OFFICERS OF THE 42ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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MINUTES OF THE
FORTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MEETING AT
BEAVER FALLS, PENNSYLVANIA

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 29

The Forty-second General Assembly was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the Rev. Laurence N. Vail, Moderator of the Forty-first General Assembly. Mr. Vail constituted the meeting with a worship service and delivered a sermon on the subject, "The Cup of Blessing," based on I Corinthians 10:1-21.

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by Mr. Vail, assisted by the Rev. Barry R. Hofford, and by elders Thomas L. Eesley (Bangor), Edward A. Haug (Westfield), Raymond K. Mason (Dayton), Herbert R. Muether (Franklin Square), Clarence Roskamp (Cedar Falls), and Howard L. Veldhorst (Oostburg).

The Assembly recessed, following the pronouncement of the benediction, at 9:29 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 30

Following a devotional service led by the Rev. Allen H. Harris, Jr., the Assembly reconvened at 8:12 a.m. The Moderator led in prayer.

The Roll of Commissioners follows. (Commissioners represent presbyteries. Locations of ruling elders are for reference only.)

Presbytery of the Dakotas


Ruling Elders: Robert L. Ayres (Caney), Blain C. Fenenga (Winner), Arthur F. Johnson (Denver), Cyril T. Nightengale (Denver), Virgil T. Seaberry, Jr. (Abilene), Frank M. Thomas (Tulsa)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic


Minister (alternate): H. Morton Whitman

Ruling Elders: Maurice E. Fox (Silver Spring), Raymond K. Mason (Dayton, Va.)
Presbytery of the Midwest
Ministers: John J. Barnett, Ivan J. DeMaster, Leslie A. Dunn, George W. Hall, Jr., John R. Hilbelink, George W. Knight, III
Ruling Elders: Kenneth L. Bosgraf (Hanover Park), Paul Heidebrecht (Wheaton), Raymond Hilbelink (Cedar Grove), Clarence Roskamp (Cedar Falls), Howard L. Veldhorst (Oostburg)

Presbytery of New Jersey
Ruling Elders: Ralph H. Ellis (Vineland), Sanford C. Garrison (Pittsgrove), Edward A. Haug (Westfield), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Fair Lawn), Rodney T. Jones (Trenton), Samuel G. Parker (West Collingswood), Paul S. Patterson (Vineland), Herbert D. Plummer (West Collingswood)

Presbytery of New York and New England
Ruling Elders: John E. Dowling (Franklin Square), Thomas L. Eesley (Bangor), F. Kingsley Elder, Jr. (Covenant, Rochester), Marinus W. Heuseveldt (Memorial, Rochester), Stephen A. MacDonald (Portland, Me.), Herbert R. Muether (Franklin Square)
Ruling Elder (alternate): Frank Emley (Hamden)

Presbytery of Northern California
Ministers: Carl E. Erickson, Robert H. Graham, Richard M. Lewis, Roger Wagner, William E. Warren
Ruling Elders: Arnold E. Larson (Sunnyvale), David L. Neilands (Berkeley), Nicholas Roorda (Manteca)

Presbytery of the Northwest
Ministers: Arthur G. Ames, Harold L. Baurer, John Davies
Ruling Elder: Walter O. Clark (Eugene)

Presbytery of Ohio
Ministers: Leonard J. Coppes, Lawrence R. Eyres, John M. Frame, Arnold S. Kress, David W. King
Ruling Elders: Arthur Armour (Harrisville), Earl Cornuet (Alliance), John C. Smith (Pittsburgh)

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Ruling Elders: Luke E. Brown, Jr. (Blue Bell), Thomas M. Corey (Church of the City, Philadelphia), William A. Haldeman (Wilmington), John O. Kinnaird (Oxford), Ronald Lutz (Jenkintown), Tony Van Brakel (Blue Bell), Harry Vogt (Lewisburg)
Presbytery of the South
Ministers: Thomas S. Champness, Jr., A. Boyce Spooner, John H. Thompson, Jr.,
Cornelius Tolsma, Robert L. Vining, James K. Workman
Ruling Elders: Theodore J. Pappas (Miami), Malcolm L. Woodruff (Cocoa)

Presbytery of Southern California
Ministers: Bruce A. Coie, Larry D. Conard, Edwards E. Elliott, Kent T. Hinkson,
Edward L. Kellogg, Calvin R. Malcor, Robert W. Newsom, Dwight H. Pound-
stone, Salvador M. Solis, Michael D. Stingley
Ruling Elders: James A. Bates (Chula Vista), Norman E. Byer (Manhattan
Beach), Philip R. Conard, Sr. (Santee), Jack R. Harvey (Manhattan Beach),
Archibald M. Laurie (Garden Grove), William R. Letson (Garden Grove)

Ex Officio
Minister: Laurence N. Vail (Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic)
Ruling Elder: Richard A. Barker (Westfield, Presbytery of New Jersey)

Corresponding Members
Ministers: Lester R. Bachman (Philadelphia), Committee on Diaconal Ministries;
Herbert S. Bird (Philadelphia), Committee on Christian Education, Committee
on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards, and Committee on the
Baptism of the Holy Spirit; Allen D. Curry (New Jersey), Committee on
Christian Education; John P. Galbraith (Philadelphia), Committee on Foreign
Missions, Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, Committee on
Revisions to the Form of Government, and Committee on RES Matters; George
E. Haney, Jr. (Midwest), Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension;
Robley J. Johnston (Philadelphia), Committee on Christian Education; John J.
Mitchell (Philadelphia), Trustees of the General Assembly, Committee on
Stewardship, and Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; Donald M.
Poundstone (Ohio), Committee on Arrangements
Ruling Elder: William E. Viss (Sewickley, Presbytery of Ohio), Committee on
Arrangements

RECAPITULATION

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Total voting commissioners present: 138
On motion the request of Dr. Knight to be excused from the Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday morning sessions was granted.

On motion the request of Mr. Veldhorst to be excused following the Wednesday afternoon session was granted.

On motion it was decided that for the purpose of determining full travel fund compensation, attendance through the evening session of Wednesday, June 4, would fulfill the requirement of attendance at every session of the Assembly.

On motion the request of Mr. Cornuet to be excused from the Saturday afternoon session was granted.

Mr. D. M. Poundstone presented a report of the Committee on Arrangements.

Mr. Barker presented the report of the Stated Clerk as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Minutes of the Forty-first General Assembly are presented herewith. The Minutes were given to the printer on August 5, 1974, but due to scheduling problems of the Clerk and others, were not distributed until January, 1975. They are two pages longer than the previous longest Minutes (1973). Several minor errors have come to the Clerk's attention.

The late date for distributing the Minutes reverses a previous trend, and is as much a source of distress to the Clerk as it is to other presbyters.

Problems on the part of the printer prevented the Agenda for the 42nd General Assembly from being distributed on the target date set by the Clerk (April 21, 1975). They were mailed instead on May 2, 1975, three days past the date set by the Standing Rules.

The inclusion of the statistical report in the Agenda (rather than the Supplementary Agenda) is attributable to the later starting date for the Assembly. The later starting date also made possible the printing of most overtures and communications in either the Agenda or Supplementary Agenda. As of May 26, 1975, only one overture and three communications had not been received in time to be included in one or the other of the Agenda.

The Clerk has been unable to complete all of the assignments made by the 41st General Assembly. In particular, the distribution of the report of the Committee on Problems of Race and the attendant actions of the Assembly to the member churches of the RES awaits the printing of that report in pamphlet form.

The Clerk has received one complaint and information concerning others that might be brought before the Assembly. The one complaint received was filed by the Rev. Bruce M. Brawdy on March 20, 1975. The Clerk has since learned that Mr. Brawdy renounced the jurisdiction of the OPC in a letter to his presbytery dated February 28, 1975, and that his name was removed from the roll of the presbytery on May 2 or 3, 1975. It seems to the Clerk that Mr. Brawdy's renunciation of the jurisdiction of the church precludes the Assembly's handling his complaint. The Clerk accordingly makes recommendation (1) below.

The Clerk has received a request from the President of the Lord's Day Alliance to
address the Assembly for five minutes. The Clerk advised him that the Assembly has not been in the habit of granting such requests, but that he would present the request to the Assembly. See recommendation (2) below.

The Clerk recommends two refinements to the Standing Rules. The first would serve to involve presbyteries in the process of endorsing candidates for service in the military chaplaincy. The second would remove a restriction on the constitution of the Committee on Standing Committee Records, which is the only temporary committee which has such a restriction. If the restriction is necessary at all, it ought better to be included in the Guidelines for Advisory Committees proposed by the Committee on Advisory Committees. See recommendations (3) and (4) below.

The Clerk has prepared tentative advisory committee assignments for this Assembly and has shared them with the Moderator.

The attached report on the condition of the General Assembly Fund, when compared to last year's report, shows a gratifying improvement. When adjustments are made to make the reports for the two years as comparable as possible, the fund is about $6,000 better off than a year ago. Of this improvement, $2,400 is due to the non-recurring item from Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge, and the remainder is due to increased receipts from the churches.

It is not easy to appeal for gifts to this fund, and we should all give thanks to God for the fine response from the churches.

Lest anyone be tempted to relax, however, Reformed Ecumenical Synod 1976 is just ahead. Travel expenses for RES 1976 in the Clerk's judgment argue strongly against the creation of any significant new demands on the General Assembly Fund this year or next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Assembly not consider the complaint of the Rev. Bruce M. Brawdy, on the ground that he is not under the jurisdiction of the church.

(2) That the Assembly vote on the question of granting five minutes to the President of the Lord's Day Alliance.

(3) That the Assembly propose to the 43rd General Assembly that the following sentence be added to Standing Rule Chapter IV, Section 3.q.: "Candidates for the chaplaincy shall be endorsed only with the concurrence of their presbyteries."

(4) That the Assembly propose to the 43rd General Assembly that Standing Rule Chapter X, Section 4, first sentence, be amended by deleting the words "at least two of whom shall be ruling elders and at least three ministers."

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
### GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**MAY 1, 1974 TO APRIL 30, 1975**

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Clerk on May 27, 1975, received two “complaints” from Ruling Elder William A. DeJonge against actions or inactions of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. One of them concerns the matter that has been labeled Paper 1. The other concerns the question of Scripture versions.
The Clerk was made aware some months ago that these matters were pending in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, but the course of events has been such that they do not appear to the Clerk to have been clearly resolved. In any event the timing has precluded handling the “complaints” fully in accordance with the Book of Discipline.

Mr. DeJonge believes that the timing of the actions or inactions by the presbytery has prevented him from presenting the matters (which affect decisions to be made by this Assembly) to the Assembly fully in accordance with the Book of Discipline.

Because of the irregularity of these “complaints,” and the complainant’s argument that the handling of the matters by the presbytery prevented him from pursuing them fully in accordance with the Book of Discipline, the Clerk makes recommendation (5) below.

RECOMMENDATION

(5) That the two “complaints” from Mr. DeJonge be referred to a temporary committee for the purpose of deciding whether they are to be granted standing before the Assembly, and that if, after hearing this committee, the Assembly grants them standing, they be referred (as to their substance) to the appropriate advisory committee.

On motion recommendation 1 was adopted.

Pursuant to recommendation 2, a motion to grant 5 minutes to the Lord’s Day Alliance was lost.

On motion recommendations 3 and 4 were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Communications.

On motion recommendation 5 was adopted.

Mr. Haug presented the report of the Statistician. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

As in prior years, the following highlights are presented to assist in summarizing the Statistical Report for the year ending December 31, 1974.

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership at the end of 1974 was 15,318, consisting of 220 ministers, 10,186 communicant members and 4,912 baptized children, representing a net gain of 305 or 2.0% during the year. Communicant members exceeded 10,000 for the first time in the life of the church.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

The number of churches increased to 130 at the end of 1974; chapels numbered 19. Several churches in process of dissolution are carried on the record pending settlement of financial matters. Presbyteries in which this practice is followed should dissolve the churches when all matters are completed.
Total contributions for 1974 were $3,331,471, an increase of about $308,900 or 10.2%. Of the total, General and Special contributions increased 11.2% while Benevolence contributions increased 6.9%. The reverse was true in last year's report when General and Special contributions increased 5.1% compared with 9.3% for Benevolence contributions. The unusual pattern of generally alternating years for relative increases to favor each of the two indicated components of the total still prevails. Apparently, appeals to strengthen the weaker of the components are met in the following year by increased giving.

Local giving for church needs kept pace with the Consumer Price Index during 1974—the 11.2% increase was about even with the C.P.I. increase of 11.0%. However, the 6.9% increase for Benevolence giving fell far short of the impact of inflation.

There were continued increases in contributions per communicant member as the following figures indicate.

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Sunday School

In the latest reading concerning the Sunday School, the November 1974 figures suggest some improvement.

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Home Missions and Church Extension by Sessions and Presbyteries

In connection with the assignment given to the Statistician by the 41st General Assembly concerning the collection of certain data for home missions and church extension by sessions and presbyteries, it was determined in consultation with the Administrative Assistant of the Committee on Stewardship that it would be more useful to the commissioners if that information were included with the report of that committee and accordingly this has been done.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Haug, Statistician
On motion the clerk of each presbytery was requested to make the following procedures a regular part of his operation: 1) that he submit his annual report to the Statistician within the time requested by the Statistician, and 2) that he take steps to see that statistical reports are submitted to the Statistician by churches within his presbytery when he is informed by the Statistician that they are overdue.

Mr. Eckardt, President of the *Trustees of the General Assembly*, presented their report.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Trustees of the General Assembly met once since the Forty-first General Assembly. The following officers were elected to serve until the first meeting of the Trustees following the Forty-second General Assembly: President: Robert W. Eckardt; Vice-President: Willard E. Neel; Secretary: John J. Mitchell; Treasurer: Bert L. Roeber.

In response to the referral of Overture 8 from the Presbytery of Northern California by the Fortieth General Assembly to the Trustees "for study," the Trustees requested Murray F. Thompson, Esq., "to give written opinion concerning the possibility of our legal recovery of the name, The Presbyterian Church of America." In reply, Mr. Thompson indicated informally that such recovery might be successfully sought. Such an action would require employment of legal counsel. The Trustees request the Forty-second General Assembly to give instruction to the Trustees if the matter of the use of the name, The Presbyterian Church of America, is to be pursued.

The Trustees respectfully nominate Mr. Richard A. Barker to be the Stated Clerk of the Forty-second General Assembly and further recommend that his remuneration be $3,200, with the provision that Mr. Barker obtain competent secretarial assistance; the Trustees further recommend that the Stated Clerk's duties be those listed in the Standing Rules, Chapter IV, Section 3, except items h, i, j, and k.

The Secretary of the Trustees of the General Assembly continues to correspond annually with the Internal Revenue Service in regard to the group ruling granted to the Trustees of the General Assembly and the subordinate units of the General Assembly.

The Trustees respectfully recommend that Rule 1 of the "Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records" be amended by deleting the period and adding the following: "except when minutes are being presented to the General Assembly for review."

**ELECTIONS**

The terms of the following trustees expire at this Assembly: Minister, John J. Mitchell; Ruling Elder, Willard E. Neel.

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

The Trustees estimate their costs for the next year will be $50.00 for miscellaneous expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Eckardt, President
It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation regarding an amendment to the “Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records.”

On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Communications.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Stated Clerk. Mr. Barker was nominated. There being no further nominations, Mr. Barker was declared elected.

On separate motions the recommendations in the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly concerning the Stated Clerk were adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Trustees of the General Assembly, class of 1978. The following were nominated: Minister — Mitchell; Ruling Elder — Willard E. Neel (West Collingswood). There being no further nominations, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Ruling Elder Neel were declared elected.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Statistician. Messrs. Haug and Jones were nominated. Mr. Jones was elected.

The Clerk announced that in accordance with Standing Rule Chapter IV, Section 2.a., he had asked Mr. Phillips to serve as Assistant Clerk.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Cottenden, Davis, Elliott, Gaffin and Tyson were nominated.

Mr. Hoogerhyde presented a preliminary report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel noting a balance of $22,519.72 available for the 1975 Assembly.

On amended motion it was determined that the offering received at the opening worship service of the Assembly go to the General Assembly Fund.

On motion the Trustees of the General Assembly were instructed to prepare for the 43rd General Assembly a statement about the purpose of said offering.

The Assembly recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Mr. Cottenden was elected Moderator. Mr. K. L. Bosgraf escorted Mr. Cottenden to the chair. Mr. Vail welcomed Mr. Cottenden to the chair.

Mr. Edwin C. Clarke, Ph.D., President of Geneva College, addressed the Assembly.

On motion Overtures 1 through 3 and Communications 1 through 3 were ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and Overtures 4 through 7 and Communications 4 through 17 were ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud. The Clerk presented Overtures and Communications as follows:
OVERTURES

Overture 1

From the Presbytery of the Dakotas

The 42nd General Assembly

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

October 8, 1974

Dear Mr. Barker:

The following overture was adopted at the stated fall meeting of the Presbytery of the Dakotas at Winner, South Dakota, on September 28, 1974:

"The presbytery respectfully overtures the 42nd General Assembly that the stated clerk of the general assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be instructed to include in the roll of ministers of the church a designation as to those who are designated by the various presbyteries as pastors, evangelists, and teachers. Grounds: a) Chapter XV, Section 15, of the Form of Government recognizes that ordained ministers are in those three categories. b) Chapter XVIII, Section 3, of the Form of Government requires the presbyteries to keep such records."

Cordially yours,

Jack J. Peterson, Stated Clerk

Overture 2

From the Presbytery of New York and New England

The 42nd General Assembly

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

February 10, 1975

Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of New York and New England respectfully overtures the Forty-second General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to instruct its standing Committee on Christian Education to desist from using the paraphrase known as The Living Bible in its publications.

While there is a rising tide of criticism from Biblical scholars against this paraphrase, embracing many areas of objection, it is sufficient to quote only from the Committee on Christian Education itself: "A special word of warning may be in order here concerning The Living Bible. Because it is an acknowledged paraphrase, it is more easily read than most Bible Translations, and if its use is not tempered by constant comparison with other versions, it could become 'habit-forming.' Exclusive use of The Living Bible by older young people and adults could, of course, open the door to some erroneous doctrinal views based on this version's Arminian bias. . . . Inasmuch as children vary significantly in intellectual and spiritual maturity, the teacher should be constantly alert to the need to provide individual guidance on this subject. In terms of the policy outlined above, the teacher is advised to use his own discretion as to when and what degree to confront Junior students with the complex problem of evaluating Bible versions." (The Junior Teacher's Guide, June, July, August 1974, page 9, sections 3b and 6.)
Thus the Committee admits that the paraphrase has an Arminian bias, that it must be constantly compared with sound translations, that its use could supplant the use of sound versions, that its use can inculcate erroneous doctrinal views, and that Sunday School scholars at the Junior level (the age-level at which the Committee makes its fullest use of quotations from this paraphrase) have particular need of alert guidance from the teacher in evaluating the errors of the paraphrase.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Moreau, Stated Clerk

Overture 3
From the Presbytery of Ohio
February 24, 1975

The 42nd General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Fathers and Brethren:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, the only Head and King of The Church.

At the Fall meeting of Presbytery held October 11-12, 1974, action was taken respectfully to overture the 42nd General Assembly as follows:

"To urge the General Assembly to instruct the Committee on Christian Education to cease from all future use of quotations from The Living Bible, for the following reasons:

1. The Living Bible is not a translation of Scripture, but a paraphrase.

2. As a paraphrase it contains many inaccuracies and passages prejudicial to the Reformed Faith.

3. Its repeated use and official recognition tends to promote the extended use of The Living Bible among the users of the Great Commissions Sunday School curriculum."

