

UNLESS THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK ARE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED

CONCURRENT CERTIFICATE

APPLICATION FOR AID FROM The American Baptist Home Mission Society

312 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

To the Executive Board of The American Baptist Home Mission Society

DEAR BRETHREN:

General Manager &

I desire your appointment as a Missionary to labor with the Murrow Indian's Orphan's Home Baptist Church in Unchuka, County of _____, State (or Territory) of Oklahoma, for 12 months from the first day of July 1909

at a salary from your Treasury of \$ 1200[#] for the time named.

(Sign full Name),

Judson H. Criswell

(P. O. Address),

Ames, Iowa

Dated

June 26, 1909

ENDORSEMENT

M.I.O.H.

At a meeting of the State Board held _____ 19_____, voted to recommend the within appointment for _____ months, from _____ 19_____, at a salary of \$ _____

for the time named, Church to add \$ _____ for the same time. Nationality _____

Secretary.

Approved.

Pruce June

Supt. of Missions.

And Pres. Board of Directors of the
M.I.O.H.

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If the application is for help to labor with a Church, it should contain from the Church this CONCURRING CERTIFICATE, which is understood to be fully known to the Church, and to be part of the conditions of the obligation of the Home Mission Society:

At a regular meeting of the..... Baptist Church in....., County of....., State (or Territory) of....., held..... 19....., the foregoing application was read, and the Church voted unanimously to concur therein, and pay to their pastor, Rev....., in addition to the amount asked from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, the sum of \$....., for the..... beginning....., 19..... This Church solemnly pledges the faithful payment of the pastor's salary, and agrees that a failure to do so shall justify the withdrawing of further aid by the Home Mission Society. All of which is recorded in a book of Records kept by the Church. There were present at the meeting..... members.
..... Chairman of the Meeting
..... Church Clerk.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANTS.

fill this in

I. Personal.

1. What is your present Post-office address? *Ames, Iowa*
2. What will be your Post-office address if appointed?
3. When, where, and by whom were you baptized? *1881, Manhattan, Kans. Rev. J. G. Mavor.*
4. Of what Church are you now a member? *First Church, Ames, Iowa*
5. Where were you educated? *Kansas State Agricultural College, Iowa State College*
6. Where have you labored since?
7. When and where were you ordained?
8. Who was Moderator of the Council that ordained you?
9. What is your age? *43* How many of your own family are Baptists? *wife & self*
10. How many are there in your family depending on you for support, exclusive of yourself? *Three*
11. What other organizations contribute toward your salary?
12. What means of support have you other than your salary?

MISSIONARY APPLICATION

State.....

Name.....

Time.....

Field.....

Salary } Society \$
 } Field \$

RULES OF THE BOARD

1. No request for appointment as a Missionary of the Society will be considered by the Committee on Missions unless formal application is made by the person desiring appointment.

2. In no case will an application be presented to the Committee on Missions for its consideration unless all the questions accompanying the blank FORM OF APPLICATION are answered.

3. Where the application is for appointment in a State with which the Society is in co-operation, it should be sent to the Secretary of the State Board, and the appointment must be recommended by that Board. In every other case the application must be accompanied by the written recommendation of not less than two persons known to the Board.

4. If the application is for appointment to labor in a State or Territory where the Society has a General Missionary or Superintendent of Missions, it must receive the written endorsement of such General Missionary or Superintendent of Missions, before being forwarded to the Rooms of the Society.

5. If the application is for re-appointment, the same course must be pursued as above stated.

6. If the application is for appointment to labor with a Church, the CONCURRENT CERTIFICATE annexed to the FORM OF APPLICATION must be regularly filled up and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting and Clerk of the Church. Where the appointment is to more than one Church, a separate application must be used for each.

7. State the Nationality of the people with whom you labor.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society.

COMMISSION No. 25338

TO THE REV. J. S. Murray

1. THIS CERTIFIES that the Executive Board of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, reposing confidence in you as a devoted Minister of Jesus Christ, of good reputation, and in full accord with the commonly accepted views and practices of Baptist Churches, have appointed you a Missionary to preach the Gospel

as District Missionary to
the Indians in Ind. Ter.

