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Resolutions adopted at the
General Annual Meeting
of the Church of Jesus of Porto-Rico
March 1904

Article I

- Sec. I We believe in Infant Baptism; and we desire that in all our congregations the children of the members and aspirants of our Church, and all such children as may be under their guardianship and represented by them, should be baptized.
- Sec. II The children of those who are not members or aspirants of our Church, shall not be baptized in any of our Churches, without consent of our Presiding Elder.
- Sec. III We will not admit in our Baptism god-parents or Sponsors, this practice being based upon no Scriptural authority, and being in this country the source of many evils and abuses. The parents shall present their children (whenever

possible) and shall be held directly responsible for their religious education.

Sec. IV We recognize as equally valid the three forms of Baptism - Immersion, Ablution, and Aspersions, but we adopt as the general practice of the Church the form of Ablution. If however, for conscientious reasons or any other cause, the person to be baptize should ask for, or choose the form of Immersion, it shall be administered to him.

Article II

Sec. I No member shall be admitted to our Church without first receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Sec. II If a member of any other Evangelical Church should come to us, soliciting admission to our Church, his baptism shall be considered valid, and he shall not be re-baptized.

Sec. III No member of any other Evangelical Church shall be received into the membership of this Church without mutual consent of his own Pastor and the General Committee of this Church.

Article III

We believe in, and wish to have public "rogations" in the form of processions, whenever a public confession of our faith, a special act of thanksgiving to the Almighty, or any other manifestation should be required, subject to the orders of the Presiding Elder and General Committee. The form of these rogations shall be determined by the General Committee.

Article IV

Although, Fasting is of such remote origin, neither Lent, nor any other set Fast, shall be imposed in our Church, as we believe this to be contrary to the Spirit and Word of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Article V

We recognize and accept the obligation of giving to the Author of all good a part of all material goods which are given us by His Providence and Love but we reject the custom of passing a plate in our services. In all our Churches and Chapels there shall be placed one or more small coffers or boxes with an opening in the top, in which the

faithful may deposit their offerings to the Lord; and we authorize our Missionaries, (Young men and Women) to receive when visiting from house to house, the offerings of those of the Brethren, who have been prevented from coming to the public services. And if, for any need or purpose special offerings should be desired, the matter shall be put before the people, and then each one shall give according as he is moved "not grudgingly or of necessity"

Article VI

Sec. I The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated amongst us the last Sunday of every month, and upon whatever other occasion it should be deemed convenient by our Presiding Elder. This Sacrament shall be reserved for the Members of the Church, and shall be celebrated at a special service.

Sec. II We extend our communion and brotherhood to all members of other Churches who believe in the Lord Jesus and wait for His glorious coming

Article VII

- Sec. I We hereby declare, that, as in all our religious life, and especially in this Annual meeting of the Church our aim has been to seek the greatest purity of doctrine and the strictest conformity to the Holy Scriptures, if in spite of our earnest desire to the contrary, any error should be found in the articles above adopted, we shall accept any amendments that our Presiding Elder and General Counsellors may see fit to make as being in accordance with our chief aim without further discussion or voting.
- Sec. II These resolutions shall not be enforced unless they be approved by the General Counsellors and signed by the Presiding Elder.

Passed to the Rev. T. J. Pond, General Counsellor
of the Church of Jesus for the purpose of Art. VII.
this day, March 9th, A.D. 1904.

Eduardo Ferrando
Sec. Gen.

(See next page.)

Caracas, Venezuela. Mar. 16. 1904.

The foregoing seven⁽⁷⁾ Articles all and several are
hereby approved by me to be incorporated in the Disci-
pline of the Church of Jesus Quibodá Quirón
Puerto Rico.

Theo. S. Pond
General Councillor.