May the Lord's blessings attend our coming Assembly.

Cordially in Christ,
John C. Smith, Stated Clerk

Overture 4
From the Presbytery of Philadelphia
March 29, 1975

The 42nd General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

At its meeting of January 20, 1975 our Presbytery adopted the following overture to the 42nd General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the 42nd General Assembly not to send down for adoption the Proposed Plan of Union for the Orthodox Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian, Evangelical Synod Churches revised as of June 7, 1974 until it has taken the following actions:

1) removed from the Plan of Union, Part I, Preamble, third paragraph, the word
"confess" and the implication that the Presbyterian Church of America in 1937 followed a sinful course in its firm adherence to the teachings of its doctrinal standards;

2) rejected the name, Reformed Presbyterian Church, since this puts the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the line of succession of a covenanting tradition which it does not accept and which misrepresents its original and continuing purpose to maintain and extend the spiritual succession of the old Princeton Theology of Archibald Alexander, Charles Hodge, B. B. Warfield and J. Gresham Machen, none of whom were covenanters or defenders of Reformed Presbyterian principles;

3) removed from the Plan of Union any implication of approval of the use of the Lamb Fund by the united church since that Fund was specifically limited by its founder to the support of the principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,
Herman Leverne Rosenberger, Stated Clerk

Overture 5

From the Presbytery of Philadelphia

The 42nd General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia at its meeting of March 22, 1975 adopted the following overture to the 42nd General Assembly:

Whereas the verbal revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter I, as tentatively adopted by the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards, and as reported to the Forty-first General Assembly, gives evidence that it is difficult to fulfill the mandate of modernizing the language without changing the meaning,

Therefore, the Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the Forty-second General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to discontinue our denomination's participation in this project, and to urge the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, in the interests of Presbyterian confessional unity, not to continue the present work of revision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Herman Leverne Rosenberger, Stated Clerk

Overture 6

From the Presbytery of the Midwest

The Forty-second General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of the Midwest at its meeting in Green Bay on March 3 and 4, 1975, determined to overture the General Assembly as follows: "The Presbytery of the Midwest respectfully overtures the Forty-second General Assembly to reconsider its
method of apportioning delegates to its General Assemblies. We would ask that the
apportionment be basically determined by the communicant membership of each presby-
tery."

In support of the overture, it is to be noted that the Presbytery of the Midwest was
apportioned only 13 delegates (ministers and elders) even though our presbytery has
the second largest communicant membership within our denomination. In 1973 our
presbytery had 1,306 communicant members. We will be able to send 13 delegates in
the Forty-second General Assembly. In contrast, the Presbytery of the Dakotas can send
18 delegates even though it has only 810 communicant members. Many other examples
of this inequity were noted from the statistical report to the General Assembly.

Sincerely,
John J. Barnett, Stated Clerk

Overture 7
From the Presbytery of Ohio
The Forty-second General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of Ohio on April 19, 1975 determined to overture the General
Assembly as follows: "That Presbytery overture the 42nd General Assembly to erect
a committee to determine if teachings of the 'AACS-ICS' are Scriptural, or not."

May the blessing and presence of the Holy Spirit attend such consideration.

Cordially in Christ,
John C. Smith, Stated Clerk

Overture 8
From the Presbytery of the Northwest
The 42nd General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

At its regular stated April meeting in Portland on April 26, 1975, the Presbytery
of the Northwest adopted the following overture to be sent to the 42nd General
Assembly: "The Presbytery of the Northwest, Orthodox Presbyterian Church respectfully
overtures the 42nd General Assembly not to send down for adoption the Proposed Plan
of Union in its revised form of 6/7/74 unless the Westminster Larger Catechism
questions and answers 86–89 (in the text as it was possessed by the First General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in 1789) are restored to the Proposed
Plan of Union document."

Cordially in Christ,
H. L. Baurer, Stated Clerk
Communication 1

From the Reformed Ecumenical Synod

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

August 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Barker:

The Committee on Missions recently made plans for the RES Missions Conference, Cape Town 1976, under the general theme “Training for Missions.” Among the speakers asked to present papers at the conference is the Rev. Harvie Conn, a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Conn’s paper will be entitled “Training the Membership for Witness (Elders and Laity).”

The Interim Committee of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod has also made plans for a conference on the Holy Spirit, to be held during the first week of the Synod. As one of the speakers for the Conference on the Holy Spirit the Interim Committee has asked Professor R. B. Gaffin, Jr., also a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, to speak on “The Holy Spirit and Charismatic Gifts.”

Both Mr. Conn and Mr. Gaffin have indicated that they are willing to accept the assignment.

While the Interim Committee has made these appointments, and has authorized the Committee on Missions to make the appointments, we do not have available any funds for the transportation costs of the speakers. I am therefore, on behalf of the Interim Committee, requesting the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to make it possible for Mr. Conn and Mr. Gaffin to attend the meetings in Cape Town. Only if the church to which the speakers belong provide the transportation will we be able to hold the conferences which have been planned. I trust that this request will meet with favor by your church.

Awaiting your reply I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Paul G. Schrotenboer, General Secretary

Communication 2

From the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

November 14, 1974

Esteemed Brethren,

We received your letter dated November 2, 1973, in which you informed us of the fact that you had terminated your sister-relationship with the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland, on the grounds that serious deviations in doctrine are tolerated within the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland and that for that reason under these circumstances it is no longer possible to exercise discipline as completely as this relationship requires.
We regret very much that you felt you had to take this important step and that you informed us of this in such a brief and businesslike letter.

We were somewhat surprised that you did not react to our letter dated November 10, 1972, in which we defended our joining the World Council of Churches, the admission of women to the offices of the church and the way in which we dealt with the accusation against Dr. H. M. Kuitert. We would have liked to continue the discussion about these matters with you, the more so as we will meet you from time to time via our relations with other churches of Reformed persuasion in America as well as within the framework of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

Undoubtedly you will have heard from Dr. Gaffin, your delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, June 1974, about the informal conversation between our delegates to Grand Rapids and your delegate. We had hoped very fervently for such a contact—even if it was unofficial—and with this in mind we had postponed the answering of your letter.

We like to underscore what was said by our delegates on the occasion, viz. that we from our side would like to keep contact with you. You misunderstand us when you think that we are not interested in a relationship with you, even if you and we do not see eye to eye on all points.

Much depends on what view a church takes of the sister-relationship and its content. We understand that you base yourself on the idea that this relationship implies close fellowship, a unity that would be realized in actual fact if geographical barriers did not prevent this, and that you have reached the conclusion that too many differences exist between your church and ours for the ties to be maintained on that level.

However, you will no doubt have heard of the decisions taken by the Christian Reformed Church in June, with respect to her inter-church relations, viz. the adoption of only one type of relationship: "churches in ecclesiastical fellowship."

We inform you that we are in the process of reflecting on the nature of our inter-church relations, but that our thoughts tend to go quite strongly in the direction the decisions of the Christian Reformed Church indicate.

That is the reason why we submit the question whether you would possibly be prepared to reconsider your decision communicated to us in your letter of November 2, 1973, and not to sever the relationship with our church, but to modify it in the spirit of the decision of the Christian Reformed Church, provided the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands will also modify its form of inter-church relationships. Your positive response in this regard would be of great significance to us, in this stage of reflection.

We are concerned to maintain a certain flexibility in the relations while preserving our mutual integrity. In spite of certain existing differences we can still hold on to each other and continue to have fellowship together, within certain boundaries. We would appreciate this because we like to listen to churches which criticize us in a straightforward manner, and wish to include the possibility of mutual correction. We also remind you of what was said at the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church that they take a position between you and us. This also encourages us to make this attempt to maintain contact with you.

We have to say that we feel hurt by your decision—even if it did not come quite
as a surprise. Therefore we hope that you will be willing to consider with us a possible new relationship between our two churches, aimed at strengthening mutual understanding and which will, both in the love of Christ and for the truth of the Gospel, result in a genuine ecclesiastical fellowship.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide you in all your labors, and especially in reflecting on this answer.

We continue in greeting you as brethren in Christ.

Sincerely yours,

*  *  *, Chairman
K. J. Schaafsma, Actuarius

Communication 3
From the Free Church of Scotland
February 3, 1975

Rev. Le Roy B. Oliver
Committee on Ecumenicity and Inter-Church Relations

Dear Mr. Oliver,

The Committee on Assembly Arrangements and Ecumenical Relations of the Free Church of Scotland instructed me to convey Christian greetings to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the United States.

We pray that in these days when there is so much to disturb and dishearten your church will be encouraged by clear evidence of divine guidance and blessing in your efforts to bring the teaching of the Word of God helpfully to bear on the manifold needs of those among whom you witness.

This year, without prejudice to existing relations with corresponding Churches and Societies, we are inviting fewer delegates than formerly to address our Assembly. The main reason for this is a re-arrangement of the business of the Assembly and the need for more time to deal with matters of particular domestic importance.

We shall however be glad to have from you a letter of greeting which may be submitted to our Assembly on 21st May, 1975.

With Christian regards.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. Cameron
Principal Clerk of Assembly

Communication 4
From the Reformed Churches of New Zealand
March 23, 1975

The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Esteemed Brethren,

Thank you for your kind invitation to us as sister-church to attend your meetings of the 42nd General Assembly in the first week of June this year.
It is impossible for us to send a fraternal delegate to you because of the large expense involved in travelling from New Zealand.

We do wish you the Lord's blessings on all your deliberations when you deal with matters on hand. May the Lord grant you much wisdom as you seek to do His will.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised). Hebrews 10:23.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Dick G. Vanderpyl, Stated Clerk

Communication 5

From the Committee on Diaconal Ministries

The General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

I have a confession to make, together with an apology, to the 42nd General Assembly.

In the Report of Delegates to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, Sydney, Australia, 1972 (see Minutes, pages 161-171), it was recommended that the decisions of Synod "concerning world relief be referred to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for report and recommendation to the next General Assembly." This recommendation was adopted, with the addition of the following: "and send to the RES Secretary the report adopted by this Assembly on the principles and theological grounds upon which the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is to operate."

In its meeting on March 15, 1974 the Committee considered a letter prepared by Rev. Rollin Keller as a committee of one to be the Committee's response to this recommendation of the 40th General Assembly. After minor revisions the letter was approved, and the Secretary was instructed to send the revised letter to the Stated Clerk of the 41st General Assembly for consideration by that Assembly before being sent to the RES Secretary, with the report on the principles and theological grounds upon which the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is to operate.

I must apologize to the General Assembly for failing to forward this letter as instructed. I am enclosing the letter herewith as our Committee's response to the recommendation stated in paragraph 2 above. When and if it is approved by the 42nd General Assembly I will then forward it to the RES Secretary in accordance with the full instructions of the 40th General Assembly.

I regret this oversight on my part, and trust that the consequent delay in considering our response to the Assembly's instructions will not seriously affect our relations with the RES.

Most cordially,

Lester R. Bachman, Sec.-Treas.
Attachment to Communication 5

March 15, 1974

The Reformed Ecumenical Synod
Paul G. Schrotenboer, General Secretary,
1677 Gentian Drive, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan, U. S. A., 49508

Dear Sir:

The 40th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church directed the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, in response to the first Recommendation of the Delegates to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, Sydney, Australia, 1972, to prepare a report and recommendations on the matter of World Relief, specifically: "that the diaconal committees of RES churches that do not yet participate in world relief be urged 'to consider the possibility of extending their service to needy areas beyond their own communities or countries.'"

It has been our experience that often there are heart-rending situations of desperate need brought to the attention of our constituency by the media. Some response of Christian compassion has been immediate and unsolicited. Such contributions at our diaconal ministry's treasury ought to be disbursed as soon as possible because of the very nature of relief work. Yet, because we had no contact in the specified part of the world, we either had to delay sending funds, or return them to the donor.

We see the value of this proposal as providing a switchboard for international communication.

We do not want this affirmative reply to be construed as an automatic endorsement of every need publicized by every participating church of the RES. But we appreciate receiving your information, so that we can study and consider where help in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ can be given most effectively.

Yours for Jesus' sake,
Lester R. Bachman, Sec.-Treas.

Communication 6

From the Free Church of Scotland

April 4, 1975

LeRoy B. Oliver, Esq., Chairman
Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I refer to your letter of 4th March inviting the Free Church of Scotland to appoint a fraternal delegate to the Forty-second General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church due to meet May 29—June 6, 1975 at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., convening at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 1975. It has now been arranged that the Rev. Murdo A. MacLeod, M.A. will represent the Free Church of Scotland on that occasion. Mr. MacLeod is at present in Toronto and his address is c/o Mackay, Apartment 608, 59 Isabella Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y 1M9. I have informed Mr. MacLeod that he should contact Rev. Donald Poundstone, 128 Broad Street, Leetsdale, Pa. 15056, with reference to accommodation and transportation.

With Christian greetings,
Yours sincerely,
W. J. Cameron, Principal Clerk of Assembly
Communication 7

From the Presbytery of Ohio  

The 42nd General Assembly  
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk  

Brethren:  

At an adjourned meeting of Presbytery held November 22, 1974 the following action was taken: "On motion passed Presbytery determined to express its disquietude to the 42nd General Assembly with regard to failure to have minutes of the 41st General Assembly at this late date."

Cordially in Christ,  
John C. Smith, Stated Clerk  

Communication 8

From the Presbytery of the Dakotas  

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk  
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church  

Dear Mr. Barker:  

At the stated spring meeting of the Presbytery of the Dakotas held March 25-27, 1975 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the following was adopted: "On amended motion presbytery determined to concur with the first paragraph of the Overture of the Presbytery of New York and New England regarding the Living Bible."

It is also recorded, "Messrs. Peterson and J. Male requested that their negative votes be recorded."

Cordially yours,  
Jack J. Peterson, Stated Clerk  

Communication 9

From the Reformed Church in Japan  

The Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver, Chairman  
Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations  

Dear Brethren:  

Your kind invitation to the Forty-second General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has been received with a great joy and honor in the Lord Jesus Christ who is our sole Saviour throughout the ages. The Reformed Church in Japan sends greetings to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. We pray the Lord may bless the forthcoming General Assembly and may lead the deliberations.

As in the case of the history of the Christian Church, in the past, there are still various attacks upon the Word of God from outside the Church and even within Herself. Our attentions and interests are always in the directions which you defend and promote the Reformed faith in such difficult ages.
Our prayer is the Lord may, enlightening us by the truth of the Word of God, use us to win many lost souls to Him, and let us build up His Church by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We thank you and your missionaries very much, for we can stand together at the same fighting front to win people to the Saviour.

May the Lord bless your Assembly.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Hideaki Suzuki, Secretary Liaison Committee

Communication 10
From the Presbytery of the Midwest

April 15, 1975

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

The overture from the Presbytery of New York and New England to the Forty-second General Assembly, stating their disapproval of the use of the Living Bible in Great Commission Publications, came before the stated spring meeting of the Presbytery of the Midwest for its concurrence. The motion to concur was defeated.

Sincerely,
John J. Barnett, Stated Clerk

Communication 11
From the Presbytery of the Midwest

April 15, 1975

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

In response to your communication of September 22, 1974 regarding actions of the Forty-first General Assembly affecting presbyteries, the Presbytery of the Midwest has taken the following actions:

1) In response to the Assembly’s encouragement for presbyteries to consider means of extending the Reformed witness within the major urban area of our nation, the presbytery has begun a new inner-city ministry in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The work is known as the Grandville Avenue Gospel Fellowship and is directed by Mr. Henry Buikema, a lay missionary. Its ministry is largely to minority groups which include Mexican, Korean, Blacks, and low income whites.

2) In response to the Assembly’s request for presbyteries to inquire in the question whether the revision of Chapter I of the Confession of Faith, contained in the report of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions of the Westminster Standards, has been accomplished “without change of meaning,” the presbytery adopted the following motion:

“On motion it was determined that the presbytery indicate to the General Assembly that it favors proceeding with the linguistic revisions to the West-
minster Standards and that it does not find that the revision of Chapter I as a whole has changed the meaning of that chapter with the possible exception of one or two items."

3) In response to the Assembly's request for presbyteries to arrange joint meetings with ministers and elders of the united presbyteries for the purpose of dealing with doctrinal impediments to union and for holding discussion in the six areas mentioned, the presbytery held such a joint meeting with the Midwestern Presbytery of the RPCES on Jan. 13, 1975. Papers were presented by men of both denominations on the six areas suggested. The presbytery reported its findings to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

4) In response to the Assembly's request for presbyteries to give further study of the question, "What are the Biblical requirements for a credible profession of faith of applicants for church membership?" the presbytery held considerable discussion on the matter but took no action.

Sincerely yours,
John J. Barnett, Stated Clerk

Communication 12
From the Presbytery of New York and New England April 16, 1975

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Barker:

The Presbytery of New York and New England made a study of the proposed linguistic revisions to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and passed the following motion at an adjourned meeting January 10, 1975: On motion presbytery determined to advise the 42nd General Assembly that, in the opinion of Presbytery, the proposed verbal revision of Chapter I of the Westminster Confession of Faith involves more than verbal changes.

The Presbytery of New York and New England, meeting in Portland, Maine, April 18, 1975, reports that, at its joint meeting with the Presbytery of the Northeast of the RPC/ES in Schenectady, N. Y., January 10, 1975, in accordance with the directive of the 41st General Assembly (Minutes, pp. 160, 165-66), found theological confusion to prevail in that presbytery (of the RPC/ES) with regard to the areas discussed, but in view of the fact that only one evening was devoted to the discussion, Presbytery feels the need for more extended discussion at another date.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Moreau, Stated Clerk

Communication 13
From the Presbytery of the South April 21, 1975

Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Esteemed Brethren:

At a stated meeting of the Presbytery of the South on April 19, 1975, the Presby-
tery of the South voted to concur with the overture from the Presbytery of New York and New England requesting the Committee on Christian Education to desist from using the paraphrase known as the *Living Bible* in its publications.

Sincerely,
Thomas S. Champness, Jr., Stated Clerk

*Communication 14*

From the Presbytery of Northern California

The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Brethren:

At its spring meeting on the 4th and 5th of April, 1975, the Presbytery of Northern California of the OP Church approved the following motion:

"... that Presbytery concur with the overture of the Presbytery of New York and New England in regard to 'instructing the Committee on Christian Education to desist from using the paraphrase known as the *Living Bible* in its publications,' and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Northern California be instructed to submit this communication to the 42nd General Assembly of the OP Church with a copy being sent to the Presbytery of New York and New England . . ."

Arnold E. Larson, Stated Clerk

*Communication 15*

From the Presbytery of Northern California

The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Brethren:

At its spring meeting on the 4th and 5th of April, 1975, the Presbytery of Northern California of the OP Church took the following action:

"On motion it was determined to concur with the overture of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to the 42nd General Assembly of the OP Church, the text of which follows: (see text of Overture 4)."

Arnold E. Larson, Stated Clerk

*Communication 16*

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

The Forty-second General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Forty-first General Assembly took exception to the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey for "Failure to record the suggested or a like statement to that in Chapter XIV, Section 9, of the Form of Government in connection with a licensure to preach the Gospel."
The minute that the Assembly found unacceptable read as follows: "The Moderator propounded to Mr. George Charles Scipione the constitutional questions of Chapter XIV of the Form of Government, which he answered affirmatively. The Moderator offered prayer and licensed him to preach the Gospel."