2. Your appointment is for 17 months, from the first day of October 1888

3. The amount appropriated by the Board towards your salary is

(88.88) Dollars, for the time named: the Southern Board 88.88
the Convention 22.22

INSTRUCTIONS.

I. PASTORAL WORK.

1. "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine." (1 Tim. iv. 16; Acts xx. 28.) Take care of character, and reputation will take care of itself. True doctrine shapes true living. "A bishop *must* have a good report of them that are without (1 Tim. iii. 7), or he cannot win them to Christ. "Keep thyself pure." (1 Tim. v. 22)

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3. "Take heed to *all* the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseer, to feed the Church of God." (Acts xx. 28.) "Without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." (1 Tim. v. 21.) Much depends on faithful pastoral work. A house-going preacher makes a church-going people.

4. Give special attention to Sunday-school work. Organize schools wherever practicable. To gain the children now is to have the men and women of the future.

5. Give attention also to the dissemination of Bibles and religious literature. Inform the Corresponding Secretary of what you want for this work.

6. Be an organizer and a leader. Utilize all the material you can.

7. "Be gentle unto *all* men, patient." (2 Tim. ii. 24; Tit. iii. 2.) We "beseech you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor. x. 1.) to "give no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." (1 Cor. x. 32; 2 Cor. vi. 3.) Patience, kindness, tact and time work wonders.

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9. Cultivate the benevolence of your people. Exhort them that they "abound in this grace also." (2 Cor. viii. 7.) (See special action of the Board on third page.)

10. "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Tim. iv. 5.)

II. REPORTS.

1. Keep an accurate record of your labors, and promptly, at the close of each quarter of your time, fill out with care one of the blank reports sent you, and return to the Corresponding Secretary. If your time does not divide evenly into quarters, report for the fractional part first.

2. But if a quarterly report falls due on the FIRST OF APRIL, when accounts are closed for the Annual Report, you are requested to make it up, estimating the amount of labor you will probably perform in the whole quarter, and mail it in time to reach us the fifteenth day of March preceding.

III. SALARY.

1. A draft for your salary will be sent you by mail, unless you otherwise direct, at the close of each quarter, if your report is satisfactory.

2. You may not give others orders on the Home Mission Treasury, but when your salary is due, at your request, the Treasurer will pay all or a part of it to any one designated in your letter.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE.

We desire interesting facts about your field, for the HOME MISSION MONTHLY. Write these concisely on paper separate from your ordinary correspondence, just as you would prepare a short, condensed, pithy article for publication. Write on one side only of the paper. The MONTHLY is sent *free* to missionaries of the Society in the expectation that they will furnish for its columns such facts as may help to give to the friends of the Home Missions an intelligent view of the needs and the encouragements of the field, in order to maintain their interest and to secure enlarged contributions for the work.

V. REAPPOINTMENT, OR CHANGE OF FIELD.

If a reappointment is desired, a new application should be filled up, with *all the information and recommendations required* in the printed "Form of Application," and forwarded at the time of your third quarterly report.

If at any time it shall appear to you or to the Board that the interests of the field which you are appointed to cultivate demand a change, you may return, or the Board may recall this Commission, or by mutual consent you may be transferred to another field, but you cannot, without the consent of the Board, change your field of labor, and retain this Commission, nor can the Board assign you to another field without your consent.

By order of the Executive Board,

W. C. P. Phelps
.....Chairman of the Executive Board.

J. J. Morgan
.....Cor. Secretary.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION ROOMS.

NEW YORK,.....JAN 14 1881.....

The Missionary who receives this commission is expected, as soon as possible after its acceptance, to read to the Church to which he is appointed the following preambles and resolutions which have been adopted by the Executive Board of the Society; to use all proper means to secure a hearty compliance with their requirements; and to report what has been done to the Corresponding Secretary.

Whereas, The donors of funds to the treasury of this Society, and the Executive Board of the Society in the administration of the trust committed to them, have for a distinct aim the building up of Churches, which shall be united with the Baptist denomination by spiritual sympathy and by active co-operation in evangelizing labors; and

Whereas, In some cases contributions are withheld on the declared ground that all moneys raised in such churches should of right be expended in the States in which such moneys are raised; therefore

Resolved, I.—That this Board deem annual contributions to the Treasury of this Society by all churches receiving the benefit of its aid not only a kindly and proper recognition of such benefit, but indispensable to the proper training and habits of such churches in respect to the whole work of the denomination to which they belong.

