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Plan for Local Centers.

1. The establishment wherever feasible of Christian Socialist Fellowship Centers to prosecute the work of Socialist propaganda and educational work among the local religious bodies, to provide for the discussion of social and economic questions, distribute literature, arrange for lectures, extend the circulation of *The Christian Socialist*, and any other work that comes properly within the province of the organization according to the national constitution.

2. That the meetings of the Centers be held at such times as will not conflict with the services of the churches and that the Centers work as much with and in the churches as possible, in every way endeavoring to correct the misunderstanding that the teachings of Jesus and the philosophy of Socialism are in conflict.

3. That the membership of the Center shall consist of all subscribers to the constitution of the Christian Socialist Fellowship and payment of prescribed fee. This shall also constitute membership in the National Fellowship.

4. That the local Center be organized in the usual manner and reported to the District Secretary.

Plan for District Organization.

1. The General Secretary shall, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, or quorum thereof, appoint District Secretaries at convenient centers of population.

2. The District Secretary shall endeavor to ad-

vance the objects of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, as stated in the constitution, by increasing its membership, by circulating literature, obtaining dates for lectures, securing subscriptions to *The Christian Socialist*, and organizing Centers within his territory. He may employ an assistant as the work and income of his district justifies.

3. The District Secretary shall call a conference of all who are interested at some convenient place in his district at least once a year. This conference may be held as often as seems advisable, and must proceed in harmony with the National Constitution.

4. For the purposes above stated the District Secretary may use 50 percent of all annual membership fees collected in his district, 20 percent of all subscriptions for *The Christian Socialist* secured by his office, and all donations obtained by his office expressly for use in his district.

5. Fifty percent of all membership fees collected shall be forwarded to the General Secretary for use of the National Office; and 80 percent of all subscriptions for *The Christian Socialist* shall be forwarded, with the subscribers' names and addresses, to the office of *The Christian Socialist*.

6. The District Secretary shall render quarterly reports to the General Secretary concerning the amount and character of work done in his district, amounts collected from all sources and the itemized expenses of the district office. Any balance remaining in the district treasury shall be held in trust for the National Organization, and in the event of the abandonment of any district organization, said balance must be forwarded to the General Treasurer.

Resolution on the Socialist Party.

Resolved, That as active members of the Socialist Party we thoroughly accept the economic interpretation of social and political causes, and have no desire to qualify it by any revisionist demand; and we are fully convinced that, as a matter of policy, the party ought strictly to avoid every form of religious and anti-religious theory or dogma on the lecture platform and in the party publications; and that such opinion should be regarded as a private matter, everyone having the fullest liberty of belief and expression as an individual. In other words, that the Socialist Party stands for economic and in no sense whatever religious or anti-religious work.

To the Churches of America.

Believing that the one worldwide movement which promises social and industrial salvation is Socialism;

Believing that the ideals of Socialism are the same as those of the church, that the Gospel of the Cooperative Commonwealth is the economic Gospel of the Kingdom;

And believing that this is the great opportunity for the followers of Jesus to help realize his ideals:

We, who are all Christian men and Socialists, offer our services to speak, presenting the Socialist economic doctrine within our churches or other organizations.

We solicit your subscription to *The Christian Socialist* which is the organ of the Fellowship.

We ask you to help us to tell the people in the

churches that in Socialism a method has been found to realize here their longings for justice and brotherhood.

And we invite you to join the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

To the Socialists of America.

Believing that there are many people within the churches who are prejudiced against Socialism only because they do not understand or cannot accept what they regard as the non-religious philosophy of Socialism, but who are ready to accept Socialist economics and to join the political party;

Believing that these people can be won for the party if approached by men who are avowedly Christian and party Socialists;

Believing that the church is today, for the most part, a force serving the cause of Capitalism, and that, by means of the presentation of the truth within it, we can, in the spirit of the Carpenter of Nazareth, spike some of the guns of that battery and train them, as they should be trained, upon the present system of organized selfishness;

And believing that we can help to make the professed followers of Jesus the propagandists of Socialism that they should be;

We, who are all Christian men and women, and all Socialists, offer ourselves to the Socialist Party to be used in presenting the Socialist economic doctrine in any church, in the YMCA, or in any other organization which is closed to a Socialist propaganda that does not come under the name "Christian."

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