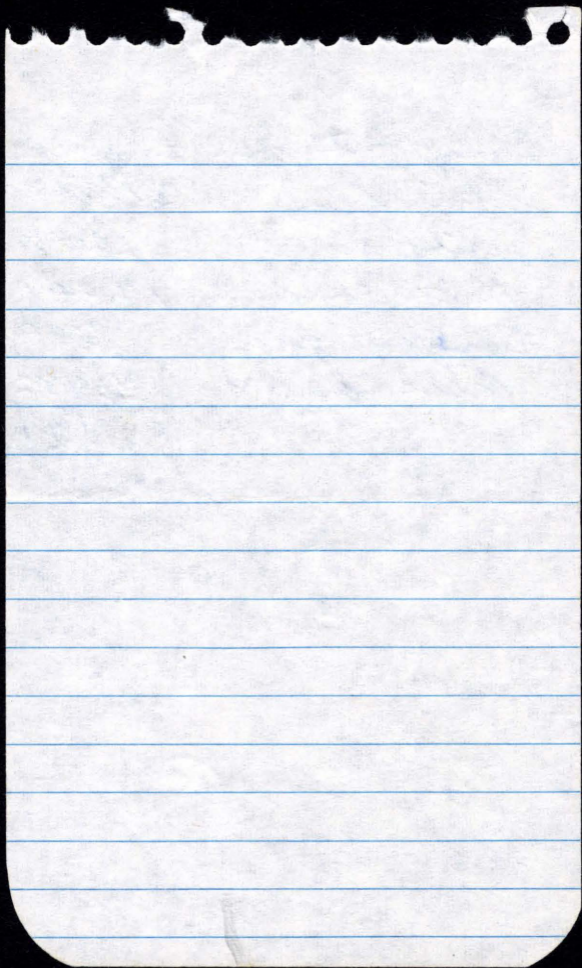
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are sorry that you and Eld. Clifton
have taken this action, and hope and
pray that time will come when all
this can be cleared up and fellowship
and peace can be restored between us.
We love Eld. Clifton and have tried
time and again to help him but he
refused to let us do so. Passed in
regular conference July 5, 1980.

Moderator Elder Donnie A. Connor
Clerk Brother Gilmer Hughes



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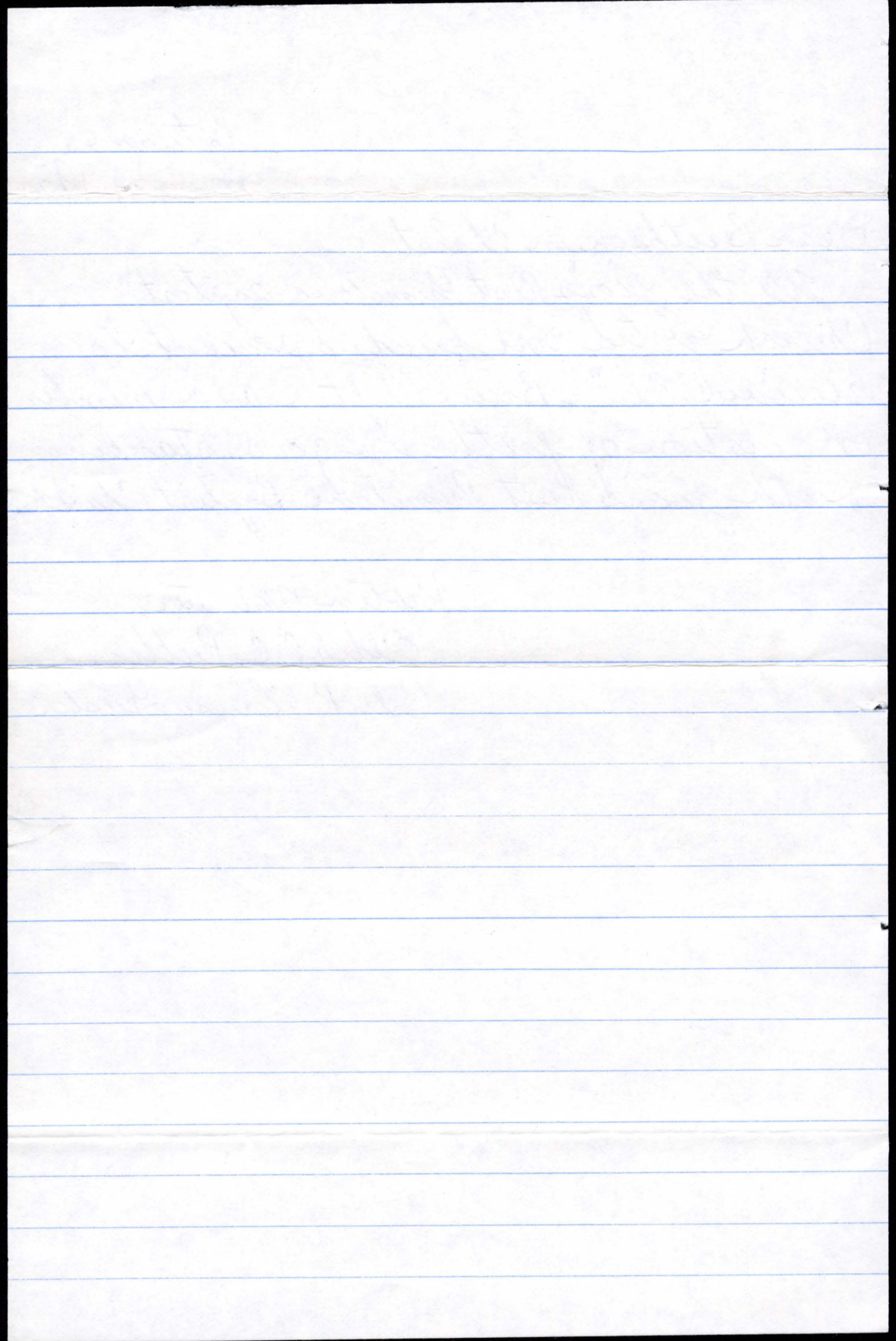
Dear Brethren in Christ

We the Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church voted one hundred percent to receive Elder Bruce Clifton as a member on relation of faith in good standing with Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church.

