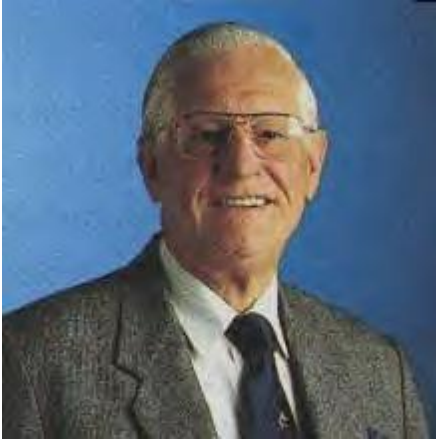

The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses

Past and Present



W. Lloyd Barry

Born: December 20, 1916

Death: July 2, 1999; See Watchtower October 1, 1999 p.16

Life Story: September 15, 1960 p. 552 - "Pursuing My Purpose in Life"



John C. Booth

Born: 1902

Death: January 8, 1996; See Watchtower June 15, 1996 p. 32

Life Story: Watchtower September 15, 1983 p. 21 - "Thankful for a Delightful Life of Service"



Frederick W. Franz

Born: September 12, 1893

Death: December 22, 1992; See Watchtower March 15, 1993 p.32

Life Story: Watchtower May 1, 1987 p. 22 - "Looking Back Over 93 Years of Living"



George D. Gangas

Born: c. 1896

Death: July 28, 1994

Biographical Sketch: Watchtower December 1, 1994 p. 31 - "His Deeds Follow Him"



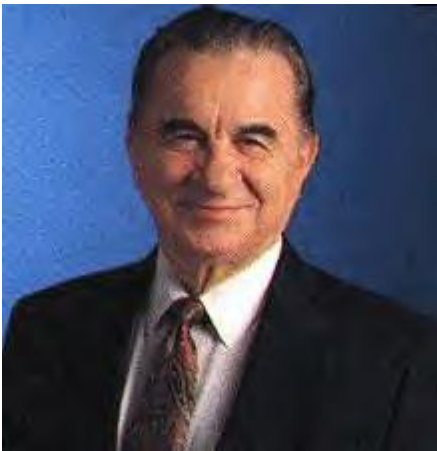
Albert D. Schroeder

Born: April 7, 1911

Death: March 8, 2006

Appointed: December 18, 1974

Life Story: [March 1, 1988 Watchtower p. 10 "My Life in Jehovah's Spirit-Directed Organization"](#)



Daniel Sydlik

Born: February 12, 1919

Death: April 18, 2006

Appointed: November 28, 1974

Life Story: [June 1, 1985 Watchtower p. 22 "How Priceless Your Friendship, O God"](#)



Carey W. Barber

Born: July 4, 1905

Death April 8, 2007

Appointed: September 7, 1977

Life Story: [August 15, 1982 Watchtower pp. 10-14 "Endurance by Faith in Jehovah"](#)

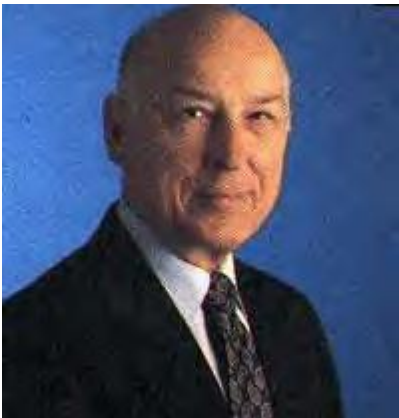
On April 18, 1921, when he was 16 years old, he is baptized in a small assembly of the International Bible Students Association, in Winnipeg, Canada.

In April 1923 starts working at Bethel, together with his twin brother Norman.

In 1948 is appointed traveling overseer.

In 1955 enters the 26th Gilead class, where he found Sydney Lee Brewer, a pioneer from Canada, with whom he marries on February 18, 1956. Appointed to circuit service in the Chicago Area, U.S.A.

After 29 years as circuit and district overseer, he is called to the Brooklyn Bethel, to be a Governing Body member in the autumn of 1977.



Theodore Jaracz

Born: September 28, 1925

Death June 9, 2010

Appointed: November 28, 1974

Although a long time Governing Body Member, Brother Jaracz has never had his life story available in print.

Shortly after Roy Moyle, who was caring for the oversight of the work in Australia, was invited to Gilead in 1951, Brother Jaracz was sent to Australia to serve as branch overseer.