II.—That this Board hereby instruct the Corresponding Secretary to prepare, and communicate to all missionaries of this Society, and to all churches enjoying or seeking its aid in their support, the rules in respect to the contributions of such churches by which this board will hereafter be governed, and that such rules shall embody the following:

1.—That if, on receiving the third quarterly report of a missionary, no contribution to this Society shall have been reported, such missionary shall be reminded by a printed circular of the omission, and that without explanations which shall absolve him from responsibility for the neglect, the continuance of the omission to the end of the year will be accounted a reason for the non-renewal of his commission.

2.—That if, at the end of a year, churches whose pastors have been aided by the funds of this Society have made no contributions to its treasury, such omission, without explanation deemed satisfactory by this Board, will be judged proper cause for withholding further appropriations.

III.—That the Corresponding Secretary is further instructed to communicate to missionary pastors and churches that the Board institute these rules not in the mere interests of its treasury, but in the broader interest of the character and habits of Baptist churches, and in the conviction that they can be strong and valuable only as they look beyond themselves to the spiritual welfare of others; and further, that the Board institute these rules with the specific recognition that the churches being missionary churches, are supposed to be weak, and that therefore it is not so much the amount which they give which is in question, as that they have the heart to give something, and do give, as in the Lord's sight, and as He has prospered them.

IV.—That the Corresponding Secretary be also instructed to urge upon the churches a like interest in all the forms of home evangelization and of foreign missionary labor in which the denomination is engaged, and a like regular and liberal contribution to the other Societies of the denomination, so that in the years of their greater strength they may find themselves trained to habits of giving of their substance for the conversion of the world.

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as Sup't of Indian Missions in
Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

2. Your appointment is for 9 months, from the first day of Oct. 1894.

3. The amount appropriated by the Board towards your salary is Five Hundred
forty (540) Dollars, for the time named: and nec. trav exp.

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RULES FOR THE GIFT FUND

OF THE

CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT

OF THE

American · Baptist · Home · Mission · Society.

Before any money is PAID OVER to a church the following papers must be furnished. To avoid unnecessary trouble and expense, they should not be prepared before receiving notice that the application has been granted. Before the mortgage is recorded, all the papers should be sent to the office of the Society for approval by the Attorney of the Board. The papers should be prepared by, or under the direction of, a responsible attorney at law.

- X 1. An official certificate of the corporate existence of the church, or a certified copy thereof.
2. A copy of the Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Council that recognized the church, or satisfactory evidence that the church was properly organized, and is in the fellowship of regular Baptist Churches.
3. A copy of the vote of the church or society, authorizing the Trustees to obtain the gift and to execute the conditional bond and mortgage therefor, with a certificate of the clerk of the church, signed by the deacons, showing that the vote was unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the church.
- X 4. An Abstract of title, with official searches, showing that the corporation has on record an absolute title, without restriction or limitation, to the lot on which the church edifice is located, and that the property is free and clear of all liens or incumbrances.
5. A conditional Bond and Mortgage providing for the return of the amount granted, with lawful interest thereon from the time of receiving it, in case the church shall cease to conform to the doctrines and practices of Baptist Churches in union with the denomination, or their corporate existence shall cease, or they shall fail to keep their house of worship insured, or the mortgaged premises shall be alienated, or the church edifice be abandoned as a house of public worship. Printed forms of the required bond and mortgage are furnished by the Society—they should be drawn in the exact corporate name of the church.
6. A certificate signed by the trustees, declaring that the house of worship has been completed, and that the funds required for this purpose have already been collected and expended, except the amount of the gift (together with any grant which may have been obtained from the Loan Fund), and that the fund received from this Society will satisfy all claims against the property, and leave the church free of all other indebtedness therefor.
7. A policy of insurance on the church edifice, in a company approved by the Society, for the amount secured by the mortgage, with loss if any payable to the Society, and to be renewed from time to time as the same may expire. Additional insurance if desired may be included in same policy.
8. The papers required by these rules must be furnished within twelve months from the date of the grant, or the grant is void.