The Presbytery on September 28, 1974, determined to seek the advice of the General Assembly as to what might be acceptable as a "like form" to that in the Form of Government, in view of the Presbytery's attempt at a shorter form being unacceptable to the Assembly.

Cordially yours in Christ,
Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Communication 17

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

The Forty-second General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of New Jersey on April 22, 1975, determined to inform the 42nd General Assembly that the Presbytery judges that it would be unwise for the Assembly to proscribe the use of any version, translation, or paraphrase of the Scriptures on the part of any agency or subdivision of the church. There is no translation that is superior to all others in all respects. Even in the case of translations so biased as to distort or obscure altogether major doctrines such as the divinity of Christ, the Assembly ought to do no more than satisfy itself that those contemplating their use are aware of the mistranslations and have made a reasoned judgment as to the effect of the use of such a translation. In a church that is committed to the Scriptures as the only rule of faith and life, whose ministry has been trained in the original languages of the Scriptures, whose Confession of Faith teaches infallibility only for the autographa, and which holds to the doctrine of the priesthood of the individual believer, it would be inconsistent to proscribe one or a few versions, and by remaining silent, tacitly to endorse all others. The regulation of the use of versions of the Scriptures, in the case of an educated and committed constituency is unnecessary or meddlesome; in the case of an ignorant or uncommitted constituency, proscribing versions by the Assembly would hardly be calculated to protect the church against the dangers occasioned by those deficiencies.

Cordially yours in Christ,
Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Communication 18

From the Presbytery of the Northwest

The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Brethren:

The special committee of the Presbytery of the Northwest to study the paper (on a credible profession of faith) from the Presbytery of Southern California reported
at our regular stated meeting of Presbytery on April 26, 1975, that the committee concurred with the content and conclusions of the paper.

Cordially,
H. L. Baurer, Stated Clerk

Communication 19

From the Presbytery of the Northwest  
April 30, 1975

The 42nd General Assembly  
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

This is to inform the 42nd General Assembly that the Presbytery of the Northwest expressed its approval by way of concurring in the action of the Presbytery of New York and New England in over-turning the 42nd General Assembly to request the Committee on Christian Education to desist in its use of *The Living Bible* in its curriculum publications.

Cordially,
H. L. Baurer, Stated Clerk

Communication 20

From the Taiwan Mission  
May 12, 1975

The Forty-second General Assembly  
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brothers:

The Taiwan Mission sends greetings in the Lord to you. May the grace and peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you during the entire session of the Forty-second General Assembly.

We pray that Christ, the Head of the Church, will guide you in all your deliberations and decisions, especially in regards to the proposed Plan of Union of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, that His will may be done.

As our calling is one in the Lord, we would ask you to pray for us in our ministry. The Lendall Smith family, who arrived on the field during the past year, request prayer in their adjustment to Taiwan and in their language study. The life and witness of the Reformed Presbyterian Church on Taiwan also needs your earnest and effectual prayer.

We would also urge the Assembly to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out additional workers into his harvest field. We recognize that inflationary conditions have made it increasingly difficult to support additional missionaries in our foreign fields of service. Nevertheless, we sincerely hope that in God's grace provision will be made for additional laborers to be appointed to Taiwan in the near future.

Your servants for Christ's sake,
Richard B. Gaffin, Sr., Chairman
Communication 21

From the Board of Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge, Inc.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Brethren:

Enclosed herewith is the final check from the assets remaining in the account of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge while it was under the auspices of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. This check in the amount of $140 represents one half of the assets and a check in the identical amount has been made and sent to the Reformed Presbyterian Church. With the receipt of these two checks by the two denominations the account of the Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge is terminated and the responsibilities of the board members are completed.

We recommend that the members elected by each denomination be discharged and the joint board be declared dissolved.

Cordially yours in Christ,
Donald J. MacNair, President
George W. Knight III, Treasurer

COMPLAINTS AND PAPERS

Complaint 1

A complaint dated March 20, 1975, from the Rev. Bruce M. Brawdy, concerned the handling by the Presbytery of Southern California of a complaint lodged February 14, 1975, by the Session of the Santee church.

Paper 1

A paper dated May 22, 1975, from Ruling Elder William A. DeJonge of the Kirkwood, Pa., church, concerned the handling by the Presbytery of Philadelphia of a complaint from Mr. DeJonge “against presbytery’s decision not to concur in his (Mr. DeJonge’s) petition to General Assembly that Scripture backing for Christ’s body being broken for us be included in the Directory for Worship communion ritual . . .”

Paper 2

A paper dated May 22, 1975, from Ruling Elder William A. DeJonge of the Kirkwood, Pa., church, concerned the handling by the Presbytery of Philadelphia of his “petition of protest” in re the use of Scripture versions by the Committee on Christian Education, and asked that it be referred to the committee dealing with overtures on that matter.

On motion it was determined that the following advisory and temporary committees be erected, that reports, overtures, communications, and “complaints” be referred to
them as indicated, and that the commissioners named below be appointed to these committees, the first-named being conveners:

**Advisory Committee #1**


Messrs. Tyson, Atwell, Ayres, Cornuet, Neilands, Parker, Peterson, Petty, Spooner, Stingley, and Willis.

**Advisory Committee #2**

Report of the Committee on Christian Education, Overtures 2 and 3, and Communications 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, and 19.

Messrs. Patterson, Ames, P. R. Conard, Sr., Corey, Countess, Davis, Eesley, Erickson, Frame, Nightengale, Tolsma, and Veldhorst

**Advisory Committee #3**

Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Messrs. K. L. Bosgraf, Brown, Churchill, Conn, Davies, Heuseveldt, Letson, Mason, C. J. Miller, Roorda, and Woodruff

**Advisory Committee #4**

Report of the Committee on Stewardship.

Messrs. Moreau, Armour, Clark, Fox, Garrison, Graham, J. R. Hilbelink, Solis, Thomas, Vogt, and Workman

**Advisory Committee #5**

"Complaints" of Mr. DeJonge (as to standing only, not as to substance).

Messrs. Clowney, DeMaster, Dowling, Hinkson, Laurie, and Seaberry

**Advisory Committee #6**

Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, and Communication 5.

Messrs. King, Coie, R. H. Ellis, Eppinger, D. R. Miller, and Whitman

**Advisory Committee #7**


Messrs. Pappas, Byer, Fenenga, Morton, Muether, Plummer, and C. Roskamp

**Advisory Committee #8**

That part of the Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations dealing with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod; Report of the Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge; Overtures 4 and 8; and Communications 12b, 15, and 21.

Messrs. Vail, Barnett, Bauer, L. D. Conard, Haldeman, Hills, Jones, Kuschke, Olson, Smith, Thompson, and Wagner
Advisory Committee #9

Advisory Committee #10
Report of the Committee on Ministerial Training.
Messrs. Stonehouse, Kellogg, Kress, Peters, Prutow, C. G. Roskamp, and Scipione

Advisory Committee #11
Messrs. Elder, Gregson, Jenkins, Knight, Shepherd, Vining, and Warren

Advisory Committee #12
Those parts of the Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations not assigned to Advisory Committee #8, Report of the Committee on Reformed Ecumenical Synod Matters, Report of the Missions Correspondent for the R.E.S., and Communications 1 and 2.
Messrs. Winward, Adams, Black, Dunn, Krispin, Larson, MacDonald, D. H. Poundstone, and Urban

Committee on Overtures and Communications
Overtures 1, 6, and 7; Communications 7 and 16; and Stated Clerk's Recommendations (3) and (4).
Messrs. Haug, Georgian, Harvey, Male, and Woolley

Committee on Presbyterial Records

Committee on Standing Committee Records
Messrs. Newsom, English, Harris, Heidebrecht, Jerrell, and Lutz

Committee on General Assembly Fund Review
Messrs. Oliver and Haney

Committee on Date, Place and Travel
Messrs. Hoogerhyde and Bates (regular members), and Coppes (temporary member) Communications 3, 4, 9, 18, and 20 received no action.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Advisory Committees as follows:
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Committee on Advisory Committees recommends that the 42nd General Assembly propose to the 43rd General Assembly the following amendments to the Standing Rules, incorporating the concept of advisory committees:

(1) Chapter IV, Section 2, add item g. as follows:

"g. To propose assignments of commissioners and of reports, overtures, communications, etc., to advisory committees in accordance with 3. r. below."

(2) Chapter IV, Section 3, add item r. as follows:

"r. To prepare tentative assignments of reports, overtures, communications, and other matters that are to come before the Assembly to advisory or temporary committees; to prepare tentative assignments of commissioners to temporary or advisory committees; both in accordance with the Assembly’s Guidelines for Advisory Committees; and to seek the concurrence of the moderator of the previous Assembly in these assignments."

(3) Chapter X, Section 4, amend first two sentences to read as follows: “Temporary or Advisory Committees shall be those erected to serve for the duration of a General Assembly. They shall include the following:” And add item e. as follows:

"e. Advisory Committees, to which all reports, overtures, communications, complaints, and other matters brought to the Assembly, other than those provided for above, shall be referred, excepting only those reports and communications for which review is unnecessary or inappropriate. Advisory Committees shall review the matters referred to them, in order to assist the Assembly to understand them as fully as possible and to act wisely upon them and especially upon recommendations contained in them. Advisory Committees shall be erected and shall function in accordance with Assembly’s Guidelines for Advisory Committees."

(4) Chapter XIII, add item f. as follows:

"f. Guidelines for Advisory Committees"

The committee further recommends that the Assembly adopt the following as a separate instrument of the Assembly:

GUIDELINES FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1. All members of the Assembly, and such corresponding members and alternates as may be used to advantage, excepting the moderator, the clerks, and those commissioners whose presence is needed for presentations or questioning by temporary or advisory committees, shall be assigned to temporary or advisory committees.

2. Recommendations of advisory committees shall be considered secondary to the reports and recommendations of the committees whose reports they review; thus the order of consideration of reports and recommendations shall be:

   a. Report of the committee
   b. Report of the advisory committee
   c. Recommendations of the committee
   d. Recommendations of the advisory committee (may be moved as amendments to the recommendations of the committee).
3. The Assembly shall recess prior to presentation of the main body of committee reports, to permit temporary and advisory committees to meet and do their work.

4. In proposing the assignment of matters and commissioners to temporary and advisory committees the Stated Clerk shall observe the following:
   a. Commissioners shall not be assigned to advisory committees that are to review reports of standing or special committees on which they serve or of which they are employees.
   b. Not more than two commissioners from the same presbytery shall normally be assigned to the same temporary or advisory committee.

5. In discharging their assignments, advisory committees shall observe the following:
   a. Recommendations of advisory committees concerning the work of any committee under review shall be given directly to the committee and not brought to the floor of the Assembly, unless they involve a redirection, expansion, or diminution of that work.
   b. Silence by an advisory committee with respect to the work or recommendations of a committee under review shall be construed as general approval of the work and concurrence in the recommendations.
   c. Advisory committees shall not bring recommendations or advice to the Assembly that is critical of or at variance with the work or recommendations of a committee without first conferring with at least one representative of the committee, if there be one available.
   d. Temporary and advisory committees shall arrange to have at least two of their members prepared to report to the Assembly on any matter under review, in order to avoid confusion arising from unexpected or early departures of spokesmen from the Assembly.

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The committee further recommends that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Barker, Convener

On motion the recommendations of the report regarding proposed amendments to the Standing Rules were adopted.

On motion the recommendation regarding guidelines for advisory committees was adopted with the word “Suggestions” substituted for the word “Recommendations” in 5.a.

On motion the committee’s recommendation that it be dissolved was adopted.

On amended motion the times of recessing and reconvening were set as follows:

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Morning sessions preceded by a 20-minute devotional service.

Afternoon and evening sessions to be opened with the singing of a hymn or psalm version.
Recess Friday after item 21 to permit temporary committees to meet, reconvening Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

No session Saturday evening, all day Sunday, or Tuesday evening. A joint OPC, RPCES, RPCNA meeting is planned for Tuesday evening.

On motion the docket proposed by the Clerk was adopted.

On motion the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter IV, Section 3.c., proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 175 of the Minutes thereof, in re individuals bringing matters to the Assembly, was adopted.

On motion action on the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter X, Section 2, proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 127 of the Minutes thereof, in re the size and structure of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, was deferred until the time of the report of that committee.

On motion the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter X, Section 2, proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 176 of the Minutes thereof, deleting a redundant sentence, was adopted.

On motion the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter X, Section 2, proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 176 of the Minutes thereof, clarifying “two terms” with reference to service on the Committee on Stewardship, was adopted.

On motion the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter X, Section 3, proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 174 of the Minutes thereof, in re alternate members of special committees, was adopted.

On motion the amendment to the Standing Rules of the Assembly, Chapter XIII, proposed by the 41st General Assembly and recorded on page 176 of the minutes thereof, recasting the chapter, was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a judicial advisory committee of five members to look into the delay of the ordination of Greg Bahnsen by the Presbytery of Southern California, and that this committee be instructed to report back to this Assembly.

The moderator ruled that this motion was in the nature of an irregular complaint, and was therefore out of order. The ruling of the Moderator was appealed. The Moderator was sustained.

The Assembly recessed at 11:50 a.m. following prayer led by Dr. C. J. Miller.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 31

Following a devotional service led by Mr. King, the Assembly reconvened at 8:06 a.m. Mr. Newsom led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Thursday, May 29, and of Friday, May 30, were approved as corrected.

Mr. Oliver presented the recommendation of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations that the 42nd General Assembly appoint its Moderator to bring the greetings of our Assembly to the synods of the RPCES and the RPCNA which are meeting concurrently with our Assembly at Geneva College.

Mr. Vail reported the concurrence of Advisory Committee #8 in this recommendation.
Mr. Winward reported the concurrence of Advisory Committee #12 in this recommendation, with the insertion of the words "or someone appointed by him" following the word "Moderator."

On amended motion the recommendation of the standing committee was adopted with the addition recommended by Advisory Committee #12.

Dr. Clowney presented the report of Advisory Committee #5 as follows:

**REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #5**

1. Advisory Committee #5 finds that the complaint (hereinbefore identified as Paper 1) filed against the Presbytery of Philadelphia by Elder William A. DeJonge dated February 7, 1975, is not properly before the Forty-second General Assembly.

Mr. DeJonge initially sought the concurrence of Presbytery in a petition to the General Assembly. In response, on January 20, 1975, the Presbytery adopted the following action: "that Presbytery not concur with Mr. DeJonge's petition, but that Presbytery advise Mr. DeJonge to send his proposal directly to the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship."

Mr. DeJonge did send his proposal to the committee mentioned, but on February 7, 1975, he filed a complaint against the Presbytery's action, alleging inadequate consideration of his petition.

On March 22, 1975, this complaint was received by the Presbytery. A committee was appointed and its recommendation was adopted by the Presbytery as follows: "In view of the serious nature of items 3 and 4 of Elder DeJonge's complaint of February 7, 1975 . . . the committee recommends that Elder DeJonge be asked to appear at the next stated meeting of Presbytery in order to give Presbytery cause why it should reverse its decision."

On May 19, 1975, Mr. DeJonge was unable to appear at the stated meeting of Presbytery for reasons of health. The Presbytery therefore appointed a committee to meet with him.

Since the Presbytery of Philadelphia is seeking to deal with the complaint and has not yet determined whether it was delinquent or in error, the complaint cannot be properly carried to a higher judicatory.

Advisory Committee #5 further observes that it has ascertained that the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship did receive Mr. DeJonge's proposal. Advisory Committee #5 therefore recommends no action on this matter.

2. Advisory Committee #5 recommends that Paper 2 from Mr. DeJonge be placed in the hands of Advisory Committee #2 to which Overture 2 from the Presbytery of New York and New England and Overture 3 from the Presbytery of Ohio are referred.

(This recommendation accedes to the request of Mr. DeJonge.)

On separate motions the committee's recommendations were adopted.

Mr. Atwell, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS
AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The year 1974 was one of transition for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. After serving the Committee for eighteen years, the Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver presented his resignation, effective March 15, 1974. He was called to serve as Associate Secretary of the Committee in April, 1956 and served in that capacity until February, 1961 at which time he was elected General Secretary. The Committee gives thanks to the Lord for the many gifts and talents entrusted to Mr. Oliver that brought about a rich development of our mission to the nation during his tenure.

Succeeding Mr. Oliver as General Secretary is the Rev. George E. Haney who began serving the Committee on March 15. Mr. Haney previously served home mission congregations in Bangor, Maine and Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Another significant change during the year was the resignation on July 1 of the Rev. John H. Thompson, Jr. as the Committee's missionary-at-large in order to become home missionary-pastor of the Ocala Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Florida. The Committee takes this opportunity to give thanks to God for his service to the Lord as a servant of the Committee. As a result of his vigorous labors and travels since January, 1969, several Orthodox Presbyterian churches were begun.

In keeping with its previously announced long range goals, the Committee moved aggressively in the direction of presbytery-directed missionary-evangelists. Several presbyteries are working closely with the Committee in developing this program. In order to underscore the thrust of the Committee's recent decisions, it might be good to restate the goals originally presented to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

LONG RANGE GOALS

A. To bring home missions and church extension under direction of presbyteries and local congregations as far as possible.

B. To seek the appointment by each presbytery in consultation with the committee of at least one missionary-at-large (evangelist) whose duties shall be:
   1. To direct home missions and church extension in that presbytery.
   2. To survey opportunities for new works.
   3. To follow up members of churches who move to other communities within the presbytery with a view to starting Bible classes and/or worship services and Sunday schools.
   4. To utilize the gifts of ruling elders and other church members in a presbytery in starting Bible classes and other services.
   5. To conduct clinics on evangelism and to encourage evangelistic activities among pastors, elders and members of local churches.
   6. To strengthen congregations without pastors.

C. To provide support for the salaries of the missionaries-at-large (evangelists) with the goal of the presbyteries gradually assuming support for them.

D. To make the denominational committee more of a service agency:
   1. To prepare and suggest materials for use in outreach.
2. To promote the entire denomination through advertising and personal contacts by the General Secretary and such missionaries-at-large (evangelists) as may be employed by the committee to reach areas not covered by presbyteries.

3. To serve as liaison between presbyteries in outreach.

4. To continue the Church Extension Loan Fund and Contingent Funds for the purchase of lands and erection of buildings.

E. 1. To start new home missions efforts in areas where there are no existing presbyteries.

2. In the period of transition to decentralized home missions to support such fields in existing presbyteries as seem worthy of such support on recommendation of presbyteries.

REPORT ON THE FIELDS

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

1. Tulsa, Oklahoma

The year 1974 was a difficult year in the life of Grace Church. On the one hand, there was a lack of visible results; communicant membership dropped from 17 to 16 with the roll of covenant children remaining at 6. One of the two ruling elders resigned during the year. On the other hand, God blessed Grace Church with a number of regular visitors. There is evidence of spiritual growth among the present constituents which was reflected in increased giving. There is a continued and increased concern to bring God's Word to the city of Tulsa. At the end of the year, the congregation determined to seek another meeting place with the anticipation that a new location will provide new opportunities for witness. The Rev. John W. Mahaffy serves as pastor; the work is supported financially by Presbytery as well as the Committee.