Proter Moderator

Elder C.C. Pulliam

Clark-Louise Gusher



Axtom Primitive Baptist Church
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Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church
Eden N.C.



Dec. 31-1973

Church letter -
The Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Axton Henry
Co. VA.

Dear Brethren In Christ -

This is to Certify That Sister
Mildred Pulliam one of our dear members is in
good standing in our Church & we hate to give her
up - But has requested a letter in order move
to Zion's Rest Church for convenience & to be near
her Mother also in her afflictions. When she shall
have so united. Will you please so inform us
so we may drop her name from our roll.
May God's Blessings rest with her & you, for it
is our desire that all Children of God receive
the blessings he has in store for them.

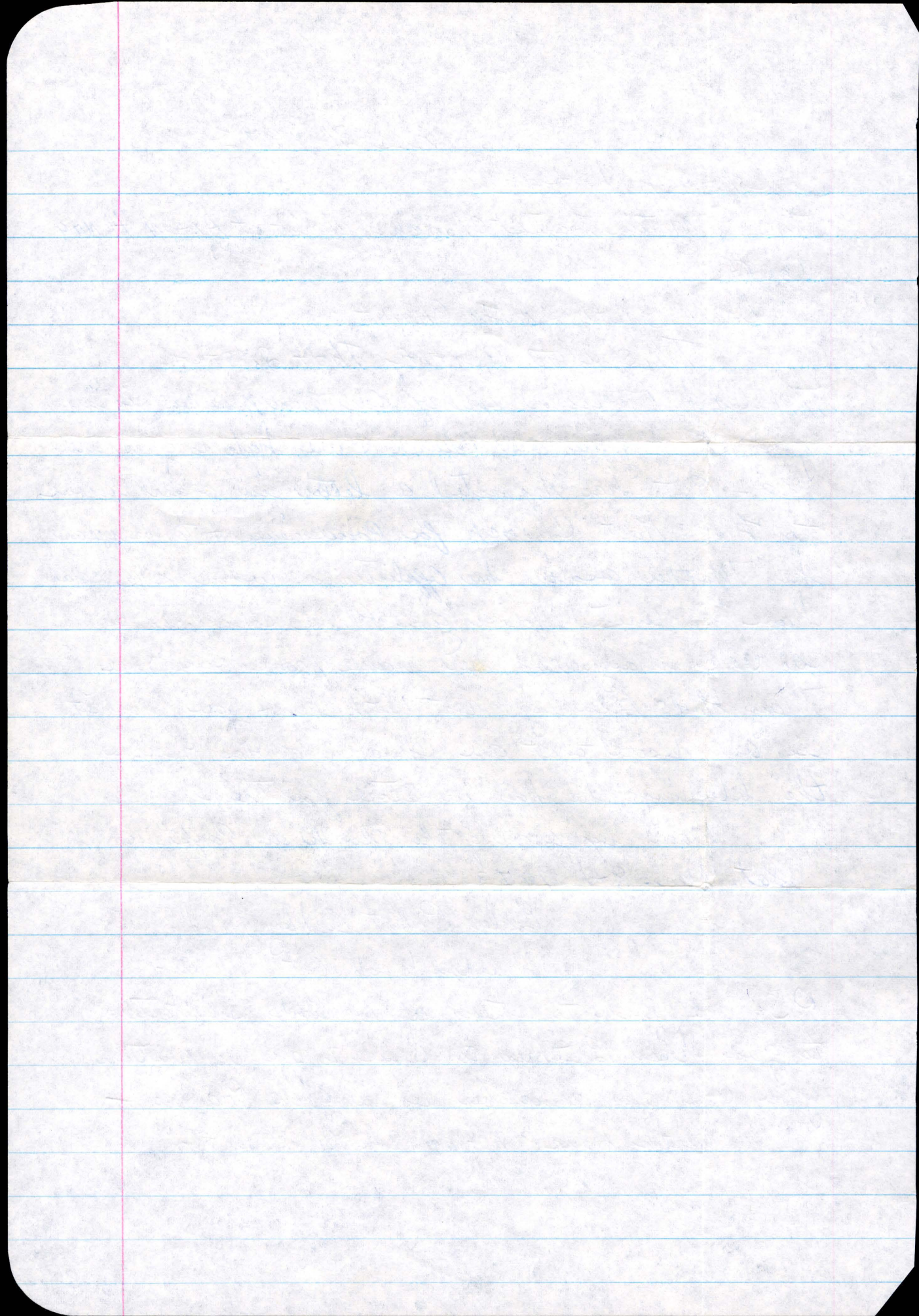
Done by order of the Church in Conference
Sat. Dec. - 8th 1973

Elder Robert Ashby Mod.

Weldon Wood Act Clerk -

P.S. - We wish to extend a cordial invitation
to you Dear Brethren to come to see us anytime
you can and remember us in your Prayers -

