

SUMMARY OF ORAL INFORMATION PRESENTED
TO LOCAL BOARD NO 22 DECEMBER 3, 1957
BY RICHARD M. RAWE 45-22-34-183

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Class IV-D, I feel, is my proper classification. I feel the board has declined to give me IV-D because: (1) It has not given sufficient consideration to Section 16 (g) of the Act and 1622.43 (a) and (b) of the Regulations. (2) It has failed to give enough weight to the evidence I have submitted showing I measure up to the requirements of the Act and Regulations in order to receive a IV-D. (3) The Board has set up artificial standards in place of the ones required by the Act and Regulations.

These points were discussed in my letter dated October 17, 1957 which is in the file. I now wish to discuss these points with the board, to impress their importance upon the board.

Concerning the November 5, 1957 summary of the Board I note that the Board recognizes that I have a congregation, but then goes on to set up artificial standards for a Minister under the Act and Regulations. It says: "That the registrant's congregation is an area congregation with no central meeting place, no office, no set time or place for regular meetings and generally no structure could be recognized". First of all let it be noted that no such requirements are made by the Act or Regulations. Second, I have testified that my congregation does have a central place of meeting and regular meetings. My 'Summary' of August 8, 1955 and the September 30, 1957 "To Whom It May Concern:" show this. I want to testify now that I have two offices, one at Grand Coulee and one in Lakeview Park at which I can be reached by phone or letter as well as in person by members of my

congregation or others. For your benefit I wish to outline the structure of my congregation a little more. I give personal instructions to members of my congregation in a regularly conducted home Bible study, by answering Bible questions, giving spiritual guidance, etc. Members of my congregation also attend regularly scheduled meetings at the Kingdom Hall and elsewhere to study the Bible collectively and to here me give sermons. Moreover, as members of my congregation progress I give them personal training in the Public Ministry. Train them to be ministers like myself.

Reference is also made to "Amended Minutes of Local Board Meeting of January 5, 1954". Here the objection was made that I was not a "leader" and that my induction would not "leave a congregation without a cleric". This is untrue, I am the leader of my congregation and my induction would leave it without a cleric. I have testified to this and given evidence in my August 8, 1955 'Summary' and my October 17, 1957 letter and in this document. I want to review these for your benefit on this point.

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I also wish to call to the board's attention to the fact that it may not wish to class me IV-D for other irrelevant reasons such as youth, unorthodox beliefs, teachings, church, etc. These have no place in determining my classification. In support of this may I call your attention to pages 6 and 7 of the Pate decision, which is in my file.

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