2. Grand Junction, Colorado

Aid to Bethel Church is provided by the Presbytery and the Committee. Communicant membership increased by two while non-communicants decreased by one. During the year three men were elected to the office of elder. It is hoped that the session will be enlarged early in 1975. In addition to the stated worship services in the church building, the session continues to hold services at what is now called the Garden Village Care Center. While offerings increased during the year, the General Fund ended with a deficit. The Rev. Donald J. Duff is the pastor.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

1. Burtonsville, Maryland

Support for Covenant Church was begun in 1968 and was terminated in January 1974 when the congregation determined to assume full self-support. Aid to Covenant Church totaled $21,503 over six years. In that same period, the Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Christian Education received contributions from Covenant Church of $13,858.53. The Rev. Barry Hofford serves as pastor.

2. Rockville, Maryland

The fruition of what had been earnestly prayed for over a period of two years came to pass in 1974; the Rockville Chapel was constituted as a particular church of Presbytery. Puritan Orthodox Presbyterian Church extended a call to the Rev. Jim
West who has served as missionary-pastor; the call was declined and the congregation looks to the Lord to supply another undershepherd in 1975.

3. Raleigh, North Carolina

Membership at the close of 1974 was comprised of eleven adults and one covenant child. Others were considering membership in the near future. Six families were lost to the church during the year because of job transfers. Despite this loss, giving was good and the budget for denominational causes in 1975 was doubled from the previous year. Goals for expanding the ministry of the Sunday school and reaching the community in 1975 have been adopted. The Rev. Cromwell G. Roskamp serves as pastor.

4. Manassas, Virginia

In response to a recommendation from the Presbytery, the Committee granted aid to Calvary Church in July, at which time Dr. Robert Countess became pastor. The Lord has blessed this church with numerical and spiritual growth and no additional aid is anticipated beyond June, 1975.

Presbytery of the Midwest

1. Green Bay, Wisconsin

Several events occurred during 1974 that give cause for praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Mr. John Fikkert, missionary-at-large, laboring in Green Bay, was ordained to the gospel ministry in March. In August, a new church building was dedicated. At the end of the year there were 33 communicants and 18 non-communicants. (Formal organization took place in early 1975.)

2. Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

The first pastor of Falls Church, the Rev. George E. Haney, resigned as of March 15. In November, the Rev. Cornelius Tolsma arrived on the field after accepting the call of the congregation. During the year, six communicants and seven baptized children were added to the roll. Giving increased during the year as the congregation seeks to be self supporting in 1979, if not before.

3. Gresham, Wisconsin

During the year, the Rev. Henry Phillips marked 20 years of service on this field. Regular services were held at the church in Gresham at the chapel in Zoar. A month of Vacation Bible School during the summer brought a record attendance with new families reached. (Mr. Phillips resigned in early 1975 with his resignation to become effective June 30, 1975.)

4. Gowen, Michigan

Communicant membership increased from 55 in December of 1973 to 65 in December of 1974. This increase is reflected in the addition of 4 new families and 2 confessions of faith on the part of our young people. There was also a marked increase in the average attendances for worship services and for the Sunday school. The big gains for the worship services came during the summer months, and the gains for the Sunday school have come since the beginning of the new fall program.

The church has been observing a family night for the mid-week service. The young people are departmentalized into their respective groups while the adults gather
for Bible study and prayer. Attendance is generally 60 to 80 for this service, with adults numbering 25 to 35.

Stewardship improved in 1974. Total contributions for 1973 were $20,103 while in 1974 contributions amounted to $26,379. The big gain here is shown in the implementing of a second offering for the building needs. Contributions for this cause were largely given by the summer visitors and amounted to $3,179. The monies were expended to improve the parking lot, install a sidewalk adjacent to the building, and carpeting in the sanctuary and in the foyer.

One particular goal for 1975 will be to have 2 morning services for the 3 holiday weekends in the summer. One service will be held in the nearby campground under the direction of the session. The offering that is received will be for the building needs of the church. The Rev. John J. Barnett serves as pastor.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

1. Lewiston-Camden, Maine

The Rev. Donald R. Miller serves as missionary-at-large for the Presbytery and is supported by Trinity Church in Lewiston, the Presbytery, and a very small amount of aid from the Committee. During the year, the Lewiston congregation made continued progress toward self support. Mr. Miller terminated his visits to Camden after the beginning of Mr. Roger Ramsey's ministry there. He is now leading a Bible study in Augusta as well as serving as chaplain at the Naval Reserve Unit in the area.

2. Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Both the previous and present general secretaries visited a group on Cape Cod interested in the establishment of a Reformed witness on the Cape. In late spring the group determined to affiliate with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. By action of Presbytery, First Church, Hamilton gave spiritual oversight until formal organization took place in December with the election and installation of three ruling elders. The Committee plans to grant assistance in the new year at which time the congregation hopes to have a pastor. (A call to the Rev. Wendell Rockey was issued and accepted; Mr. Rockey hopes to be on the field in July, 1975.)

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1. Novato, California

With the arrival of the Rev. Richard Miller in October, the Committee resumed aid for this field. Prior to Mr. Miller's arrival the work suffered greatly as a result of being without a pastor or ruling elders. The Rev. Richard Lewis and ruling elders Gus Espino and David Neilands acted as a session and by God's grace, their devotion, together with that of the group in Novato, enabled the work to continue. By the end of the year much progress had been made in moving toward organization. The outlook for 1975 is very favorable and a greater outreach into the community is already underway.

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

1. Eugene, Oregon

This congregation made strides toward self support in 1974. However, several dedicated families were lost to the church during the year because of job transfers.
Others are now taking up these additional responsibilities and plans are underway for a more vigorous outreach ministry in the new year. At the end of the year, the session was enlarged by one ruling elder. The congregation assumed one third of the support of the pastor, the Rev. Harold L. Baurer, in 1974 and voted to increase this to one half in 1975.

2. Bothell, Washington

The year began with the dedication of a new church building. These facilities were utilized in the pre-school project which was developed, operated, and followed up by people in the congregation. Many contacts with non-churched people were gained with some visiting the worship services. The church is located in a growing area with very few churches of any kind in the vicinity. Looking to the future, the session hopes to concentrate more attention on teaching and nurturing, and developing an effective diaconate. The Rev. Ronald J. McKenzie serves as missionary-pastor.

Presbytery of Ohio
1. Alliance, Ohio

In June of 1974 the chapel was organized as a particular church of the Presbytery of Ohio, with 18 communicant members. Three elders were ordained and the congregation has adopted the name “Christ Reformed Chapel.” In the fall the congregation voted to call as pastor its missionary, David King, who accepted. At the end of the year, there were 38 members; 26 communicant and 12 non-communicant. There is a potential, resident in the scattered character of the congregation, for future missionary work in outlying areas, particularly the larger city of Canton.

2. Dayton, Ohio

Redeemer Church, pastored by the Rev. Lawrence R. Eyres, began 1974 with 25 communicant members, representing 18 families. Three of these families had already become inactive due to the decision of one of the elders who withdrew from the active life of the church over the presbytery’s opposition to his having been elected an elder in Redeemer Church.

However, three families were added to the membership during the year, leaving the communicant membership at 30 and 22 covenant children at the end of the year, of whom 18 communicants and 17 covenant members are active in the life of the church. There was one loss by death during the year. It should be added that there are 4 active non-member families in the church.

Finances were critical at the beginning of the year. But with $3,000 aid from the Committee, the situation improved during the year. The congregation continues to use the facilities of the local Seventh-Day Adventist Church for Sunday services. During the year, a Relocation Committee functioned and the conclusion was reached that various considerations preclude the purchase of property and building in the near future.

Presbytery of Philadelphia
1. South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The inner-city work in Philadelphia made strides in several areas under the ministries of the Rev. Wilson Cummings and the Rev. William Krispin. The Lord’s grace was evidenced in several conversions. He also kept the missionaries and their families
in safety, raised up Sunday school and Bible club teachers and blessed various home Bible studies. There is still the great need for better facilities for this expanding work. Services and activities are still held at the Krispin home. One of the great needs is for elders and deacons. The missionaries look to the Lord for wisdom in the year 1975 and pray that the Lord will use the members of Emmanuel Chapel to reach 75 souls for Christ in the next year; that he will bless the newest Sunday school class for those who read poorly; and that he will provide more adequate housing for the chapel and some of the families.

2. Evangelist in the Philadelphia Area

The Presbytery requested financial assistance from the Committee with a view toward calling Mr. David Clowney to be an evangelist in the Philadelphia area. Partial support was forthcoming during the year but at the end of the year, Mr. Clowney indicated that he does not desire to serve in this capacity.

3. Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

In response to an appeal from Presbytery, the Committee supplied limited aid to Tri-County Church to enable them to have the services of Licentiate Richard Fisher. Dr. L. Craig Long pioneered this work and indicated his intention to resign at the end of the year. During the latter part of the year attendance and giving increased. The Committee is grateful to God for the past services of Dr. Long in the establishment of this congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH

1. Atlanta, Georgia

The membership of Redeemer Church increased in 1974 from 44 communicants to 53 and 25 non-communicants to 33. Between April and December the average morning attendance was 76; evening attendance was 50. Giving was sufficient to meet all budgeted expenses, both local and benevolent. Significant developments in the life of the congregation included the reactivating of three youth groups and the beginning of a youth choir. About six members engage regularly in community calling twice a month. Throughout the year the four ruling elders assisted in the worship services and the two midweek Bible studies. The Women's Missionary Society effectively promoted an interest in missions throughout the congregation with a monthly prayer calendar and special programs at fellowship suppers. Goals for 1975 include the addition of five new families to the church; growth in attendance on the Lord's Day to 90 in the morning and 60 in the evening; the addition of three new persons to the neighborhood calling team. The Rev. Thomas Champness has been serving as missionary-pastor since his arrival on the field in February.

2. Cocoa, Florida

In 1972, the Presbytery of the South requested financial aid for a two year period for Emmanuel Church, Titusville, Florida. During this time, the congregation relocated in Cocoa. The congregation worships in a Woman's Club and has sought to reach the new community. However, there has been little numerical growth. Upon the recommendation of Presbytery, aid was terminated at the end of 1974. The Rev. A. Boyce Spooner serves as pastor.

3. Ocala, Florida

During the first half of the year, the Rev. John H. Thompson, Jr. served as the Committee's missionary-at-large. Upon receiving a call from the Ocala Church, he
resigned to accept the call and began to serve as missionary-pastor on July 2. The Committee granted the request that the Ocala congregation be placed on the six-year schedule of aid. The Lord has prospered the work and the congregation grew by more than 20% during the year. Good stewardship of funds was evidenced in nearly $3,000 designated for the work of the Assembly's Committees. Plans are being laid for securing property and building in the near future.

**Presbytery of Southern California**

*Santee, California*

Aid was continued through 1974 to Valley Church where the Rev. Bruce Brawdy served as pastor. The congregation faced many problems during the year. A ruling elder was elected, ordained and installed. (Mr. Brawdy resigned from Presbytery in February, 1975 after the Presbytery of Southern California voted to sever the pastoral relationship between the pastor and congregation of Valley Church.)

**New Fields in 1975**

The Committee has determined to grant aid to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, Florida in 1975. The Rev. Calvin K. Cummings has been serving as pastor since January. The Presbyteries of Dakotas and Southern California have requested aid to appoint a missionary-at-large. Aid has been granted to the Presbytery of Southern California to employ the Rev. Robert Graham who is to begin his service in February, and aid is pending for a missionary-at-large in the Presbytery of the Dakotas. A request for the support of a pastor for Cape Cod, Massachusetts has been approved.

**Summer Worker Program**

The Committee provided $9,980 in 1974 for partial or full support of a seminarian or other person for summer work in the following chapels or churches:

- Immanuel, Bellmawr, New Jersey—Thomas Foh
- Community of Center Square, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania—Charles Martel
- Covenant, Burtonsville, Maryland—Gordon Peterson
- Camden Chapel, Camden, Maine—Roger Ramsey
- Bayview, Chula Vista, California—Stuart Jones
- Oak Hill, Eugene, Oregon—Douglas Felch
- Bethel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida—George Kirkwood
- Old Stockbridge, Gresham, Wisconsin—Tom Reid
- Calvary, Harrisville, Pennsylvania—David Kiester
- New Life, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania—William Stump
- Falls, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin—Tony Blair
- Galloway, Miami, Florida—Neil Lodge
- Church of the City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Thomas Corey
- Grace Chapel, Sheboygan, Wisconsin—Ronald Scheuers

**Attendance in Fields Receiving Aid**

The Committee has found it difficult to secure accurate and complete attendance figures from all the fields. On the basis of reports submitted, communicant membership in aid-receiving churches in 1974 increased by 5.4% over the previous year,
while non-communicant membership increased by .4%. Average attendance at morning worship services increased in 10 fields where comparisons could be made and decreased in 4. Average attendance at evening services in 1974 increased in 12 fields and decreased in 2. The increase for all fields for morning worship attendance was 7.3% and for evening worship 7.7%. Average attendance in Sunday school increased in 10 and decreased in 3. The Committee is concerned where there is no evidence of growth and has sought the help and counsel of presbyteries in exercising oversight of their efforts in home missions and church extension.

SAVE PROGRAM

Again in 1974 the Rev. Douglas W. Kittredge volunteered to assist the Committee as coordinator of the Students as Volunteer Evangelists (SAVE) program for the summer season. Nine young people served in the following churches: Park Hill, Denver, Colorado; Calvary, Harrisville, Pennsylvania; Immanuel, Bellmawr, New Jersey; and Grace, Trenton, New Jersey. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Kittredge and the session of Grace Church, Trenton for his services in 1973 and 1974. Having indicated his desire to be relieved of this responsibility in 1975, the Committee has requested the Rev. Donald Stanton of Oostburg, Wisconsin to take on this responsibility.

INTERNERSHIP PROGRAM

As announced previously and reported in some detail to the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly (Minutes, p. 53, 54), the Committee is willing to implement an internship program as a limited part of its ministry. During 1974, the Committee not only assisted Bayview Church, Chula Vista, California in having Stuart Jones as a summer worker, but also provided $2,000 toward his salary as an intern from September through December. The finances of the Committee did not permit a commitment beyond the seven month period of service. (For 1975-76, the Committee has made a small financial commitment to Bethel Church, Oostburg, Wisconsin to assist them in having an intern.)

MISSIONARY-AT-LARGE

In the course of 1974, the Committee determined to discontinue its missionary-at-large program in order to strengthen the long range goal of assisting presbyteries in calling their own missionary-at-large. Subsequently, the guidelines for Presbytery Missionary-at-large were changed to read as follows:

A. Oversight

(1) He shall serve under the direction and control of the presbytery through its Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension or a committee elected for this purpose.

(2) He shall engage in contact work in areas designated by the Presbytery and/or committee.

B. Duties

(1) He shall direct home missions and church extension in that presbytery.

(2) He shall survey opportunities for new works.

(3) He shall follow up members of churches who move to other communities within the presbytery with a view to starting Bible classes and/or worship services and Sunday schools.

(4) He shall utilize the gifts of ruling elders and other church members in a presbytery in starting Bible classes and other services.
(5) He shall conduct clinics on evangelism and encourage evangelistic activities among pastors, elders and members of local churches.

(6) He shall strengthen congregations without pastors.

LITERATURE

A Directory of Churches and Chapels for 1975 was compiled in late 1974 and appeared at the beginning of the year. The Committee is grateful for a paid ad from the Quarryville Presbyterian Home that partially subsidized the Directory. Advertisements in the Church Herald and Presbyterian Journal were continued, and the Committee contributed $1,000 to the Presbyterian Guardian. The editor of the Guardian not only uses articles on home missions and church extension, but also cooperates with the General Secretary in making sample copies of the magazine available to new chapels, churches and to various individuals and groups outside the denomination that are in contact with the Committee.

Six copies of Outreach appeared in 1974 and carried news of home mission and church extension work throughout the denomination. While works supported by the Committee receive regular periodic coverage, the Committee is happy to share with the church developments in presbyteries and on the local level. A prayer calendar appears in each issue and covers a period of two months to encourage systematic praying for all home missionaries as well as others engaged in the work of home missions and church extension.

POLICY ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Committee's old ten-year Schedule of Aid applies now only to Atlanta, Georgia and Eugene, Oregon. Home mission efforts in South Philadelphia, Pa. and Gresham-Zoar, Wisconsin are moving slowly toward self-support, but the provisions of the Schedule of Aid are not applied to them. The Committee seeks in all its work to establish self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating churches.

In recent years, because of limited funds, aid to churches and chapels has been generally given on a year-to-year basis upon recommendation from presbyteries. The Committee wishes to stress the importance of well prepared recommendations if a field is to be considered worthy of support. Where circumstances and available Committee funds warrant it, the Committee is willing to make a commitment of aid up to six years on the basis of the following conditions:

1. The Committee shall require a field to have at least ten families, including at least ten wage-earners, before a request for such aid will be granted.

2. The Committee will pay toward the pastor's salary the following percentages of the amount paid by the church toward the pastor's salary, plus the amount contributed to the Combined Budget, and the Committees on Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Christian Education:

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<th>Year following organization</th>
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Ocala, Florida was placed on this Schedule of Aid on July 1, 1974.
SALARY SCALE AS APPLIED TO CHURCHES ON THE SCHEDULE OF AID AND COMMITTEE-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

The Salary Scale for home missionaries employed by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, effective January 1, 1975, as adopted by the Committee, provides the following base salary in addition to manse or housing allowances:

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The minimum base salary for those men not covered by the scale will be $9,864.

Further Provisions:

1. **Salary**
   The Salary Scale does not apply to ministers who have more than 15 years of service.

2. **Hospitalization**
   The church and/or the Committee will pay the cost of hospitalization coverage for the missionary in proportion to their respective shares of his salary.

3. **Housing**
   a. If a manse is not provided and the minister rents his house, he will receive a supplement for rent paid up to a maximum of $200 a month.
   b. If a minister owns his own home, he will receive a supplement for interest, taxes, and other charges up to a maximum of $200 per month.

4. **Utilities**
   a. All utilities except personal telephone calls, and including heat, will be paid by the church and/or Committee in addition to salary.
   b. The cost of utilities will be shared by the Committee and church in proportion to their respective shares of the minister's salary.
   c. The church will pay utility bills directly to the service companies, and be reimbursed by the Committee's share.

5. **Pension**
   The church and/or the Committee will pay two-thirds of the missionary's pension premium in proportion to their respective shares of his salary.
6. **Social Security**

The church and/or the Committee will pay one-half of the missionary's Social Security in proportion to their respective shares of his salary. For missionaries not in the Social Security program, the church and/or the Committee will pay one-half the annual investment in an established investment or retirement income plan, on the same basis and in the same amount as though the missionary were in Social security.

The Committee would remind churches that no provision is made in the Salary Scale for automobile allowance. Churches and chapels are encouraged to supplement the above salary provision with a car allowance to help the pastor meet this pastoral expense.

Continuing its policy of cooperation with presbyteries in their pursuit of church extension, the Committee provided funds for moving expenses of ministers to work in the following presbyteries:

- Presbytery of the South
- Presbytery of the Midwest
- Presbytery of the Northwest
- Presbytery of Northern California

**FINANCES**

Total General Fund contributions in 1974 from living donors were $153,979 and were received from the following sources:

- Orthodox Presbyterian Churches and Individuals $149,181
- Non-Orthodox Presbyterian Sources $4,798

Contributions from Orthodox Presbyterian sources were $18,819 less than 1973 contributions, and contributions from non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources were $3,892 less than in 1973. The Committee received bequests amounting to $1,068 which were placed in the Contingent Fund.

Contributions from all Orthodox Presbyterian sources averaged $15.00 for the year or 29¢ per week per communicant member in 1974 compared to an average of $17.24 for the year or 33¢ per week per communicant member in 1973.