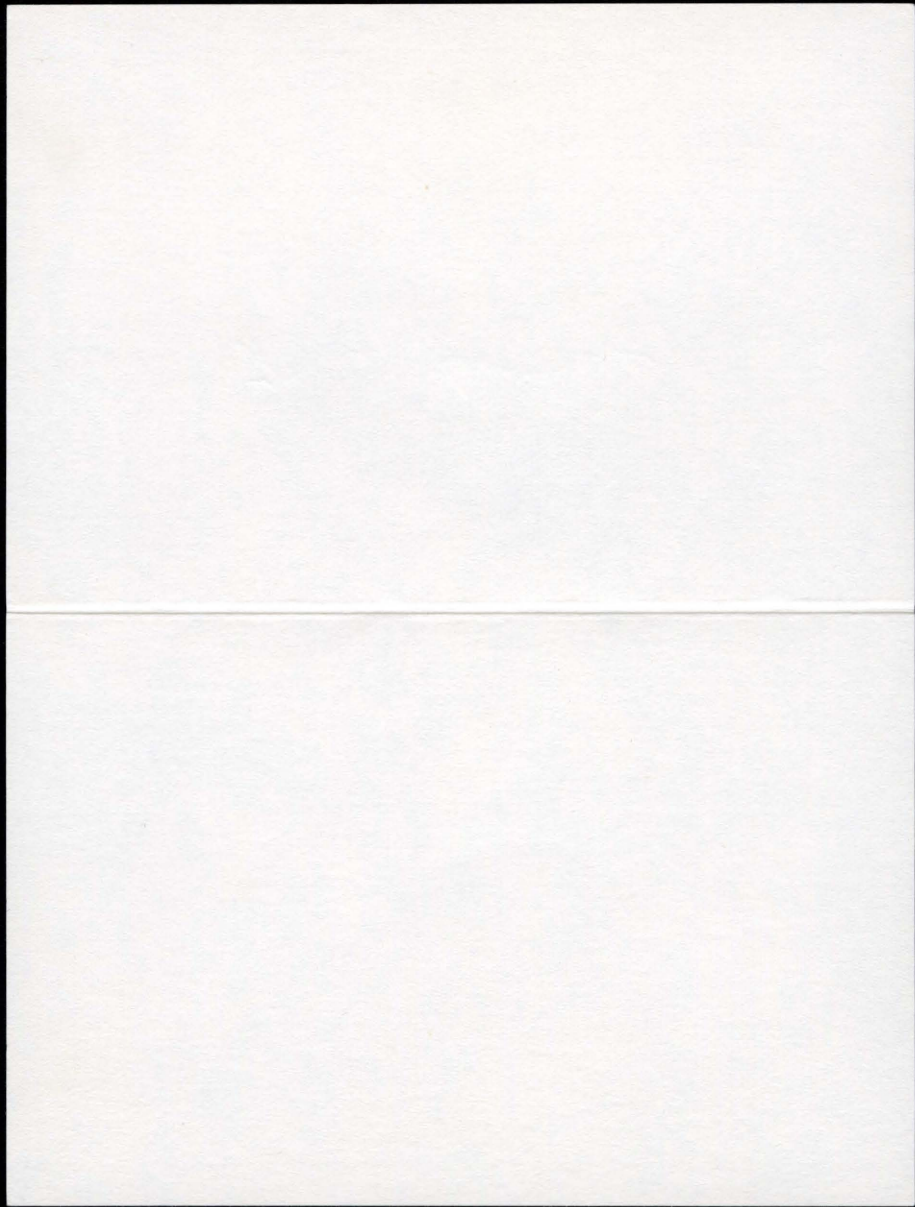
With love Acting Church Clerk -

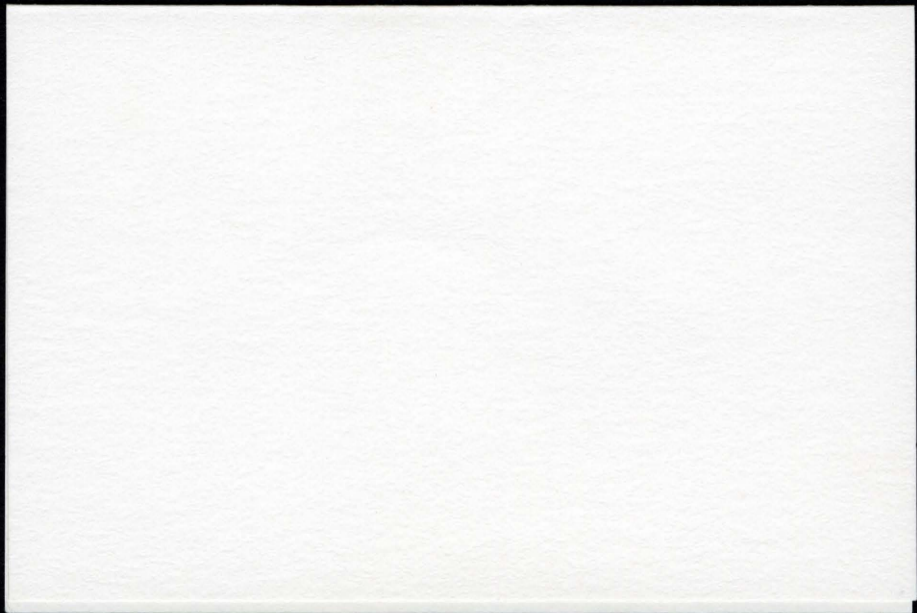


Zions Rest Church



The family of
W. S. Hopkins
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy





Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist
Church



The family of
John Wesley Foley
acknowledges with deep
appreciation your kind expression of
sympathy

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the flowers and everything you did during the death of Wesley.