He greatly encouraged the brothers throughout the country by his zeal for theocratic orderliness and a fine lead in the field. He often took the opportunity to serve circuit assemblies reasonably close to the branch office in the role of district overseer. After some five years in the Australian branch, Brother Jaracz returned to the United States, where he and Sister Jaracz now serve at the Society's headquarters as a member of the Governing Body.



John E. Barr

Born: August 13, 1913

Death December 4, 2010

Appointed: September 7, 1977

Life Story: July 1, 1987 Watchtower p. 26 "Staying Close to Jehovah's Organization"

Born in 1913, in Aberdeen (Scotland), in a family of Bible Students. His grandmother Émilie Jewell was baptized in 1908 and the father was baptized in 1912. John Barr has a brother called James and a sister called Louie who are older than himself.

They were the only Bible Students family in North Scotland. Sometimes Van Amburgh and A. H. Macmillan came from the headquarters in Brooklyn to visit them and stayed as hosts in the house of John's family.

Shortly after the end of the World War I, John's mother and sister are the first Bible Students in that area who went from house to house. In 1927, John tells his father that he wants to go with him in the preaching work from house to house. Finishes school in 1932 and is baptized as Jehovah's Witness shortly after that. Becomes member of the Bethel family in April 1939. After that serves 3 years as circuit overseer and returns to Bethel in April 1946. On October 29, 1960 he married Mildred Willett, a long time pioneer who graduated from the 11th Gilead class and who served in Ireland. In September 1977 Bro Barr was called to the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses. From that time on, he lived in the headquarters of the organization, in Brooklyn, New York.

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On October 29, 1960 marries with Mildred Willett, a long time pioneer who had belonged to the 11th Gilead class and who was in Ireland. In September 1977 is called to the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses and from then on lives in the headquarters of the organization, in Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.



Samuel F. Herd

Born: April 14, 1935

Appointed: October 2, 1999

Samuel Herd served as an elder in Arkansas, U.S.A. He started pioneering in 1958, and from 1965 to 1997, he was in the circuit and district work. Thereafter, he and his wife, Gloria, have been part of the United States Bethel family, where Brother Herd has been working in the Service Department. He was also serving as a helper to the Service Committee.



M. Stephen Lett

Born: February 8, 1949

Appointed: October 2, 1999

Stephen Lett started pioneering in December 1966, and from 1967 to 1971, he served at Bethel in the United States. In October 1971, he married his wife, Susan, and went into the special pioneer service. From 1979 to 1998, he served as a circuit overseer. Since April 1998, he and Susan have been part of the United States Bethel family. There he has worked in the Service Department and was a helper to the Teaching Committee.



Gerrit Losch

Born: September 14, 1941

Appointed: July 1, 1994

Brother Losch entered full-time service on November 1, 1961, and graduated from the 41st class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead. He served in the circuit and district work in Austria from 1963 to 1976. He married in 1967, and he and his wife, Merete, later served for 14 years as members of the Austria Bethel family in Vienna. Four years ago they were transferred to the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, where Brother Losch has served in the Executive Offices and as an assistant to the Service Committee. With his varied experience in the European field and his

knowledge of German, English, Romanian, and Italian, he will make a valuable contribution to the work of the Governing Body.



Guy H. Pierce

Born: November 6, 1934

Appointed: October 2, 1999

Guy Pierce raised a family and then with his wife started pioneering in April 1982. He served as a circuit overseer from 1986 until 1997, when he and his wife, Penny, became part of the United States Bethel family. Brother Pierce had been serving as a helper to the Personnel Committee.



David H. Splane

Born: May 18, 1944

Appointed: October 2, 1999

David Splane started pioneering in September 1963. A graduate of the 42nd class of Gilead, he served as a missionary in Senegal, Africa, then for 19 years in the circuit work in Canada. He and his wife, Linda, have been at Bethel in the United States since 1990, where Brother Splane has worked in the Service and Writing departments. Since 1998, he had been a helper to the Writing Committee.



Brother Geoffrey Jackson

Born: 1955

Appointed August 24, 2005

Geoffrey Jackson is from Australia. He started full-time service in 1971 and he and his wife served as missionaries in Tuvalu and Fiji starting in January 1979. In April 2003 he went to Patterson and worked in the Translation Services Department and served as a helper to the Teaching Committee.



Brother Anthony Morris III

Born: 1950

Appointed August 24, 2005

Anthony Morris III was in full-time service from 1972-74, then raised two sons and resumed full-time service in 1979. He served in the circuit work and went to Patterson in 2002 and worked in the Service Dept. and served as a helper to the Service Committee of the Governing Body.