The budget for home missions and church extension approved by the Fortieth General Assembly anticipated contributions of $175,000 from Orthodox Presbyterian sources. Actual contributions were $149,181 or $25,819 less than anticipated. The actual contributions from non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources totaled $4,798, or $17,272 less than anticipated.

The Committee ended the year with a deficit of $17,439 in its General Fund as of December 31, 1974. The deficit appeared in spite of a strong attempt on the part of the Committee to reduce its expenditures once the pattern of decreased giving became apparent during the year. The Committee succeeded in limiting its expenses to the extent that total 1974 expenses were $12,296 less than anticipated. Budgeted and actual expenses for 1974 were:

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND

Total loans from individuals and organizations to the Church Extension Fund on December 31, 1974, were $650,769, an increase of $36,415 over 1973. Accumulated earned interest less interest paid on various loans brought the total accountable in the Fund to $689,294. Of this total, $585,128 is in the form of loans to churches and chapels. A liquid reserve of $47,581, which is 20% of the demand loans to the Fund is set aside against possible withdrawals. Current interest rates on loans to the Fund are 5% on demand notes, 5 3/4% on five-year notes, and 6 1/4% on ten-year notes. The current interest rate on loans to churches and chapels is 6 1/2%. The Committee charges all administrative costs to its General Fund so that all earnings from the Fund are made available for loans to churches and chapels. New loans to the Fund in 1974 totalled $84,247. Withdrawals from the Fund during the year totalled $38,333. In addition, an inter-fund loan of $9,500 was repaid to the Contingent Fund in 1974. On December 31, 1974, $56,585 was available for loans to churches. Over $45,000 of this amount has been committed to Grace Church, Vienna, Virginia, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Abilene, Texas.

In 1973, loans from this Fund were made to the following churches and chapels:

OPC, Abilene, Texas
OPC, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Balances due on these and other loans from the Fund may be found in the Treasurer's Report.

CONTINGENT FUND

Total assets of this Fund on December 31, 1974, were $325,800. Of this, $51,881 was cash, $147,841 loans receivable, $40,088 mortgages receivable, $124,029 real estate (net worth after subtracting mortgages of $77,807 outstanding), and an investment valued at $19,304. Loans payable were $57,343.

In 1974, loans from this Fund were made to the following churches and individuals:

Covenant, Burtonsville, Maryland
George E. Haney, Jr.
William C. Krispin

Balances due on these loans and others from this Fund may be found in the Treasurer's Report.

BUDGET 1975

The budget for 1975 was proposed to continue the present work of the Committee and provide for two modest enlargements: the support of a missionary-at-large and an increase in the intern program. A 9% inflation figure was used in this projection.

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**Anticipated Receipts**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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GLENN R. COIE MEMORIAL FUND

The Glenn R. Coie Memorial Fund was established by Sharon Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Hialeah, Florida for the purpose of providing loans to seminary students who plan to enter the ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. At the request of Sharon Church, the Committee has been administering this Fund. Since its inception in 1966, seven seminarians have been granted loans totalling $3,600. Four have repaid the loans in full. One new loan was made in 1974.

Monies in the Fund are invested at 5 1/2% in the Liberty Federal Savings and Loan Association, Philadelphia, Pa. On December 31, 1974, $2,560 was available for loans.

The Committee urges sessions and presbyteries to inform candidates under their care of the following provisions of the Fund:

1. Applicants for loans shall have the following basic qualifications:
   a. Be a candidate for the gospel ministry under care of a presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
   b. Be enrolled in a seminary.
   c. If a senior, under ordinary circumstances, be a licentiate of presbytery.

2. The maximum amount to be lent from the Fund to any qualified student shall be $750.00.

3. Loans shall bear the rate of 2% interest, payment of interest to begin one year following graduation from seminary, or one year from the termination of seminary work.

4. Principal shall be repaid in monthly payments beginning three years from date of first interest payment.

FUTURE PLANNING

The Committee reaffirms its intention to seek to bring home missions and church extension under the direction of presbyteries and local congregations as far as possible. Progress is being made in working toward this goal. In the meantime, the Committee is dependent upon the church to support its continued ministry as well as seize upon new opportunities that presbyteries and local congregations are not yet able to support. It is hoped that counsel and discussion for the implementation of long range goals can be enhanced in early 1976 at a seminar conducted by the Committee and attended by representatives of each presbytery.

BIBLE STUDY EVANGELISM FOR WOMEN

Under the joint sponsorship of the Committee on Christian Education and this Committee, Mrs. Henry Fikkert began work on the development of a new ministry of evangelism designed to help women reach other women with the gospel. The pilot project for this ministry was conducted by Mrs. Fikkert in the spring in Port Washington, Wisconsin, where the innovative combination of friendship, home crafts and Bible study was enthusiastically received.

Materials for this ministry include a basic manual, a leader's guide and workbook. The publication of these materials is scheduled for mid 1975. Mrs. Fikkert has presented the program to a number of presbyteries and women's groups.
OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE

Officers of the Committee are: Robert L. Atwell, President; Thomas E. Tyson, Vice-President; George R. Cottenden, Secretary; and Garrett A. Hoogerhyde, Treasurer. The Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver resigned as General Secretary on March 15, 1974 and was succeeded by the Rev. George E. Haney. Mrs. Richard Surman, Secretary, serves the Committee on a four-day week. The Committee shares equally with the Committee on Foreign Missions the services of Timothy A. Churchill, Comptroller; Miss Mabel Sager, Bookkeeper; and Mrs. Alfred Black, Assistant Bookkeeper (part time). With the exception of the General Secretary, no employee is hired on a full-time basis.

In addition to serving the Committee on Home Missions, the staff acts as fiscal agent for the General Assembly, receiving and disbursing monies for the General Assembly Budget and Travel Funds.

ELECTIONS

Mr. Richard Lauxstermann, Class of 1976, has resigned from the Committee.

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly:

Ministers: George W. Knight, III, Th.D.; Carl J. Reitsma; Thomas E. Tyson

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer as audited by Main Lafrentz & Co., Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities, prepared on the basis described in note 1, of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1974, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly, as set forth in note 1, the assets and liabilities, of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. at December 31, 1974, arising from cash transactions, and the revenues collected and expenditures made by it and changes in fund balances during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Main Lafrentz & Co.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 27, 1975
## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
### DECEMBER 31, 1974

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Contingent liabilities, see note 4

These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (RESERVE ACCOUNTS)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

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<td>(28,698)</td>
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<td>$38,493</td>
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These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1974

1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis except that interest not paid at year-end on certain notes payable is added to the note balances. Buildings are not depreciated. The cost of furniture and equipment purchased is charged to expense in the year acquired. Cash basis statements do not purport to be presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

2. MORTGAGES PAYABLE

Mortgages are secured by mission church real estate at various United States locations.

3. DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated fund balances at December 31, 1974, were as follows:

- Special projects: $4,851
- New Fields: 2,100
- Glenn Coie Memorial: 4,258
- General assembly: (2,601)
- Intermediary: 971
- Shares fund: 582

Total: $10,161

In 1974, $3,000 was transferred to Special projects and $16 transferred to Glenn Coie Memorial from the General Fund reserve account.

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Committee is contingently liable as guarantor of eight mortgage loans aggregating approximately $217,000. The appraised value of the mortgaged church property at December 31, 1974, approximates $568,000.

5. PENSION PLAN

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has a contributory pension and life insurance plan for ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid quarterly, participants (½) and employers (½). The cost of this plan to The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for 1974, was $3,028. Benefits are not guaranteed but are based on participant's equity in the retirement fund.

6. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Church Extension Fund cash is restricted by the Committee in the amount of $23,886 which, together with the investments in American Telephone & Telegraph note, 6.5% due December 1, 1979, $23,695, would comprise a reserve of 20% of the demand notes outstanding at December 31, 1974.
ACCOUNTANTS' OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our examination of the basic financial statements presented in the preceding section of this report was made primarily to form an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. Supplementary information contained in the following pages, is not considered essential for the fair presentation, as set forth in note 1, of the assets and liabilities of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., arising from cash transactions, and the revenues collected and expenditures made by it, or its changes in fund balances. However, the following data were subjected to the audit procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Main Lafrentz & Co.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 27, 1975

DECEMBER 31, 1974

NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

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$585,128
Contingent Fund

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$182,929

**INVESTMENTS**

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<td>105 shares—Baltimore Gas &amp; Electric, common</td>
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<td>$1,000 U. S. Treasury Bond, 3¼%, due 1978-83</td>
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<td><strong>Special Projects</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Church Extension Fund</strong></td>
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<td>$25,000—American Telephone &amp; Telegraph Co., note, 6.5%, due December 1, 1979</td>
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<td>$1,203</td>
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**$182,929**
### REAL ESTATE

**General Fund**
- Administration building, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania (1/2) interest $23,545

**Contingent Fund**
- Atlanta, Georgia—Chapel $27,823
- Baltimore, Maryland—First Church 2,330
- Eugene, Oregon—Lot 5,975
- Green Bay, Wisconsin—Lot 9,500
- Greeneville, Tennessee—House and Lot 17,383
- Hanover Park, Illinois—Grace Chapel 12,148
- Maple Grove, Maine—Parsonage 5,500
- Sheboygan, Wisconsin—Lot 10,300
- Stratford, New Jersey—Stratford Church 16,591
- Stratford, New Jersey—Lot 650
- Thornton, Colorado—Immanuel Church 29,979
- Thornton, Colorado—Manse 11,834
- Tinley Park, Illinois—Forest View Church 27,068
- Tulsa, Oklahoma—Manse 18,370

- Total $201,836

### NOTES PAYABLE

**December 31, 1974**

**Church Extension Fund**
- Demand notes at 5% per annum $237,905
- 5 year notes at 5% per annum 106,174
- 10 year notes at 6½ % per annum 306,690

- Total $650,769

**Contingent Fund**
- Demand note without interest $8,916
- Demand notes at ½% per annum 5,000
- Long-term note without interest 15,905
- Long-term notes at 4% per annum 6,550
- Long-term notes at 4½ % per annum 7,361
- Long-term notes at 5% per annum 13,611

- Total $57,343

### MORTGAGES PAYABLE

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<td>Tulsa, Oklahoma—Manse</td>
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- Total $77,807
## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
### Year Ended December 31, 1974

### REGULAR

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### THANK OFFERING

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### DESIGNATED-BUDGET

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## SCHEDULE OF GENERAL EXPENDITURES
### Year Ended December 31, 1974

### Church extension expense

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### Office and administrative expense

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### Promotion expense

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Mr. K. L. Bosgraf presented the report of Advisory Committee #3 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #3

Advisory Committee #3 reviewed the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and consulted with several representatives of that committee. We commend the committee for their faithful ministry and service in assisting the church in the work of evangelism and church extension.

We call to the attention of this Assembly the long-range goals of the committee to bring home missions and church extension under the direction of presbyteries and local congregations as far as possible. We consider these goals to be so important to the glory of Christ, the salvation of souls in this nation, and the life and growth of the OPC, that we strongly urge the church and our committee to make these goals immediate objectives for our work of evangelism.

Achievement of these objectives in the near future, however, will require a greatly accelerated effort by our church. First, each session and presbytery must recognize that it is they who have the primary responsibility to provide leadership to the churches in evangelism and church extension. If they fail in this regard, the work simply cannot be accomplished. Second, the committee should increase its priority on the tasks of educating the church in the necessity for evangelism and Christian witness, and recruiting and training leaders for the work of home missions. This will require that consideration be given to ways in which the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension can be relieved of much of its present administrative and financial responsibilities.

Advisory Committee #3 recommends that this Assembly affirm the urgency of these goals, and communicate to the presbyteries and sessions the need for their immediate implementation in the work of evangelism and church extension.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth L. Bosgraf, Chairman

On motion the recommendation of Advisory Committee #3 was adopted.

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, Ph.D., fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). On motion Dr. Taylor was enrolled as a corresponding member.

On motion the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was requested to provide the 43rd General Assembly with proposed guidelines as to the proper use of the terms "church" and "chapel," in designating particular groups of believers united in the worship of God, as a means of clarity and uniform practice within the denomination.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. The following were nominated: Ministers — Hofford, Knight, John W. Mahaffy, C. J. Miller, Oliver, and Tyson; Ruling Elders — K. L. Bosgraf, Roy J. Diefenthaler (Atlanta), Wendell A. Haberern (Mechanicsville), William H. Kiester (Harrisville), Lutz, Bertram R. Robinson, Jr. (Hamden), and Bert L. Roeber (Westfield). On motion Mr. Oliver's request to have his name withdrawn was granted.

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Messrs. Hofford, Knight,
and Tyson, and Ruling Elders Robinson and Roeber to the class of 1978, and Ruling Elder K. L. Bosgraf to the class of 1976.

The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Dr. Taylor, *fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America*, addressed the Assembly.

Mr. Haug presented the report of the *Committee on Overtures and Communications* as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. With reference to Overture #1 from the Presbytery of the Dakotas the committee recommends no action.

2. With reference to Overture #6 from the Presbytery of the Midwest the committee recommends that the method of apportioning commissioners to the General Assembly which is now in use be tested for two more years before alterations are recommended.

3. With reference to Overture #7 from the Presbytery of Ohio the committee believes that the church is not called upon to make formal judgments concerning the teachings of individuals allied with organizations of the type represented by the "AACS-ICS" and therefore the committee recommends no action.

With reference to Communication #7 from the Presbytery of Ohio concerning the late date for distribution of the Minutes of the previous Assembly the committee brings to the attention of the Assembly the statement by the Stated Clerk in his report that this matter is as much a source of distress to him as it is to other presbyters.

4. With reference to Communication #16 from the Presbytery of New Jersey the committee recommends to the General Assembly the approval of the following form:

   The Presbytery having followed the procedure described in the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 9, paragraph 2, proceeded to license Mr. ____________________________ to preach the gospel.

5. With reference to recommendations (3) and (4) submitted by the Stated Clerk in his report the committee recommends their adoption by the General Assembly.

6. With reference to the recommendation of the Trustees concerning an amendment to Rule 1 of the Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records the committee recommends that it not be adopted.

Edward A. Haug, Chairmen
Theodore J. Georgian
Jack R. Harvey
Jonathan D. Male
Paul Woolley
It was moved and seconded to adopt recommendation 1 of the committee. It was moved and seconded to substitute by adopting Overture 6. The Moderator ruled that the substitute motion was in order, on the ground that "no action" is not the opposite of a motion to take some action. The Moderator's ruling was appealed. The Moderator was sustained.

Recommendation 1 of the committee was adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt recommendation 2 of the committee. On motion the recommendation was amended by substituting the word "consider" for the word "recommended."

On motion Overture 6 and the pending motion and its amendment were submitted to the Stated Clerk and Mr. Haug with a view of their reporting not later than the 44th General Assembly.

On amended motion the Assembly took no action on Overture 7 from the Presbytery of Ohio but not necessarily for the reason given by the committee.

On amended motion the Assembly determined to recess at 3:25 p.m. or at the completion of the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, whichever comes first.

During the course of the previous action, a motion to extend the time of debate for five minutes was carried.

The Assembly recessed at 12:22 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Sutton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31

The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah." Mr. Seaberry led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications continued.

On separate motions recommendations 4, 5, and 6 were adopted.

The Assembly recessed at 1:48 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Barnett.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Scipione, the Assembly reconvened at 8:06 a.m. Mr. Nightengale led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Saturday, May 31, were approved as corrected.

Mr. Oliver apologized to the Assembly for a misunderstanding whereby Dr. G. Aiken Taylor had been presented to the Assembly as the fraternal delegate of the PCA, whereas the Rev. Donald C. Graham is to serve in that capacity.

Dr. Gaffin, President of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The year 1974 was a momentous year in our church's foreign missionary work: the martyrdom of one missionary and the kidnaping of another, the overthrow of the Emperor and government of Ethiopia, the sending of four new missionaries into foreign service, the approval of three others for foreign service, the bringing home of a missionary for theological study, our entrance into a new field, the establishment of a formal arrangement with the Reformed Churches of New Zealand to cooperate in sending out missionaries, and the appointment of an assistant for the General Secretary. In all of these, even in the death of a faithful missionary, we can see God's gracious hand of blessing.

The following served as our missionaries for all or part of the year:

ETHIOPIA
Miss Sandra M. Campbell, R.N.
Miss Yvonne De Blaey, R.N.
Dr. and Mrs. John G. Den Hartog
The Rev. John S. Mason
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Miner
Dr. Grietje S. Rietkerk
The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Steltzer
Miss Anna Strikwerda, R.N.
Miss Cornelia J. Van Galen, R.N.

JAPAN
The Rev. and Mrs. Arnold S. Kress
The Rev. and Mrs. R. Heber McIlwaine
The Rev. and Mrs. David M. Moore
The Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto

KOREA
The Rev. and Mrs. W. Ralph English
The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hard
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt

LEBANON
The Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male*

TAIWAN
The Rev. and Mrs. Egbert W. Andrews
The Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
The Rev. and Mrs. Lendall H. Smith

The Missionary Associates who served during the year were:
Miss Nancy J. Cooke, Sendai, Japan (June 1972-August 1974)
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin K. Cummings, Jr., Tokyo, Japan (since October 1970)
Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. Dortzbach, Ghinda, Ethiopia (July 1973-June 1974)
Miss Nancy J. Evers, Sendai, Japan (since August 1973)
Miss Sandra Ten Haken, Ghinda, Ethiopia (November 1973-May 1974)
Mr. George W. Wright, III, Ghinda, Ethiopia (April 1974-June 1974)

* Temporary appointment. See Lebanon section below.
PERSONNEL CHANGES

Of those listed above three missionaries began their service during the year, two terminated their service, and one died; and the service of five Missionary Associates was completed.

The four new missionaries are:

1. The Rev. Lendall H. Smith went to Taiwan in early August with his wife, Sherrill, and three children, Warren, Gregory, and Bonnie Joy. The fellowship and cooperation of the Reformed Church in the U.S. (Eureka Classis) have been renewed in the sending of the Smiths to the field by their commissioning Mr. Smith as their missionary (as well as ours) and by their providing the family's financial support. Prior to their leaving for the field, Mr. Smith had been the pastor of Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Pittsgrove, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were sent by the Committee to the Toronto Institute of Linguistics, shortly before their departure, for one month of introductory language and cross-cultural training.

2. The Rev. John S. Mason, a 1973 graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary, was called by the Committee early in the year for service as an Evangelist in Ethiopia. At that time he was a licentiate. He was ordained in August consequent upon his acceptance of the call and upon assurance that his application for a visa had been approved. It was not until September that the visa was received, and he arrived in Ethiopia on October 8. We are thankful that the visa was granted without any restrictions or requirements for his work. Mr. Mason attended the Toronto Institute of Linguistics. Mr. Mason is unmarried.

3. Miss Cornelia van Galen, R.N., a citizen of the Netherlands, was appointed by the Committee to serve as a missionary nurse in Ethiopia. In addition to her professional training in the Netherlands, Miss van Galen also studied for three years at the Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. As in Mr. Mason's case the obtaining of her visa was long delayed. It was finally received in December, and she was then placed on our active roll. She arrived in Ethiopia on January 3, 1975.

4. The Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male were sent to Beirut, Lebanon as the first missionaries of our church to that country. They arrived there on September 21, planning to remain for two years during which time it would be hoped that other missionaries would arrive and become established. The Males have been members of our church almost since its inception; Mr. Male has served as a home missionary and pastor, and had retired from Bible teaching in a Christian high school before going to Lebanon. The Committee made special arrangements with the Males by which it is responsible only for their transportation and housing.