Susie Foley
Addie Hardy

We would like to see the

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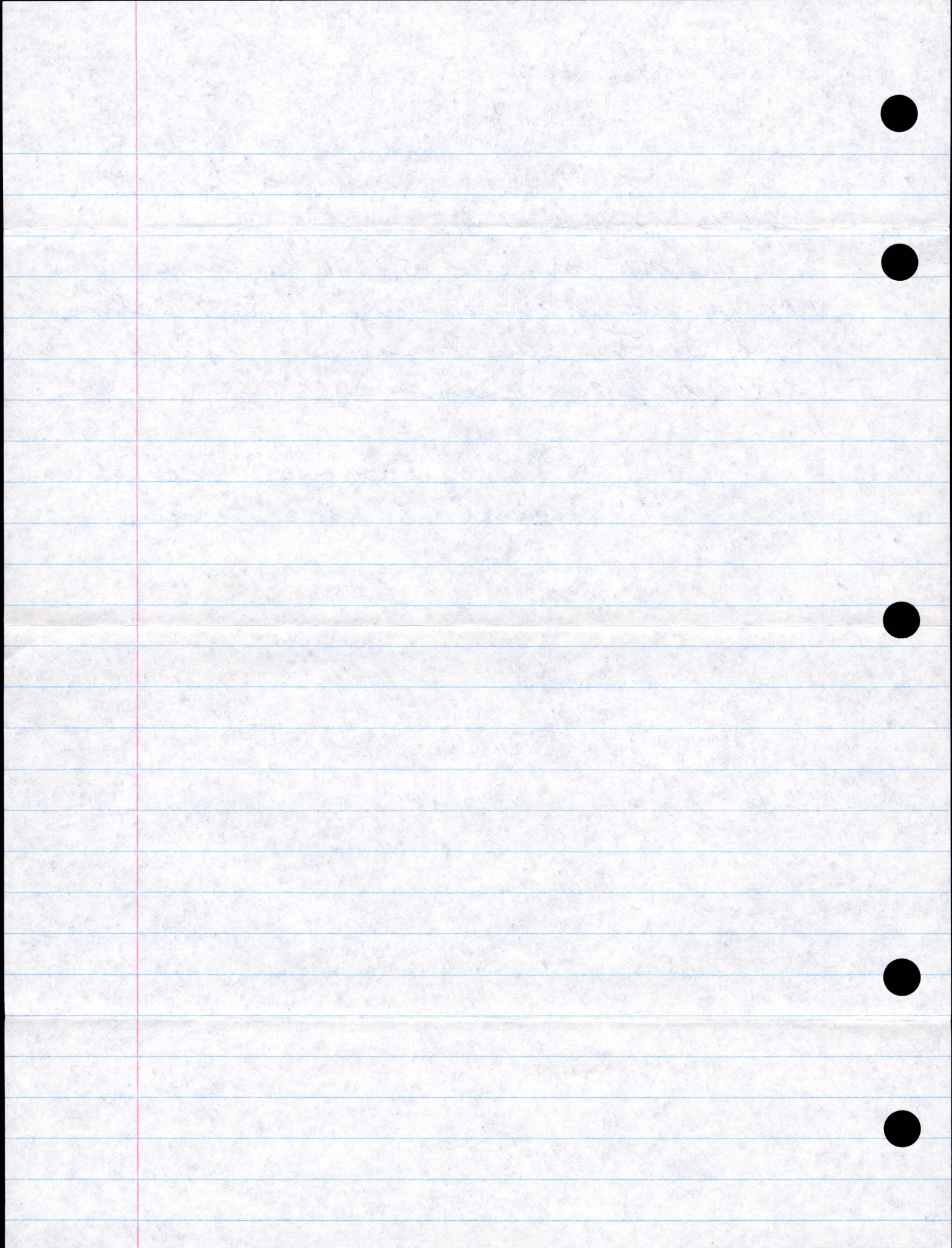
be having the best of

Yours truly,
Alice Long

Dec. 5, 1970
Eden, N.C.

We the Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist
Church met on Dec. 5, 1970 in our
conference received Elder J. D. Hopkins
and sister Ida Hopkins in full
fellowship unanimously.

