

in the system as is consistent with the principles of the Charter under which all work. In certain matters, however, there is direct relationship between the Board and individual missionaries and between the Mission and the individual as well as between the Station and the individual.

In order that the Holy Spirit may have free access to the mind and heart of each responsible body, the Board desires to have as few rules as possible yet all that are necessary to the faithful, orderly and efficient prosecution of the work. In a movement where all members of the Board and all members of the various Missions are truly one in Christ and in The Holy Spirit a high degree of mutual confidence and esteem is engendered. That confidence and esteem must be preserved, for in such atmosphere every problem as between Board and Mission, or as between Mission and individual is minimized and is well on toward a solution before it is even discussed. Nevertheless, even so, where thousands of miles intervene the Board cannot always be cognizant of the full difficulty encountered by a Mission or an individual and a Mission may not always be cognizant of the limitations under which the Board finds itself which at times limit its freedom of action. However, since the Board and its Missions have at heart complete loyalty to the faith, agreement on methods and the purpose to promote the great objectives of the whole movement, the basic confidence and esteem that such unity ensures will give the gracious patience and forbearance that any situation demands.

This Manual has been prepared in an effort to promote the effective operation of these principles and ideals. It describes the normal method by which the Board and its Missions work. It is hoped that it makes room for the supreme guidance and control of The Holy Spirit without which every mission would fail. This Manual may be amended from time to time as experience and need suggest; and the operation of various parts of it can be suspended if occasion requires. It is not a contract between the Board and its missionaries, but it seeks to define the distinct functions of Board and Missions in the direction of operations upon the fields and to indicate how certain responsibilities can best be discharged. It is hoped that it will facilitate the winning of souls to the Lord and promote the glory of God.