The missionaries whose service was terminated as previously planned, were:

1. Miss Yvonne DeBlaey, R.N., who had served as a missionary nurse at the Compassion of Jesus Hospital in Ghinda, Ethiopia, since 1966, resigned as of February 11, 1974. She had served longer than she had originally planned when she first went to the field. The Committee is very thankful for both the Christian witness and the medical proficiency that Miss DeBlaey gave to her work and to her place in our Ethiopia Mission and therefore regrets that she felt it necessary to return to this country.

2. Dr. and Mrs. John G. Den Hartog had expected to return home permanently during the summer but advanced their departure date to May after the Compassion of Jesus Hospital was invaded on May 27th. The Den Hartogs had completed two terms.
since their arrival on the field in November 1963. Dr. Den Hartog was named Medical Director of the Hospital in 1970. During Dr. Den Hartog's service his surgical skills became widely known and respected, and people came from great distances for operations. His departure is deeply felt by the people of the area as well as by the Committee, but he and Mrs. Den Hartog believed that especially for family considerations it was necessary. The Committee has expressed to him and Mrs. Den Hartog its appreciation for his service. We are not losing his services completely, for he has agreed to serve as the Committee's Medical Advisor.

*The missionary who died* was Miss Anna Strikwerda, missionary nurse. Miss Strikwerda became the first martyr of our missionary work when she was killed on May 27th following a raid on the Compassion of Jesus Hospital by members of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF). The following resolution was adopted by the Committee:

In Thanks to God for the faith and life of

**ANNA STRIKWERDA**
handmaiden of the Lord

September 7, 1921 - May 27, 1974

The Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church gives thanks to Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, and King of His Church, who first gave to His Church and then called to special service in it, as a nurse and witness, our beloved sister whom, at the hands of wicked men in an attack on the Compassion of Jesus Hospital in Ghinda, Ethiopia, He has now taken to be with Himself as the first

**MARTYR**

of the foreign missionary work of our church; who also gave to our sister, in what were the last minutes of her life, that abiding and serene faith, so characteristic of her life, that enabled her to say, "I'm not afraid; I'll go with them."

In such trust Anna Strikwerda finished her course and was ushered into the presence of Christ to whom she had willingly and gladly given her life. So thank we all our God.

Miss Strikwerda's body is buried in the garden court of the hospital in Ghinda.

The **Missionary Associates** whose service was completed were:

1. Miss Nancy Cooke who served well in many capacities for over two years in Japan.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. Dortzbach, who were in Ghinda for a year, though the year was interrupted by the kidnapping of Mrs. (Deborah) Dortzbach in the same incident in which Miss Strikwerda was killed. Mrs. Dortzbach, who was four months pregnant at the time, was forced to run for several miles and was then taken in a commandeered helicopter to a mountain hideout of the Eritrean Liberation Front. Although her living conditions were primitive she was treated considerately and was not harmed by her captors. During the time of her captivity communication with her husband and the Mission was only by hand-carried letters, and very infrequent, but her steadfast faith and confident patience and trust were clearly evident. She was able
to bear witness with the gospel to her captors and to demonstrate to them the power of that gospel in her own life. During her captivity her plight became known around the world and many, many Christians prayed for her safe release. She was released on June 22, three and a half weeks after her capture. She and her husband remained in Ethiopia until later in June, and arrived in the United States on July 2. Though listed above as Missionary Associates they were only partly so—they paid their own travel expense to and from the field but were paid a salary by the Committee.

3. Miss Sandra Ten Haken who had gone to Ghinda, Ethiopia in November 1973 for a six-month stay to be a helper in the hospital returned home immediately after the incident at the hospital since it seemed obvious that the hospital could not open again before her scheduled departure.

4. Mr. George W. Wright, III went to Ghinda, Ethiopia in April to assist Mr. Miner and to serve as his temporary replacement during the Miners' furlough which was to begin in the summer. The hospital incident, however, caused him to change his plans, and he returned home on June 7.

PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARIES

In addition to the four new missionaries who have been sent out by the Committee three additional couples offered themselves and were approved for missionary service pending our receiving funds for their support. All three men are ordained and actively engaged in the ministry, the kind of men that the 40th (1973) General Assembly requested the Committee to seek. Now that they have been obtained let us pray that the funds will soon be available for them to be sent. They are:

1. The Rev. and Mrs. Wilson L. Cummings, to go to Ethiopia. Mr. Cummings is at present a home missionary in center-city Philadelphia.

2. The Rev. and Mrs. Theodore J. Georgian, to go to Lebanon. Mr. Georgian is the pastor of Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.

3. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Marshall, to go to Lebanon or Taiwan. Mr. Marshall is the pastor of Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, N. J.

Besides those who have been approved for service there are two single men and one couple who are at various stages of apparently serious candidacy and who would be available for missionary work this year.

It is of interest to note that of the 12 men and women who were either sent out, or approved, during the year one was reared in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Of the four who are now under consideration two were born into our church. All three of those brought up in the church are the children of ministers.

We are deeply thankful to God for missionaries who came to us from other backgrounds and committed themselves to the great cause for which we exist; were it not for them we should hardly have any foreign missions program. Nevertheless a man who has been trained in our church and taught its doctrine, and reason for being, from his earliest years has a great advantage as he seeks to build Christ's church in a mission field. It is especially important when we remember that he is often without much opportunity to consult quickly with others when the problems concerning the nature of the church and its witness arise. We therefore again urge the pastors and sessions to give early and continuing guidance and counsel to promising young people, especially young men who can be our future missionaries, to help them give serious consideration to missionary service. It is of particular importance that in this day when
a great variety of interests is pressed upon our young people that our pastors give special attention, to teach them proper values and priorities so that they may learn to hold the kingdom of Christ as of the greatest value and the highest priority in their lives. From such young people we can expect high quality missionary candidates. And the missionary situation faced by this generation's missionaries needs just that—men and women of the highest quality. It is true today as never before, that just as not everyone can be a minister, not every minister can be a foreign missionary. We ask our officers to give high priority to efforts to lead our youth into missionary service. With our new administrative arrangements the Committee, through the General Secretary, will be glad to assist the sessions in their efforts as well as to receive suggestions as to how help can be given.

**COOPERATION WITH THE REFORMED CHURCHES OF NEW ZEALAND**

For some years we have had a cordial relationship with the Overseas Mission Board of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, originated at first through the General Secretary and then carried on by our Taiwan Mission when the Reformed Churches had a missionary in Taiwan. The fellowship has been continued while they have sought a new missionary to go to Taiwan. Their efforts have been unsuccessful thus far and they have asked us if we could provide a missionary who could also be their missionary, supported financially by them. The Committee has agreed to such an arrangement and the following agreements have been adopted by the Committee and the Overseas Mission Board and approved by their Synod:

**Calling Procedure**

1. The Orthodox Presbyterian Committee continue its efforts to seek candidates and to pursue its entire candidate-screening procedure with a candidate.
2. The Orthodox Presbyterian Candidates Committee decide whether or not to recommend a candidate to both the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee and the Overseas Mission Board.
3. If the Orthodox Presbyterian Candidates Committee decides to so recommend it shall present the recommendation first to the Overseas Mission Board, together with as much as possible of the information that led to the recommendation; if the Overseas Mission Board concurs in the recommendation it shall then seek the required approval from the New Zealand churches.
4. If the approval has been given, the candidate will be considered for a call by the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee.
5. If it is decided to call, the call will be effected according to the normal Orthodox Presbyterian procedure; after that the candidate will come to New Zealand to meet with the Overseas Mission Board, speak in the churches and be commissioned for his work in Taiwan.
6. The candidate will then proceed to the field from New Zealand.

**Commissioning Procedure**

1. That the Reformed Churches of New Zealand share with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in sending a missionary to Taiwan who is a member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
2. That such a missionary, previously approved and called by the Committee on
Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, be commissioned to represent the Reformed Churches of New Zealand in his field of service.

3. That such a missionary shall be responsible to conduct his ministry in conformity with the standards of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand as well as the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

4. That such commissioning shall establish the Reformed Churches of New Zealand as responsible for the support of the missionary both financially and by prayer and to provide him encouragement and help in his labours for the Lord.

5. That such commissioning shall be performed at a service of an appropriate place and time in New Zealand prior to the missionary entering his field of labour.

6. That such a missionary shall report at least quarterly and annually to the Overseas Mission Board of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand and the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

7. That such a missionary being a member of the field mission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall conduct his work in accordance with the principles and goals of that mission as approved by the home boards of the sponsoring churches.

8. That such a missionary shall spend a portion of his furloughs in reporting personally to the Overseas Mission Board and the several churches of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand.

9. That the Reformed Churches of New Zealand shall have the right to terminate its relationship to such a missionary at any time, if on disciplinary grounds, or on not less than two years' notice if for other reasons.

10. That although ultimate responsibility for the work of such a missionary shall lie within his calling church—the Orthodox Presbyterian Church—the Overseas Mission Board of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand shall have every right to consult with him at any time and with the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with regard to his work and plans.

ADMINISTRATION

The Committee had decided several years ago that it should be able to do more for the church than has been possible with its limited staff. The Committee conceives that its basic task is to initiate and administer the foreign missionary work of the church. That task involves such things as its day-to-day oversight of the missionaries and missions, the selection of missionaries, the choice of fields, strategic and financial planning for both short-term and long-term, the obtaining and disbursing of funds, and assisting pastors and sessions in their duty of missionary education. To that end the Committee adopted the following general goals:

1. Develop, coordinate, and state missionary principles and practices (missiology)
2. Teach missiology to the church
3. Develop missions-consciousness in the church
4. Develop a broader and larger financial base
5. Expand the church's witness
6. Have as many people meaningfully involved as possible.

The Committee regards these as of crucial importance to the healthy and vigorous advancement of the church's foreign missionary work. Because our small staff, already overburdened, cannot be expected to do the additional work it was necessary to add
to our staff. Financial considerations made the Committee delay implementation of its plan for two years. But in the providence of God the Rev. Herbert S. Bird became available on a half-time basis and the Committee took the opportunity to obtain his services as a step toward achieving its goal to provide more fully the missionary needs of the church. Mr. Bird has served the church as a pastor and as a foreign missionary—the latter, in Ethiopia for 19 years—and at present the other half of his time is as General Consulting Editor of the Committee on Christian Education. He was scheduled to begin his work as Assistant General Secretary on January 1, 1975. He was a member of the Committee on Foreign Missions in the Class of 1977 and resigned his membership as of the date of taking up his new duties.

Mr. Bird's duties are to maintain day-to-day contact with the missionaries and missions, and, in doing so, to apply Committee policies to field operations, to oversee candidate recruitment and orientation, and to arrange missionary itineration.

The General Secretary's duties will not be new but he is to have more time for planning and developing our missionary program in accordance with the Committee's goals. High on his priority list is to resume personal contact with the churches and presbyteries such as he was able to have in earlier years. Of immediate priority, because of present economic conditions and forecasts, is a greatly increased effort to obtain funds. It is a business adage that more funds must be spent for advertising when business conditions are the least favorable; we are in such circumstances at present. The General Secretary will now be able to devote additional time to this crucial aspect of our work. We must also be mindful that God, in His wisdom and providence, has placed before us unusual opportunities. Since opportunities are responsibilities, we must endeavor to fulfill them. These factors clearly indicate the necessity of greater effort to obtain funds, especially from outside our church.

We believe that the additional expense will be far outweighed by the benefits that should come from it: additional funds that will produce more missionary work, internal improvement of our work, and the enrichment of the missionary consciousness of our church.

REPORTS ON THE FIELDS

ETHIOPIA

A political event occurred in Ethiopia, during the year under review, that will affect the future of our work there. That event was the deposition of Emperor Haile Selassie on September 12. It was followed by the execution of some 60 officials of his government, members of the nobility, and others. We are not able to assess what the future effect may be on our work nor on all missionary work in Ethiopia. We are happy to report that as of the end of the year our work had not only not been hindered but also visas were issued to two new missionaries (Mr. Mason and Miss van Galen) by the new regime after the applications had been instituted under the previous government. In fact, Mr. Mason was admitted as a replacement without any strictures requiring him to serve as a teacher.

The assumption of authority by the new government brought to the fore the Eritrean problem that is occasioned by the effort, principally by the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), to separate Eritrea Province from the Ethiopian nation. As the year came to a close it appeared that the government would use force against the ELF. No assessment can be made at this time of the effect of this on our work but since our work is in Eritrea Province the situation is cause for immediate concern and
prayer. Contingency plans, for evacuation of the missionaries in case of emergency, have been made but we can have no assurance that they could be carried out after need for evacuation had become apparent.

The Committee is proceeding on the principle that while the doors are open we should continue our work unless we know that missionaries are likely to be harmed. The Committee also has given full authority to the Mission to make whatever decisions are necessary under existing conditions, and each missionary is at liberty to leave the field at any time he or she decides.

The most personal and, from our human viewpoint, tragic event was the invasion of the Compassion of Jesus Hospital in Ghinda on May 27, already referred to in this report, in which Miss Strickwerda was killed and Mrs. Dortzbach kidnaped. Nevertheless God used the event for good, and two ways stand out: great sympathy from the national people of the area was poured out for Mrs. Dortzbach and Miss Strickwerda and this was transferred to the Mission and was reinforced as the missionaries returned to Ghinda individually at first and as a group later; Miss Strickwerda's death, and the funeral that followed, afforded wide opportunity to the missionaries to show the all-pervasive power of God's saving grace in Christ.

All the missionaries left Ghinda within a day after the invasion and lived in Asmara; different ones returned for visits from time to time while negotiations for Mrs. Dortzbach's release were carried on. It is the stated policy of the Committee, adopted many years ago at the request of the Ethiopia Mission, that no ransom will be paid for the release of missionaries. Ransom was demanded in this case but none was paid. After Mrs. Dortzbach's release she and her husband returned to Ghinda for several days, and the entire staff was back by the time the hospital was re-opened on August 8. The Committee commended the missionaries by means of the following resolution for their steadfastness under the stressful situation:

THANKS and COMMENDATION

The Committee on Foreign Missions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting this 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1974,

GIVES THANKS to our gracious and sovereign Lord for the manifold graces that He had given to the Ethiopia Mission of our church


to bear with faith the heavy trials upon them since the 27th day of May, during and after an attack on the Mission by armed men

When Anna Strickwerda, counting not her life dear to herself and saying, "I am not afraid," was killed

When Deborah M. Dortzbach was kidnapped, then sent out the message, "I am well and praising God, as I hope you are"
AND COMMENDS them for their willingness to abide faithful, for the
good judgment that they have exercised under severe stress, and for their
determination not to seek their own good but the good of Christ's Church,
whatever the cost to them.

ALL OF THIS the Committee on Foreign Missions testifies to the mem-
bers of the Mission; to our church, and to Christ's church around the world,
and pledges its continuing prayers for safety to all in danger, for blessing in
the life of each one, and for fruit from their witness.

The Steltzer family and Dr. Rietkerk were the only missionaries of our Ethiopia
Mission who were on the field during the entire year. Miss Campbell returned from
furlough in April, and the Miner family left for furlough in July. As the year closed
those on the field were the Steltzer family, Miss Campbell, Mr. Mason, and Dr. Riet-
kerk, with Miss van Galen expected in the next day or two. The Miners are expected
back from furlough during the summer of 1975 and it is hoped that another evan-
gelist, already approved, can be sent out.

Mr. Steltzer, who with his family is due to begin furlough in the summer of 1975,
has informed the Committee that he regards it as necessary to remain in the United
States for at least two years. The Committee has informed him that the first six
months would be regarded as furlough with salary and that additional time would be
leave of absence without salary. It is essential in these circumstances that a replacement
be sent by mid-year.

As this report is written the annual reports from the Mission and missionaries
have not been received, partly because political conditions have interrupted mail
service. The following brief summary must suffice for the present, but if it is possible
a fuller report will be given as a supplement or substitute at the General Assembly.

Evangelistic work was continued in Massawa, Senafe, Adi Caieh, Mai Wuoui,
Dongollo, Embatcalla, and Ghinda. Various national believers and ruling elders from
the Ghinda congregation assisted in some of these efforts. The Ghinda congregation
holds worship services and Sunday school each Sunday, and a vacation Bible school
in the summer. No statistics are available.

The work of the Compassion of Jesus Hospital was in two parts, before and
after the invasion by the Eritrean Liberation Front on May 27. The first part, and
especially the last two months, were particularly busy because it was known that Dr.
Den Hartog was leaving, and he carried on an unusually heavy schedule in surgery.
The hospital outpatient clinic was closed immediately after the invasion when the
missionaries went to Asmara. The in-patients who could not leave immediately were
cared for by national hospital workers and dismissed as soon as possible. Before the
missionaries left they arranged for care of the hospital and the dismissal and furlough-
ing of the national workers.

The second part of the year began on August 8 when the hospital was reopened,
with Dr. Rietkerk and Miss Campbell as the missionary staff. Some national workers
were re-employed. There being no surgeon on the staff, no major surgery has been
performed, although there is a possibility that arrangements for a surgeon to come
from another part of the country on a periodic basis may be made. Since re-opening,
the operating costs have exceeded income and the Committee has instructed the Mission
to take measures to reduce costs even at the expense of reduced services.
A three-year comparative statistical report for the Mihireta Yesus (Compassion of Jesus) Hospital in Ghinda follows. It is to be noted that due to the events reported above the hospital was closed for the 10-week period May 28-August 4.

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Children's clinic (August-December 1974)
total number of children 2,589

As of the end of the year the Committee had received no indication that missionaries would not be welcome in Ethiopia, so in spite of current disorder which we pray and hope will be temporary, we continue to make plans for the continuance and reinforcement of our work. We hope to have four ordained missionaries and four more nurses on the field and we ask the church's prayers for the fulfillment of these needs, not only for the gospel's sake but also for the sake of the few present missionaries on whom so much responsibility falls.

JAPAN

The Japan Mission opened its annual report to the Committee on a note of thanksgiving to God: for personal health among the members of the Mission family and the growth and maturing of children in school and home, for the stability of the Japanese society in which they work, for the warmth of the relationship with the Reformed Church in Japan and, "above all" for the open opportunities to preach the gospel there.

The McIlwaines, Moores, and Uomotos have been in Japan for the full year, and the Kresses until August. The Missionary Associates, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings and Miss Evers were also there for a full year and Miss Cooke was there for the first half of the year.

The "opportunities" are being grasped in the Fukushima area (McIlwaines), Yamagata area (Kresses and Moores), and Sendai area (Uomotos).

Fukushima. The work here, begun and continued by the McIlwaines in past...
years, received great encouragement this year with the coming of co-worker Jun Inui and his family. During the year, because of the resignation of the pastor of the Reformed Church in Koriyama, this area came under the responsibility of the McIlwaines. Tract distributions and Bible classes were continued at Horai and at Miyashiro housing complexes with small attendance but with a start made in establishing a base in these areas.

Membership in the Fukushima church remains constant though a number of candidates for baptism have been receiving instruction during the year. The problem of marriage of Christians with non-Christians presents peculiar problems here.

Prison visitation forms one of Mr. McIlwaine's opportunities for preaching the gospel to the outcasts of society. Much prayer is needed that the seed sown may spring up into eternal life through the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

One acute problem facing the group is the fact that the McIlwaines will be retiring in 1976. This presents problems of future location and meeting places, and raises the question of the feasibility of purchasing an adequate property which can be used both for meeting place and manse.