Moderator - Elder Bruce Clifton
Clerk - Louise Gusher

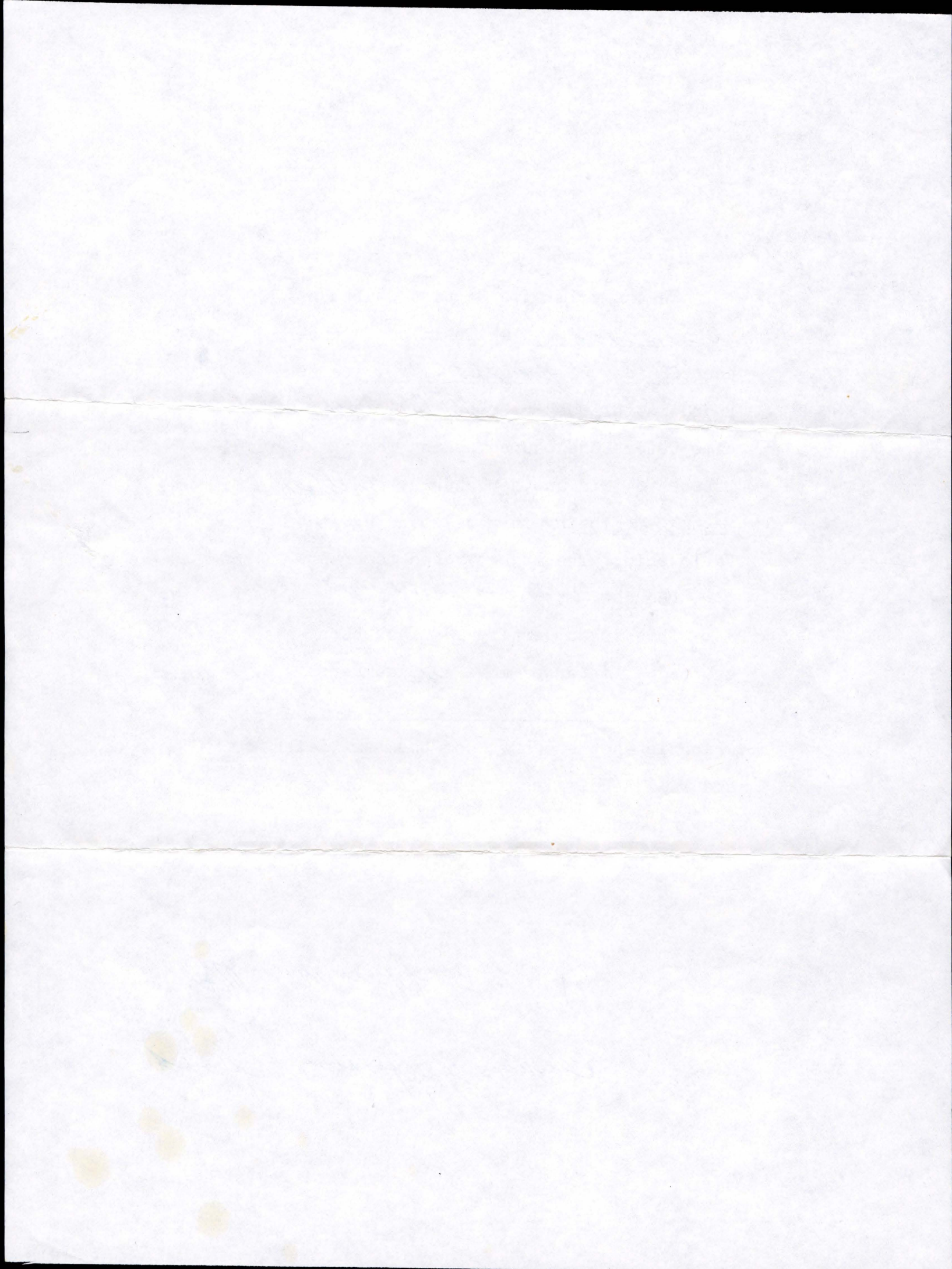


We the primitive Baptist Church at
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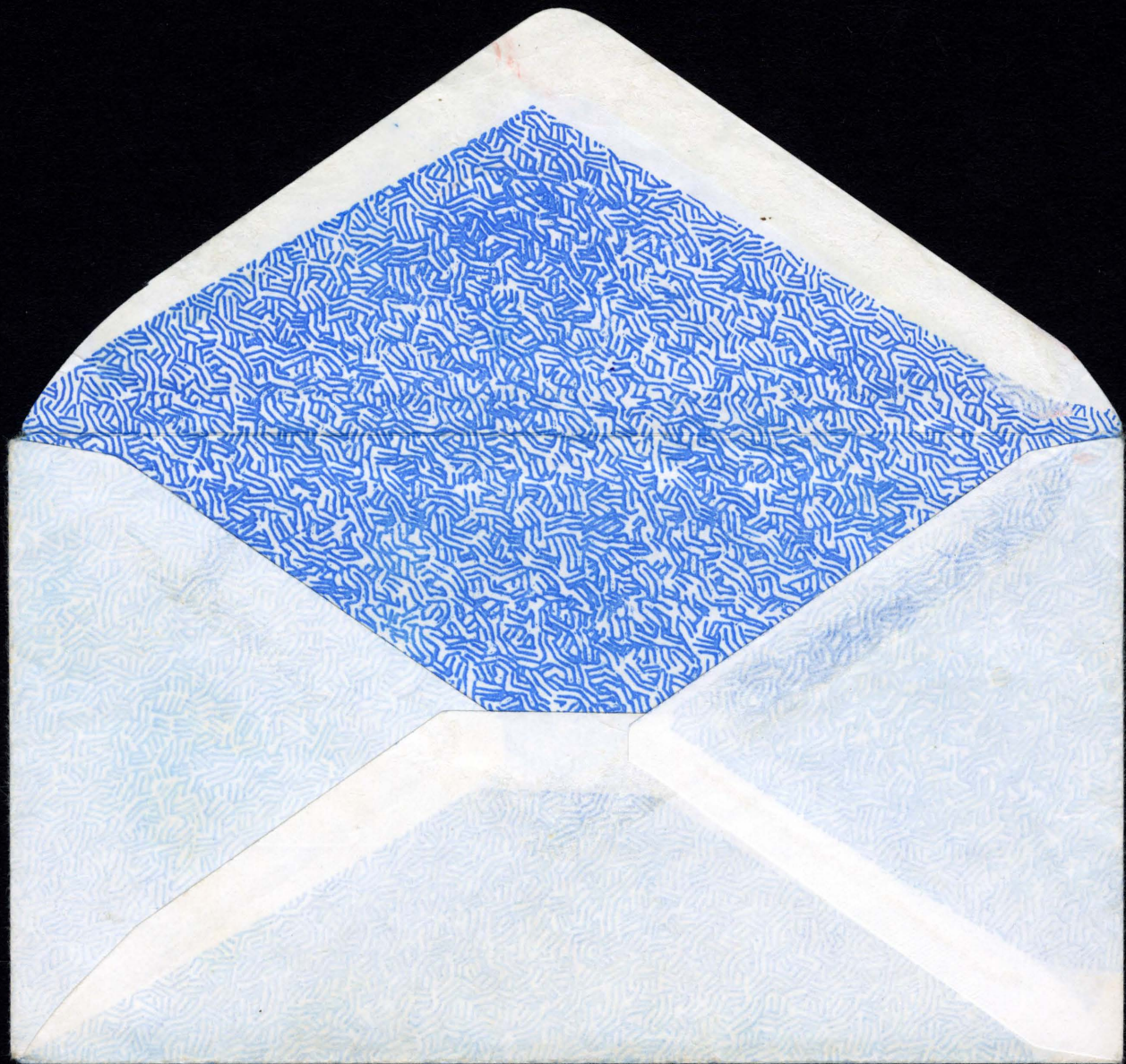
R. L. Jefferson Mod.