Sendai. The Uomotos continue to work in Ishinomaki, Nakayama New Town, Tsurugaya, and Sakuragaoka, all in the greater Sendai area.

The Ishinomaki church entered the third year of a 10-year schedule toward self-support and enjoyed a very busy schedule of regular and special meetings. Nevertheless the close of the year showed a decrease in membership, due largely to a family moving from Ishinomaki to Yamagata and transferring their membership to the group there. We are thankful that there is a group there now to receive them as a result of our missionary work. Near the end of the year the pastor received a call to another congregation and was to leave Ishinomaki in January. It may be difficult to find an adequate successor. The projected building of a manse-chapel has been postponed indefinitely due to the oil shortage and extreme inflation.

A Tuesday morning Bible class has been held throughout the year at Tsurugaya but the results have not been promising. Due to the presence of several women from the East Sendai Reformed congregation the attendance has averaged eight during the year but there have been only two or three from the area, with others coming once or twice.

Shogen Bible class has been held weekly on Tuesday mornings. The attendance has been small, ranging from a high of about 10 to a low of three with only a few from that area. Most are from the Eiko Reformed Chapel and one from the Sendai Reformed Church.

Twice-monthly meetings have been held in Nakayama New Town on both Sunday morning and evenings but the attendance has been small with only three regular members, and others coming only sporadically.

At Sakuragaoka we attempted to have children and adults meeting in succession, but this proved disappointing; so by the end of the year we have been having only a children's meeting. The attendance was slow at first, but by the end of the year, it had stabilized to some 15-20 children.

A small bookstore business is operated from the Uomotos' home through the various congregations and missionaries on a commission basis. Sales were about US
$1,400 for the year. More needs to be done here with diversification in the type of materials and planning.

Some work has been done with correspondence courses and a number of people have confessed Christ and joined Reformed churches as a result of them.

*Yamagata.* With two missionary families here there was greater activity than in our other two areas. The leaving of the Kresses on furlough was a loss to this activity. This was partially offset by the addition of the Okada family to work with the Moores.

Distribution of tracts in surrounding villages formed a large part of the activity here, but other new forms of activities proved fruitful: speaking at meetings for blind and deaf people, a meeting for older people, an English teachers’ seminar, and a summer family conference. Also a weekly men’s Bible class, with an attendance of four, three of whom seem close to the kingdom, gives signs of providing men for membership in the congregation, while children’s meetings in four country areas, showing excellent attendance, hold promise for the future. A rapport seems to be developing between the missionaries and the people of their community largely through meetings for various levels of people.

The moving of the Okada family from Ishinomaki to work with Mr. Moore has raised in very practical ways the difficult problem of the mission/national church relationship. Many questions need yet to be answered.

The Mission was blessed with having three Missionary Associates with them last year. Miss Nancy Cooke was there during the first half of the year and returned home in August after two years with the Mission in Sendai during which she was of much help in a great variety of ways. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin K. Cummings, Jr., live in Tokyo where Mr. Cummings teaches and coaches athletics at the Christian Academy of Japan. The Cumminises also serve as house parents to the Uomoto and Kress children who have been attending the Academy. The Cummingses plan to complete their work in Japan and return to the United States in the summer of 1975. Miss Nancy Evers, who has taught English and Bible classes in the Sendai area since Mid-1973, plans to return to the United States this summer.

The missionaries have followed a regular schedule of working together in each of their areas to provide both assistance and fellowship in their work. Japan is still a field hardened to the gospel; although the fruit of the Spirit is evident in all the areas of our work, it does not come quickly or easily. We continue to be thankful for complete freedom to make the gospel known in this nation.

*Special Kress Furlough.* At the request of the Committee the Rev. Arnold S. Kress came home from Japan in June to discuss with the Committee “his present views on the spiritual gifts of prophecy and tongues.” This request was occasioned by (1) “tongues-speaking experiences” which Mr. Kress had had during the previous year 1973, (2) extended correspondence between Mr. Kress and the Committee and (3) the Committee being “not satisfied” with Mr. Kress’s position on these matters. After the personal interview in June the Committee determined to “return the Kress family (to the U.S.) for a nine-month furlough beginning approximately September 1, 1974, that during this period, in consultation with the sub-committee, he engage in a study of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church today . . . with the objective that as the result of this study his position and the position of the Committee be brought into agreement before he is returned to the field . . . .” The Kresses arrived home in the latter part of August and moved to a house provided for them in the Philadelphia area by the Committee.
The Committee also determined that although it could not forbid Mr. Kress, as a minister in good standing in the church, to preach in our churches, it would not sponsor such preaching until the desired agreement should be reached.

In all of its correspondence and meetings with Mr. Kress the Committee has kept his presbytery (Ohio) informed and has invited and received their participation.

The matter had not been resolved by the end of the year.

KOREA

Of our three missionary families in Korea, only the Hards were on the field during the entire year. The Hunts returned to Korea on May 31 after furlough. The Englishes left Korea about a week later to begin their furlough.

The Hunts returned to the field for two years. They had planned to retire at the end of their previous term but offered themselves for two more years in hopes that a new missionary family might be sent during that time. The Committee accepted their offer and returned them to the field.

In spite of the curtailed work due to the absence of the Englishes and Hunts during parts of the year, the Mission attempted to sustain its full program which included preaching, seminary teaching, writing, publishing, and selling literature and relief work.

Preaching. Mr. Hunt, as usual, did a great amount of preaching and he reports that, in the seven months during which he was in Korea, he gave a total of 140 messages at worship services and Bible conferences in 57 churches or schools, in 10 cities or towns in four provinces. He estimates that he preached to over 11,000 different people and contrasts that with preaching to approximately 4,000 people in 52 churches during the first five months of the year which he spent in America. No such full statistics are available for the other missionaries, but Mr. English reports that he preached 66 times in the first six months of the year while he was in Korea and Mr. Hard approximately 75 times during the year. Mr. English has improved his language ability greatly and has enjoyed the opportunities that he has had to preach in the Korean language. Much of the preaching of the missionaries, including the holding of Bible conferences, is done in Korean churches.

Teaching. Mr. English did no formal teaching during the time he was in Korea last year and wants to keep teaching at a minimum so that he will be free for the evangelistic preaching for which he feels more gifted. Mr. Hard taught at the Seoul Seminary of the Hopdong Church and the Koryu Seminary of the Kosin Church in the spring, summer, and fall terms. He also taught in a Bible Institute. Mr. Hunt taught in two seminaries, one of the Kosin Church and one of the Hopdong Church, both in Pusan. The subjects taught by Mr. Hard were Apologetics, Evidences, Greek, Korean Rural Christian Culture, Christian Classics of Literature, Elencetics, and English Theological Reading. Mr. Hunt's subjects were Missions and a class in "Expression" in the college department of Korea Seminary.

Literature. All the missionaries have been active in literature work, Mr. Hard especially through his interest in the publication work of the Korea Society for Reformed Faith and Action which he serves as Publishing Secretary. A number of Reformed books have been translated from other languages and encouragement is being given to Koreans to write and publish books. They are also engaged in selling books, and
Mr. Hard reports that his book sales totaled US $5,573 and Mr. English reports selling almost $4,800 worth, of which $680 was for sales of books in the Korean language. Mr. Hard's interest in literature has also included serving as the librarian of the Koryu Seminary in Pusan and has also taken an interest in the library in the Seoul Seminary. Related to his library work is his interest in establishing reading rooms in the cities, and he now has an active interest in three such rooms, all of which are another means of bringing the Christian gospel to the attention of more and more people. Mr. Hard also has been active in writing, including the production of a syllabus on "Christian Culture in Rural Korea" which he has not only used in the classroom but has also published it for distribution among the churches.

Relief. The Hards, being the only ones on the field throughout the entire year, handled most of the relief work which now consists almost entirely in the distribution of funds. The total amount distributed was approximately $8,500 for such things as flood relief, multipurpose food, lepers, and work scholarships in seminaries and a Bible school.

Political conditions in Korea have undergone a number of changes in recent years. The American press has carried numerous reports of activities by citizens and the government. One of our missionaries has expressed unhappiness at the constant harping against the president and his government and the demonstrations against the government led chiefly, he believes, by Roman Catholics and liberal Protestants. In spite of news reports, the churches are growing. At a recent meeting of leaders in the Hopdong denomination, it was determined to strive for a total of 10,000 churches by 1985; there are now 2,300. While this may seem like a very large goal, there appears to be considerable enthusiasm for it. The Koryu Seminary in Pusan is constructing a new building that will cost US $445,000. Of this $229,000 is from a denomination in The Netherlands and the remaining $187,000 is being raised in Korea. Mr. Hunt said that he was struck upon his return to Korea with the generosity of the honoraria given to him for speaking in Korean churches. In the seven months he had received US $1,028, all of which he has distributed to Korean institutions—foreign missions and seminaries.

We continue to have complete freedom for the preaching of the gospel in Korea.

The health of the missionaries has been good except for that of Mrs. Hunt. Shortly before leaving the United States for Korea, she broke an arm, and then after arrival in Korea a breast cancer was discovered and she underwent a mastectomy operation. She seems to have recovered well, but the operation has hindered somewhat the use of her right arm.

We trust that our church will continue to pray that there may be more missionaries and funds available to send replacements and additions to our missionary staff in Korea.

LEBANON

Responding to the urgent need and evident open door in Lebanon (Minutes, Forty-first (1974) General Assembly, p. 83), the Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male offered to go, partially at their own expense, to undertake missionary labors there. They went expecting to stay for one or two years, but are so impressed by the opportunities that they may decide to remain longer. They arrived in Beirut on September 21 and are living in an apartment there. The expenses borne by the Committee are drawn from a special fund that was contributed to help us attain our 1980 goal which includes
the establishment of two new mission fields. Their activities may be summarized as follows:

Personal contacts. Immediately upon entering the country, the Males made contact with several people who comprise the leadership of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF), a group of Reformed Christians brought together largely through the witness of Mr. John Grotenhuis, now residing in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. They also became acquainted with both the leadership and numerous adherents of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. It is evident from Mr. Male's correspondence that there is no difficulty in approaching adherents of many different religions represented in Lebanon and that an encouraging number of such people have expressed an apparently genuine interest in biblical Christianity.

Preaching. Since arriving in Lebanon, Mr. Male has had many opportunities to preach the Word of God to groups of people both in Beirut and elsewhere in the general area. Arrangements were made by a long-time friend of Mr. Male who operates an orphanage in Lebanon, the Rev. Abraham Brake, for Mr. Male to minister during five days of special services in Damascus, Syria, in November. Attendance ranged from 40 to 75, including many university students. Other invitations have been forthcoming, and more opportunities exist for a preaching and Bible-teaching ministry than it is possible for Mr. Male to accept. Mr. Male's preaching and teaching ministry in Beirut is carried on in the small living room of his home. Sunday services are regularly conducted with 12 to 15 in attendance.

The Middle East Reformed Fellowship. This is the name chosen by the group of people who asked us to begin work in Lebanon. Not previously organized formally, the group drew up and adopted a Constitution and By-laws by the end of the year. Its intent is to be a forerunner for the establishment of Reformed churches in the whole of the Middle East. Mr. Male was chosen as its first president. The MERF'S purpose is stated as follows:

1. Promote a communion for mutual encouragement and edification among those in the Middle East who adhere to the Reformed Faith, thus stimulating conformity to the moral standards of the Holy Bible.

2. Propagate the Reformed Faith by means of Bible Study, seminars, literature distribution, worship services, etc.

3. Strengthen the Reformed witness in the Middle East through:
   a. fostering cooperation among Reformed churches;
   b. relating Reformed churches in the Middle East with Reformed churches in other parts of the world;
   c. encouraging the establishment of Reformed churches in areas where there are none.

4. Assist and establish Reformed social and educational institutions.

Mr. Male and the other leaders of the MERF view it as a means for outreach far beyond the borders of Lebanon, and as being of service to Reformed Christians in many parts of the Arabic-speaking world.

The Reformed Church of Lebanon. At the end of 1974, steps were being taken toward the organization of a church, presbyterian in government and committed to the Bible as its primary standard and the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as its secondary standards. Although the formal organi-
zation did not occur until January, 1975, it seems appropriate to report this as a prime example of the blessing of God upon the labors of his servants in such a comparatively short time. Mr. Male is serving temporarily as pastor, with a gifted and devoted believer from Egypt, Mr. Victor Atallah, being asked to prepare for licensure and for service as associate pastor. Several men, both Lebanese and American, were chosen to prepare for the eldership. Among those preparing for membership is a recently converted Roman Catholic.

When the General Secretary visited Beirut on Easter weekend last April there were only two who could attend a meeting and he met five others informally. When the Males arrived in September even the MERF had not been organized. Today there is a Reformed church. It is marvelous in our eyes! This little church, if we can nurture it while we also reach out with missionaries from our own church, can be the means of reaching deep into the Arab and Muslim worlds. That this can be so is evidenced by Mr. Male already having preached in Syria and by later invitations to preach in the Sudan and Egypt.

From Mr. Male's reports a few quotations will show us something of the opportunity that has come to our hand, not to say dropped in our lap—from reviving dying churches to providing Christian literature, to simple evangelism and church planting:

"Churches in Lebanon are opening for our men to minister in various ways—in fact, there is a real shortage of trained leadership here, and many churches started by Presbyterians and other missionaries want help. We are staggered by the many opportunities..."

"I foresee the establishment of many Presbyterian-type churches—in fact, if you can keep a secret, I am hoping the Baptist churches will become so. I think the OPC has an unbelievably wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel through the new denomination, the Reformed Church of Lebanon; through the MERF, with which people of various backgrounds may be contacted and edified; and through the IVF, which is completely dominated in the Middle East by the membership of the Reformed Church of Lebanon or its staunch friends. I am so thrilled and happy about the whole set-up that I pray God may give me some years to share in the work. Frankly I think it's the greatest thing that ever hit the OPC—and a failure to respond to the challenge... would be the utmost... well, I won't say it!"

"The need is terrific and the whitened harvest is ready! Maronite Catholics, even Muslims, are showing interest. The director of the Lebanon Bible Society told me today that three Catholic priests are actively engaged in handing out or selling the New Testament in Lebanon! He said thousands of Scripture portions are being distributed to people in all religions."

"Plans for translation of Reformed books and pamphlets into Arabic are being discussed and formulated... Contacts are being made constantly with students who are from Presbyterian churches (and others) in Egypt, Sudan, Nigeria, Syria, Jordan, Iran, and other countries. Many are training for the ministry. Through these contacts we hope to have a far-flung ministry..."

"Here, as in no other place I have ever seen, the fields are white unto the harvest. Almost anyone is willing to listen to the gospel. I find little difficulty (if one can speak English) in engaging in conversations with men on the bus, at the beach (I go swimming often), on the streets, in their homes. The Arabs are a wonderfully gracious and hospitable people. May God send forth laborers into His harvest."
It is our hope and prayer that our church will rise to the occasion and take advantage of what seems to be an unprecedented opportunity. To that end the Committee has approved two of our ministers for service there, planning to call them to that service as soon as funds become available. We implore the church to direct its prayers and gifts to that end also.

TAINAN

The most important event for our Taiwan missionary work was the arrival on August 3 of our newest missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Lendall H. Smith and their three children. They live in a house that we rent for them in Taichung. There Mr. and Mrs. Smith attend the Taichung branch of the Taipei Language Institute and the children attend Morrison Academy.

By the end of the year, Mr. Smith had completed the first unit of the course, passing both the written and comprehensive examination. Mrs. Smith, because of household duties, can take only half the amount of instruction that her husband takes, and she has completed half of the first unit.

The Smiths have become a part of our Mission and participate actively in its work so far as their language learning permits. They have made a most promising beginning in every way and the prospects for fruitful service are bright.

The work of the Andrewses and Gaffins has continued to be centered in Kaohsiung and Taichung respectively.

When the Andrewses arrived in Kaohsiung on January 15, after furlough, they found much for which to be thankful. Of especial note is a 6:30 A.M. daily prayer meeting, attended by a few, and an evident desire of the congregation to reach out with the gospel. One example of the latter is that 21 members volunteered to promote the use of a World Home Bible League Chinese language correspondence course. It resulted in 150 young people enrolling, of whom 80 completed the course. A weekly mid-week prayer meeting is attended by 10-20 people, while attendance at Sunday worship services averages 57 for the morning and 43 for the evening. The highest monthly average for morning worship was 69 (April), and for evening was 49 (May); the lowest average for the morning was 45 (September) and for the evening 30 (June). Mr. Andrews usually preaches once each Sunday as well as calling in the community. Other preaching, and pastoral and evangelistic work, are done by Mr. Chia, Mr. Andrews' assistant, with Mr. Andrews' help and guidance.

The congregation, Hsin Ai, is purchasing its property from the Committee with monthly payments that are made faithfully and regularly.

Mrs. Andrews is very active in the work, playing the church organ and teaching three of the girls to play it, calling alone and with women of the church, and distributing tracts and medicines. She is also the secretary of the Mission.

Other work of Mr. Andrews including speaking at a joint young people's conference with another Reformed Presbyterian congregation; teaching for 10 days at the annual Short-Term Bible Institute of church leaders on the island; starting to teach Christian Theology under a "Theological Education by Extension" arrangement with nine in the class, three of whom are from the Hsin Ai congregation; and, at a four-day Church Growth workshop, doing the difficult two-way interpretation (Chinese/English and English/Chinese) for the speakers.

Mr. Gaffin has responsibilities in both Taichung and San Ch'ung City, adjacent
to Taipei, but chiefly in Taichung. There the work centers on the church (Chung Ming), the Reformed Gospel Bookroom, and their home.

The congregation has constructed its own building mainly by means of a loan of US $12,000 from the Committee, on which they make monthly payments. On Sundays a Sunday school, with about 80 in attendance, is held, and morning and evening worship. Morning worship, in the Taiwanese dialect, is attended by about 50; evening worship, in Mandarin, averages between five and 10 in attendance. Mr. Gaffin preaches at the latter, and his assistant, Mr. P'an at the former. Mr. Gaffin regards Mr. P'an's preaching as good, showing evidence of careful study and preparation. There is also a Bible study for college students before the evening service. A Wednesday evening prayer meeting and a Saturday evening meeting for young people are held. The building is used also on weekday mornings for a nursery school, a common practice for churches in Taiwan.

The Bookroom is open daily except Sunday and is in the charge of a Miss Hung. While sales at the Bookroom last year amounted to only US $371 Miss Hung is seeking to enlarge the literature ministry. She has also been able to get many of the neighborhood children to attend Sunday school. Another part of the Bookroom ministry is selling books at missionary retreats and conferences where sales were US $265.

Mrs. Gaffin works in and from their home. There she teaches two English Bible and conversation classes each week and assists and advises the Sunday school teachers.

Mr. Gaffin is responsible for the oversight of work in San Ch'ung City, adjacent to Taipei, which had been started six years ago by the Rev. John D. Johnston. A. Loh, Chin-shan, a graduate of the Christ United Theological Seminary, serves as the evangelist for the Mission. Mr. Gaffin visits this work once a month. Attendance at morning worship there is about 25, and in the evening about 10. About 30 attend Sunday school. The church pays an increasing amount of his salary and rent for the building each year, and they are accumulating funds for a building of their own.