Clinton Jefferson Clerk



Zion's Rest Primitive
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Elder Claude Pulliam
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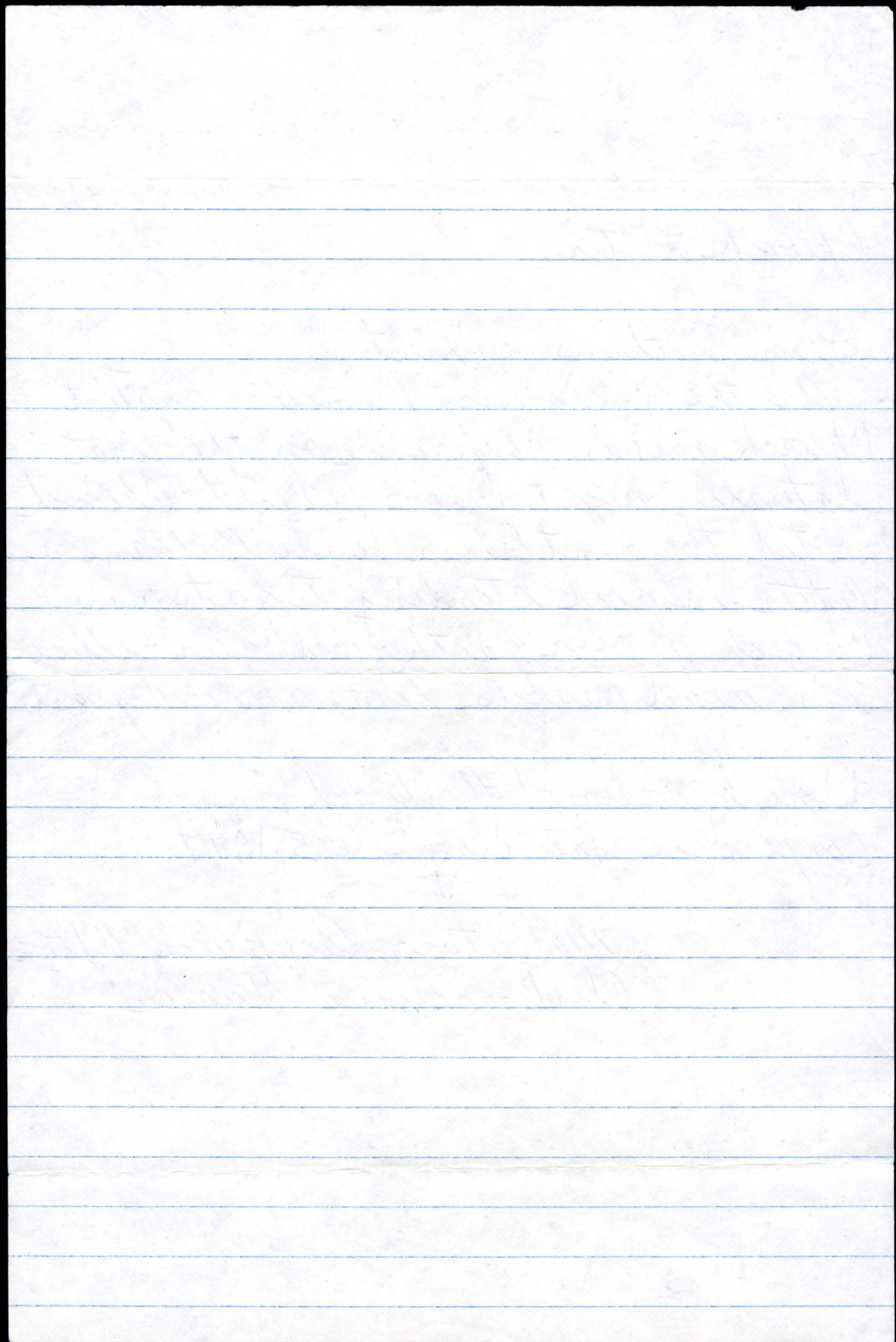
Church Letter.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We the Zion's Rest Primitive Baptist Church met in Conference on the first Saturday night Dec. 3, 1977. The Church voted to grant Elder Claude Pulliam a letter in good standing to go to any Church of our faith and order where his mind directs him at his request.

Done by order of the Church in
Conference Saturday Dec. 3, 1977.

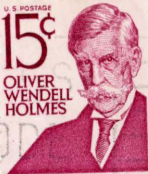
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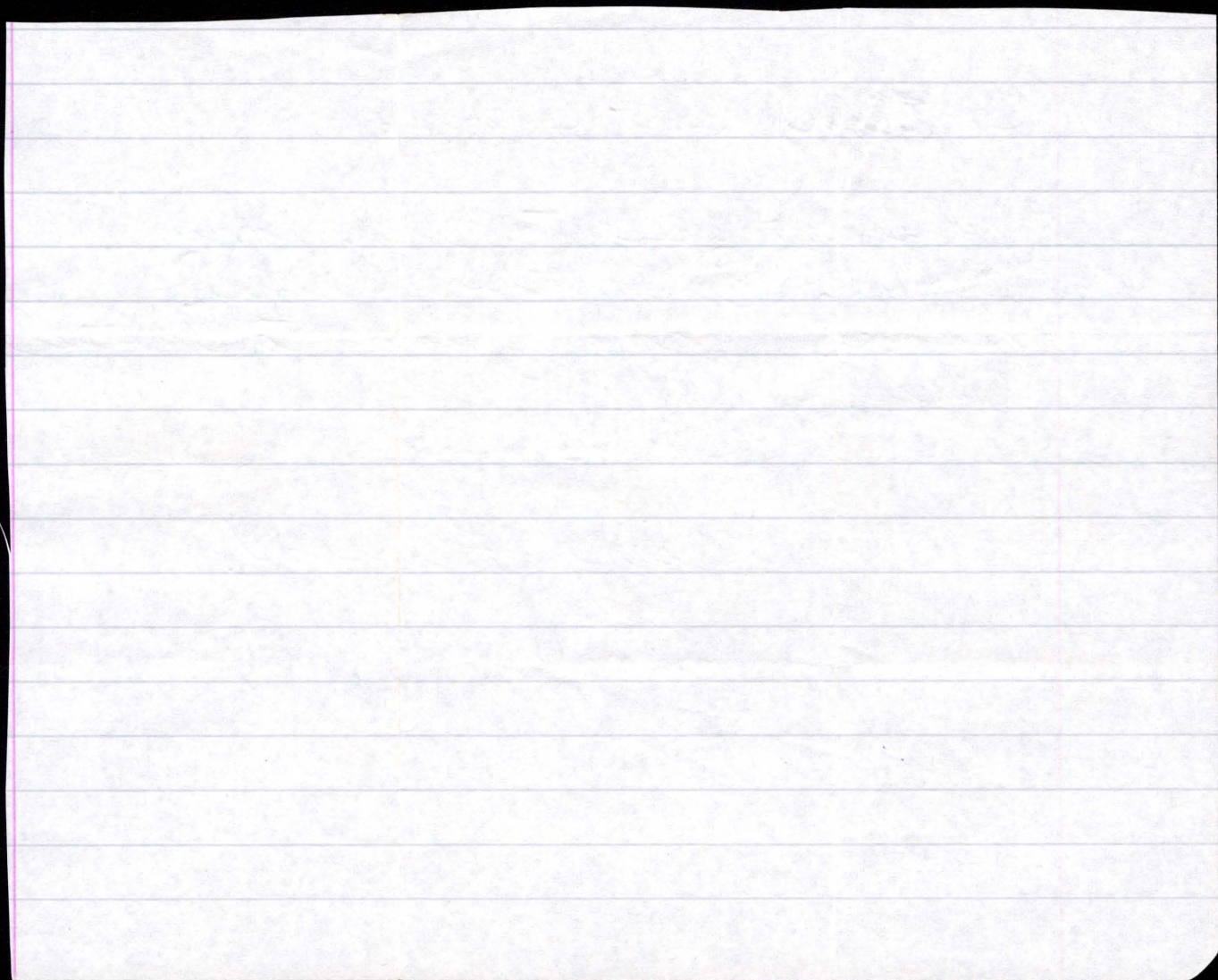
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To Lion Rest Church

I want you to drop my
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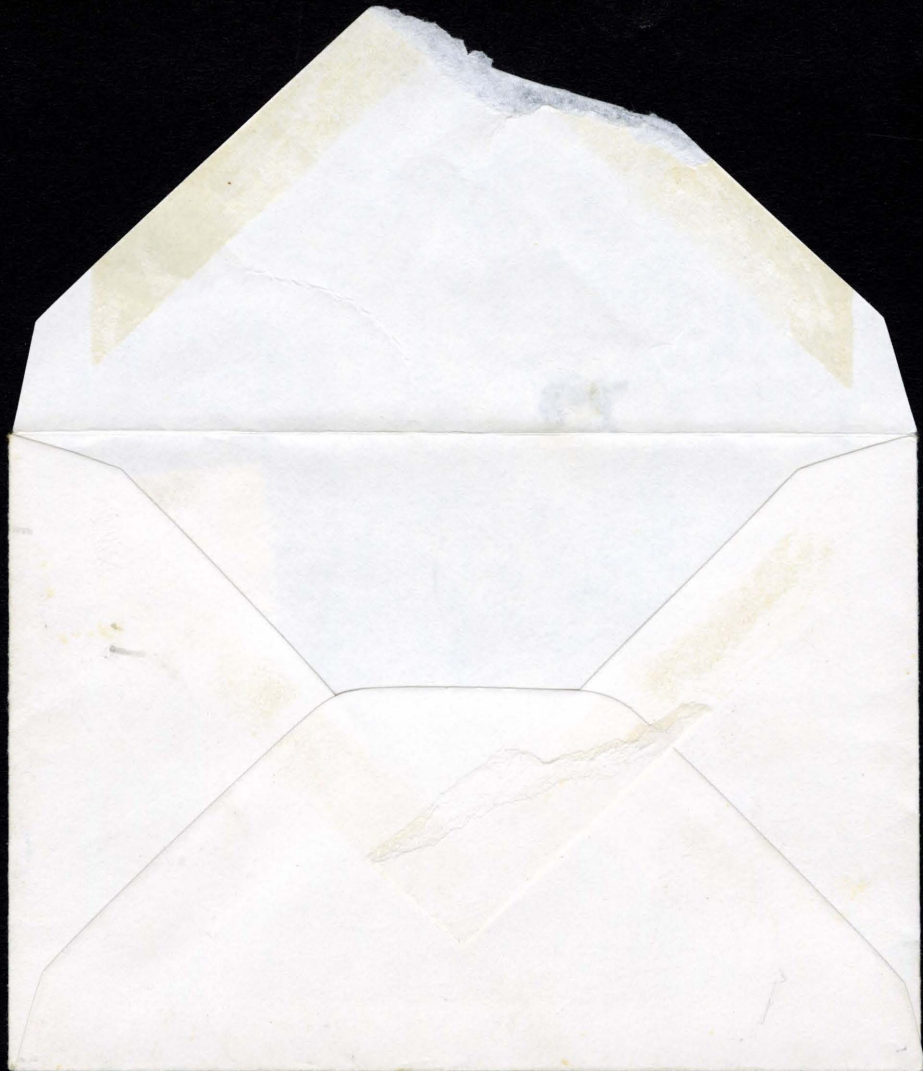
Thank you.

Nick Lawson.

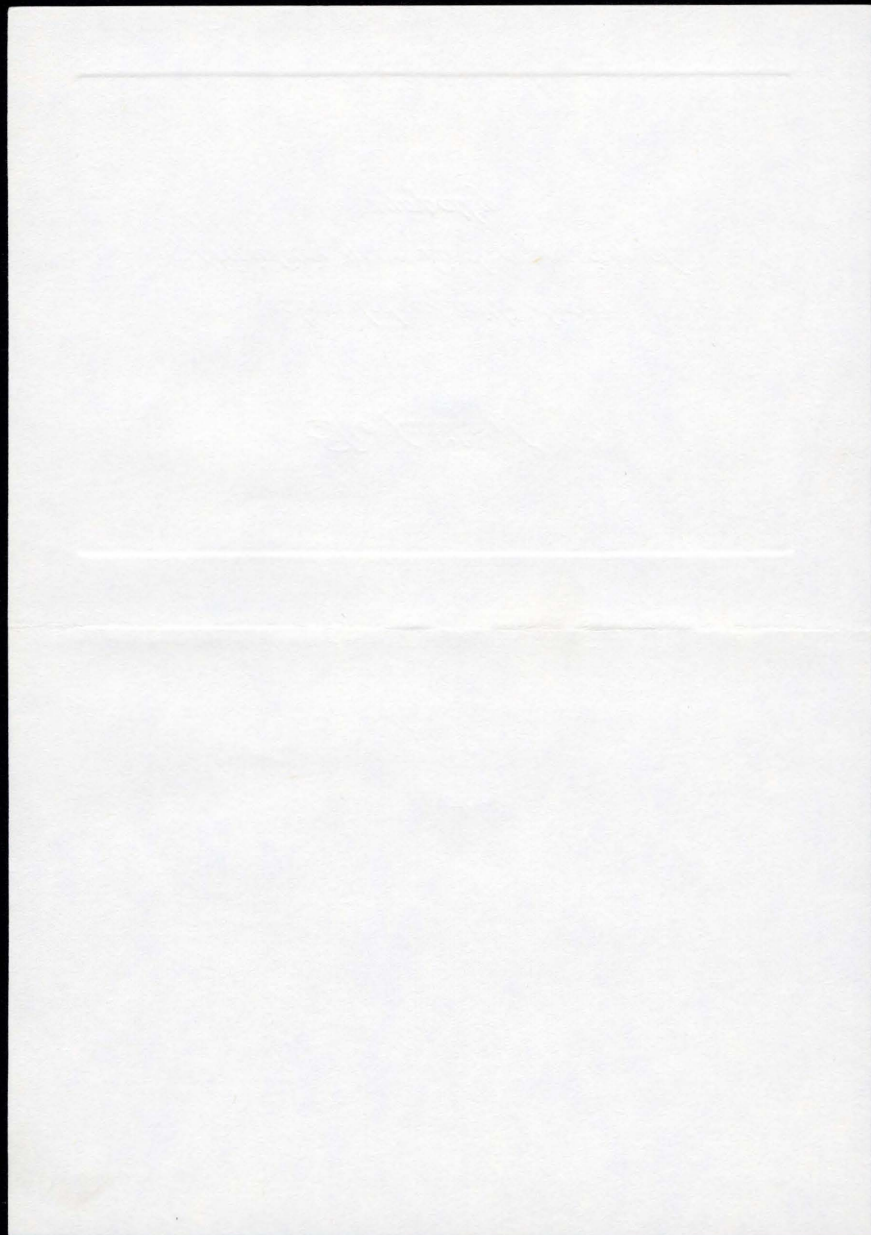




Lions First Primitive Baptist Church
90 Mrs. Williard Smith
123 Caleb Street
Eden, N.C. 27288



*The family of
Robert H. Earles
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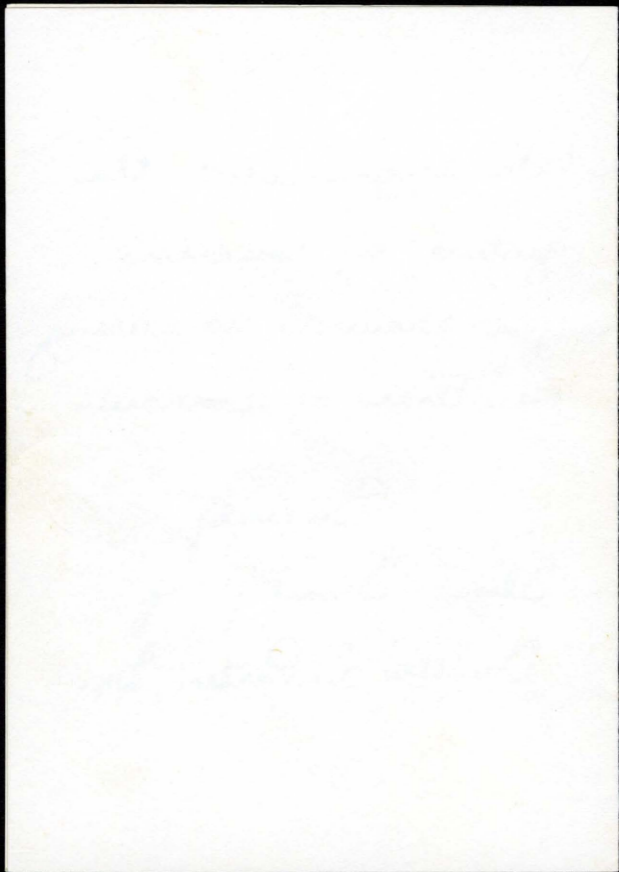


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*We want you to know
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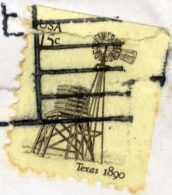
Sincerely
The Family of
Dr. Duvell E. Porter, Jr.



Community Primitive Church
c/o Gilbert Hughes
Route 4 Box 70
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c/o Louise Gusler
725 Warren Ave.
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July 21, 1980

Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church

After receiving a letter from Eld. Bruce Clifton asking the Church to grant him a letter in fellowship to move his membership to another Church, and some of the members had heard of Eld. Clifton being involved in the conference meeting at Bethel Church in which Deacon Eugene Taylor was excluded without any gospel labor.

Our Elderly Deacon Brother Paris Connor ask our Pastor Eld. Donnie Connor to take the other Deacons and go talk with Eld. Clifton and try to get things cleared up so the Church could grant him a good letter.

Eld. Donnie Connor and Deacon O. Bain Wylton made several phone calls to Eld. Clifton trying to get him to meet with his home Brethren and try and clear this matter up. Eld. Clifton finally stated that he would not meet and had decided to let Community Church

handle the matter in conference which the church did in their may conference meeting, in which the church felt they could not give him a letter at this time since things was as they were and Eld. Clifton had refused over and over to meet with his home brethren, so the church voted to write Eld. Clifton a letter asking him to clear himself of the problem in which he moderated the meeting in which Deacon Eugene Taylor was excommunicated and to come clear of the matter so the church could grant him a letter in full fellowship, and a committee was appointed to carry the letter to him and talk to him about the matter.

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moderator Eld. Donnie A. Conner
Clerk Brother Gilmer Hughes

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