It is imperative for us to send other missionaries to Taiwan at a very early date because of the impending retirement of, first, the Gaffins, and then the Andrewses. The population continues to grow; the field becomes larger each year and all the time it is white.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nigeria. Last year the Committee reported it had been approached to provide a short-time missionary teacher at Nigeria. This later proved to be unfeasible and the matter was dropped.

Committee Structure. Each member of the Committee has a regular assignment to a sub-committee, in addition to being given special tasks from time to time. There is a sub-committee for each of our mission fields and other sub-committees for specific and continuing responsibilities. The function of the field sub-committees is to advise the General Secretary between meetings of the Committee on matters requiring decisions which he cannot or feels that he should not make on his own authority; the functions of the other sub-committees differ in each case. Sub-committees are appointed annually at the first meeting of the Committee after the General Assembly.

Those serving at the end of 1974 were:

Ethiopia and Lebanon—Charles H. Ellis, Henry K. Bacon
Japan—Theodore J. Georgian, Laurence N. Vail
Korea—Leslie A. Dunn, Elmer M. Dortzbach
Taiwan—Edwin C. Urban, John L. Kortenhoeven
Finance and Education Allowances—William A. Haldeman, Willard E. Neel
New Fields—Bernard J. Stonehouse, Newman de Haas
Stewardship—R. Patrick Width

The officers of the Committee are elected annually at the first meeting after the General Assembly. Those serving at the end of the year were: Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., President; Elmer M. Dortzbach, Vice-President; Newman de Haas, Secretary; Willard E. Neel, Treasurer.

Those serving at the end of the year as the Committee's staff for administration are the Rev. John P. Galbraith, General Secretary, and Mrs. Leonard S. McCombs, office secretary, both serving full-time; and three whose time is shared equally with the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension—Mr. Timothy A. Churchill, Comptroller; Miss Mabel A. Sager, Bookkeeper; and Mrs. Alfred Black, Assistant Bookkeeper.

Mrs. Ada Vodges, who had served as office secretary since 1957, retired at the end of the year.

As was indicated earlier in this report the Committee elected the Rev. Herbert S. Bird to serve as Assistant General Secretary beginning January 1, 1975.

Salary Scale. The salary scale for the missionaries was not changed during the year. The current scale is given in the Minutes of the 41st General Assembly, p. 85. The allowances supplementary to salary are given in the Minutes of the 38th General Assembly, pp. 82f.

BUDGET

1975

The Committee’s budget for 1975 is as follows:

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1976

The budget for 1976 that was submitted to the Stewardship Committee is $420,000. It includes provision for the following:

- Our present missionaries
- Inflation at 10 per cent
- Additional missionaries
  - Ethiopia — 1
  - Lebanon — 2


Retirees replaced
  Korea — 1
  Japan — 1

Of the total budget the following is requested from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

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FINANCES

Contributions to the General Fund in 1974 were $323,180. In the year before they were $316,190. However, of this amount $38,444 was given for projects that are not in our budget; in the year earlier that amount was $19,557. Thus the amount contributed toward the budget was $284,736 which was $30,409 less than the budget adopted by the General Assembly. In order to meet expenses three steps were taken: planned work was not begun, missionaries cut back their work, and funds were borrowed.

The total given to the 1974 Thank Offering was a new record high of $158,425, participated in by 113 churches and 16 chapels, also a new record. Of the total $34,255 was received after the closing of the books for 1974, and does not appear in Treasurer's account of 1974 contributions. The Committee's share of the amount received during the year was $56,308.

In 1973 contributions from our members had been $231,970, including almost $31,000 in a special Devaluation Offering. In the year just concluded our members gave $213,287, approximately $17,000 less than last year. That difference indicates that our regular giving increased, a reason for thanksgiving. It also makes clear that our members are willing to give more when they see a need. Contributions from other sources increased by about 11%.

A comparison of contributions to the General Fund in 1974 and 1973 is as follows:

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Contributions for our work from our members in 1974 averaged approximately 41¢ per week per communicant. In 1973 the average was 41.8¢ per week. Both amounts represent approximately .003 (three-tenths of one per cent) of average personal income. In order only to maintain our present work, contributions must increase by
more than 10% because of inflation. Less than that means retrenchment as in the liberal, Christ-denying churches; more than that will enable us to advance. An increase of only 3¢ per week by each communicant member would enable us to send out one new missionary family. If we increased our foreign missionary giving by .001% (from .003 to .004) we could send out almost five new missionaries. It is our hope that the pastors and sessions of our churches will pray and work diligently toward better stewardship of our members’ possessions and toward a greater and fuller acceptance of the great opportunities that God has laid before us.

Because of the shortage of contributions our net worth (“reserve accounts” in the Treasurer’s report) decreased by approximately $17,500. It should be noted that the Capital Fund was separated from the General Fund, for Balance Sheet purposes, so that the Capital Fund could appear separately in the annual report. This decreases the net worth of the General Fund but the total of the two funds together is not affected.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly:

Ministers: Leslie A. Dunn, Charles H. Ellis, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D.
Ruling Elders: Henry K. Bacon, R. Patrick Width

An additional vacancy was created by the resignation of the Rev. Herbert S. Bird, of the Class of 1977, when he became Assistant General Secretary of the Committee.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main LaFrentz & Co., Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities, arising from cash transactions, prepared on the basis described in note 1, of The Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1974, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Except as explained in the following paragraph, our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We did not verify notes and loans receivable of the Capital Fund by direct correspondence (stated at $31,138) nor did we examine evidence of ownership of foreign properties of the Capital Fund (stated at $202,023). The nature of these assets does not permit the application of adequate alternative procedures regarding such receivables and real estate.

Since we did not verify notes and loans receivable of the Capital Fund by direct correspondence and did not examine evidence of ownership of foreign properties of the Capital Fund, and we were unable to apply adequate alternative procedures regarding these assets, as noted in the preceding paragraph, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements referred to above.

Main LaFrentz & Co.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 27, 1975
## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

**DECEMBER 31, 1974**

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| LIABILITIES                                |          |         |         |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Notes and loans payable                    | $54,420  |         |         |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Mortgage payable, Furlough House, 6%, due 1983| 4,424    |         | 4,424   |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Fund balances                              |          |         |         |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Special projects funds                     | 34,766   |         | 34,766  |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Intermediary funds                         | 19,728   |         | 19,728  |                                     |                               |           |               |         |                |                               |
| Reserve accounts                           | 300,796  | 55,289  | 197,978 | $33,549                             | $2,227                        | $337      | $6,000        | $616    | $2,181          | $2,619                        |
| Totals                                     | $414,134 | $114,207| $252,398| $33,549                             | $2,227                        | $337      | $6,000        | $616    | $2,181          | $2,619                        |

These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (RESERVE ACCOUNTS)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1974

1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis except that interest, not paid at year-end on certain notes payable, is added to the note balances. Buildings are not depreciated and the cost of furniture and equipment purchased is charged to expense in the year acquired. Cash basis statements do not purport to be presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

2. PENSION PLAN. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has a contributory pension and life insurance plan for ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid quarterly, participants (½) and employers (½). The cost of this plan to The Committee on Foreign Missions for 1974 was $5,416. Benefits are not guaranteed, but are based on participant's equity in the retirement fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ACCOUNTANTS' DISCLAIMER OF OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our examination of the basis financial statements is presented in the preceding section of this report. Supplementary information contained in the following pages is not considered essential for the fair presentation, as set forth in note 1, of the assets and liabilities of The Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., arising from cash transactions, and revenues collected and expenditures made by it, or its changes in fund balances. However, the following data were subjected to the audit procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the preceding section, we do not express an opinion on the basic financial statements presented herein. Similarly, we do not express an opinion on the following data.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 27, 1975

MAIN LAFRENTZ & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

DECEMBER 31, 1974

NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

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| James W. Price Memorial Literature Fund |         |
| Korea Mission | $ 5,100 |
| Japan Mission |  1,081  |
| Total        | $6,181  |

MISSION ADVANCES

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### DECEMBER 31, 1974

#### INVESTMENTS

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**Handyside Memorial Student Sponsorship Fund** $1,000 notes, plus accrued interest, The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., 6 1/4%, due January 9, 1979

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#### REAL ESTATE, at cost

**General Fund**
- Administration Building — Melrose Park, Pennsylvania (⅔ interest)
  - $23,545
- Abington, Pennsylvania, Furlough House
  - 15,235
  - $38,780

**Capital Fund — Missionary properties**
- Pusan, Korea
  - #1
  - #2
  - #3
  - $955
- Seoul, Korea
  - Taichung, Taiwan
  - Nakayama New Town, Japan
  - Ghinda, Ethiopia
  - #1
  - #2
  - Women's residence
  - Hospital
  - Yamagata, Japan
  - Total
  - $202,023
## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

**Year Ended December 31, 1974**

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- **Total Contributions:** $323,116

**Orthodox Presbyterian Churches**

- **Regular:** $141,570
- **Thank offering:** $55,980
- **Designated — budget:** $15,555
- **Devaluation offering:** $181

**Others**

- **Regular:** $13,470
- **Thank offering:** $328
- **Designated — budget:** $57,560
- **Devaluation offering:** $92
**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974**

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**FORTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Mr. Tyson presented the report of Advisory Committee #1 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #1

1. IN RE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Advisory Committee #1 gave careful consideration to the report, met with the President and the General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and forwarded to them suggestions that do not involve redirection, expansion, or diminution of the work of the committee. We reviewed with the President of the committee, and the Rev. Arnold S. Kress, the material contained in the paragraph headed “Special Kress Furlough.”

2. IN RE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Advisory Committee #1 met with three members of this committee, and received advice itself from two additional witnesses who requested to appear. We recommend to the General Assembly that sections 1-4 of the Report of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit be adopted by the 42nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and transmitted to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod study committee as the Assembly’s response to the request of RES 1972; and that the entire report be sent to the presbyteries for study.

On motion the Rev. Theodore Hard was given the privilege of the floor during consideration of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions. The following were nominated: Ministers — Conn, Duff, Dunn, Albert G. Edwards, III, C. H. Ellis, and Gaffin; Ruling Elders — Henry K. Bacon (Hamden), Earl DeMaster (Oostburg), R. Eugene List, D.D.S. (Hatboro), R. Patrick Width (Westfield), and Daniel Y. Yahuso (Garden Grove).


Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. John H. Bratt, Th.D., and Ruling Elder Albert A. Bel, fraternal delegates of the Christian Reformed Church. On motion Messrs. Bratt and Bel were enrolled as corresponding members.

By general consent the Assembly recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

Dr. Bratt, a fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church, addressed the Assembly.

Mr. Malcor, member of the Committee on Christian Education, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
In all the history of the Committee on Christian Education there has probably never been a time when it was more appropriate to join with the psalmist and say: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." In the good providence of God the year 1974 witnessed a dramatic demonstration of God's blessing upon the ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as the hope to unite our publication program with that of the Presbyterian Church in America took the form of action and moved closer toward reality.

Unable to continue development of the Sunday school curriculum without substantially larger contributions to its Christian education program, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church early in 1974 faced possible abandonment of its fifteen-year, one million dollar investment in that program. Lacking the assurance of adequate funding, the activities of the Committee began to falter and lose momentum, the staff began to disintegrate and planning for future ministry began to succumb to a subtle paralysis. In this context the Committee began the year in the midst of hopeful discussions with the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America—discussions aimed at joining the efforts and resources of our two churches in a common curriculum publication program.

Despite some re-evaluations, some scaling down of expectations and some not-too-surprising delays, we come to this 42nd General Assembly echoing the psalmist's testimony: "I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place" (Psalm 118:5). As we shall outline in some detail at later points, the Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America have agreed upon the terms for a joint venture in publications to serve both denominations, thus rescuing our own faltering program and at the same time providing the Presbyterian Church in America with a tested core for a curriculum program of its own.

As was the case with the psalmist for whom times of need and testing so often proved to be occasions for new experiences of God's mercy, so with us the very difficulty of the situation that confronted us has made the experience of the past year an occasion to marvel anew at the faithful goodness of our God. Yet that experience will fail of its ultimate purpose if we permit it to be an occasion of self-congratulation and complacency.

The developments outlined in this report should in no way be construed as relieving us of any responsibilities in our ministry or as allowing us to relax or diminish the effort in which we have been engaged in the area of Christian education. These developments are rather God's gracious provision to enable us once more to lift up the hands that had begun to droop; they constitute a new call to continued—and greater—efforts to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our tent. More than ever our prayer must be: "Lord teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom... Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psalm 90:12, 17).
1974—A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE

Two factors in particular dominated the activities of the Committee on Christian Education in 1974. The first of these factors was the cooperative publication venture with the Presbyterian Church in America which held out promise of positive advances in the Committee's ministry. The second—financial stringency and retrenchment—exerted a decidedly negative, restrictive influence throughout the year.

I. COOPERATIVE PUBLICATION VENTURES

A. Christian Reformed Church

As we reported a year ago, the concrete results of the effort to establish an effective cooperative program with the Christian Reformed Church were not promising. In the course of 1974 these efforts ceased altogether, although no official action has been taken to terminate them. Blame for the failure of these efforts cannot be assigned to either church exclusively. The determination of the Christian Reformed Board of Publications to proceed with the publication of preschool materials in the fall of 1974 without a prior resolution of questions of content and format satisfactory to both churches posed problems so serious that we were unable to give the necessary advance approval to qualify this project as a joint publication effort. At the same time, our own commitments in curriculum development were such that it was impossible for our dwindling staff to devote the requisite time to working with the staff of the Christian Reformed Church to meet their publication deadlines. Consequently, we found it necessary to remove ourselves entirely from participation in this project. The materials published in the fall of 1974 by the Christian Reformed Church, therefore, do not represent a joint effort of the two denominations. The materials are being written by individuals who were not on the scene at the time of our discussions with the Christian Reformed Church and because our staff has not had the time to evaluate the materials that have so far appeared in print, we have refrained from commenting upon their possible value or usefulness as elements for inclusion in the curriculum programs of our churches.

In accordance with the information provided by the Christian Reformed Board of Publication and reported to the 41st Assembly, the Christian Reformed Church has terminated the three year agreement under which Great Commission Publications' materials for the Junior High and Senior High departments had been recommended for use in Christian Reformed Churches. No other areas of cooperation with the Christian Reformed Church in curriculum publication are now under active exploration.

B. The Presbyterian Church in America

While efforts at cooperation with the Christian Reformed Church waned and effectively ceased during 1974, virtually complete success attended the effort to establish with the Presbyterian Church in America "a joint administrative structure by means of which our two bodies may join resources and/or personnel for the development of curriculum materials suitable for use in our respective churches and in Reformed and Presbyterian churches at large" (Minutes of 41st General Assembly, p. 40).

As we reported to the 41st Assembly, a professional management study of the publishing operation of the Committee on Christian Education was made in the spring of 1974 and a formal proposal for a joint venture in publications was considered at a joint meeting of this Committee and the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America held in Atlanta, Ga. on May 2
and 3. At that meeting the Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America was not persuaded that their newly formed denomination should commit itself to a long-term subsidy arrangement of the magnitude suggested in the proposal, at least until after the church had had the opportunity to demonstrate its financial capability. Instead, that Committee proposed to recommend to the 2nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America that it approve a contribution of $50,000 to the Christian education program of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 1975. While not included in the written report of the Committee on Christian Education, this action was reported on the floor of the 41st Assembly and it was indicated at the time that further efforts to consummate a joint venture in publications at some time in the future would be continued.

In September during the course of their Assembly's consideration of the recommendation of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications, two things began to be apparent. First, there was strong sentiment in favor of a joint venture and second, the members of their Committee for Christian Education and Publications had been laboring under a misapprehension concerning the magnitude of the commitment required in order to enter into a joint venture agreement. Assured that modifications in the scale and pace of the proposal considered at Atlanta in May were acceptable to our Committee, the Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America, with the concurrence of their General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Christian Education, reversed itself and recommended that the Assembly approve the Committee's entering upon a joint venture agreement. The recommendation was approved without dissent and steps were immediately taken to outline the terms of agreement and to establish a formal structure to administer the operations of the joint venture.

At meetings of both Committees from October 1974 through February 1975 the terms of agreement were approved and six members from each Committee have been elected to serve as provisional trustees with authority to implement the joint venture on July 1, 1975 if there be no impediment. In essence the agreement specifies that the joint venture shall bear the name Great Commission Publications, Inc. and that it shall be initiated "on the basis of equal control of editorial policy, recognizing that the joint venture is responsible to the General Assemblies of both denominations through their respective Committees on Christian Education. Equal control assumes equal financial support from each party to the joint venture with the option for either or both parties from time to time to invest additional sums."

As a final step toward consummation of the joint venture, the Committee on Christian Education recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the 42nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church hereby instructs its Committee on Christian Education to enter upon a joint venture with the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America for a period of at least five (5) years.

Be it further resolved that in the event that it becomes the judgment of the Committee on Christian Education that the joint venture should be dissolved, the said Committee will give notice of intent to withdraw from the joint venture at least 18 months prior to the last day of its effective participation; such notice to be given no earlier than three and one half years from the date of initiation of the joint venture.
While the Committee on Christian Education rejoices in this development and acknowledges the good hand of God in it, we would remind the Assembly and the church that the ultimate workability of the joint venture remains to be tested and that even if it should pass that test, the joint venture can in no way be considered a panacea for all future problems related to the financial support of the church's ministry of Christian education.

2. Financial Stringency and Retrenchment

The second factor that dominated the activity of the Committee on Christian Education in 1974 was the sharp decline in the church's giving to Christian education. After providing record contributions in 1973 totaling $129,758, Orthodox Presbyterian churches and individuals gave only $110,032 in 1974 toward a budget of $158,000 approved by the 40th General Assembly. It does not require a degree in economics to guess at the dislocations and the uncertainty introduced into the Committee's program and plans for the future by this deficiency of $48,000—a full 30% of the amount needed just to maintain without expansion the Committee's ministry in 1974.

It may be instructive to review the history of the church's giving to Christian education over the past four years. The following table shows (1) the amount of contributions approved by the assembly for the work of Christian education in each year, (2) the amount actually contributed each year and (3) the resulting deficiency from year to year.

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<td>1973</td>
<td>150,000</td>
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<td>158,000</td>
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* This amount was approved in recognition of the Committee's needs in 1972, but the figure in parentheses was the minimum amount pledged.

Again, it requires little imagination to see how difficult it has been during the past four years to plan for new efforts. The figures in the table also make clear just why it has been necessary for the Committee to incur increasing indebtedness during this period. The nature of the Committee's work in curriculum publications is such that it is impossible to reduce expenditures abruptly once it appears that contributions in a given year will fall below the amount approved by the Assembly. Consequently, it has been necessary to resort to a certain amount of borrowing in each of the years under review. Even so, the Committee has sought to act responsibly and has refrained wherever possible from spending the full amount required for maintenance of its program as approved by successive General Assemblies. While the total deficiency in contributions from 1971 to 1974 was $125,000, the Committee's indebtedness increased by only $92,000.

During 1974 the Committee's program came to a virtual standstill as a result of the cumulative deficiency in contributions. One member of the Committee's writing staff had resigned late in 1973 and no effort could be made to replace her throughout 1974. The one remaining writer resigned in May and for the last seven months of the year the Committee was entirely without the services of a writing staff. Only by means
of this cutback in staff, combined with the reduction in expenditures resulting from an absence of work on new publications, was the Committee able to survive the year with no real increase in its debt beyond the level at the end of 1973. While these measures represent a saving in dollars, it was achieved only at a very high price in the interruption of ongoing curriculum development—an interruption which will prove costly in dollars once more when an entirely new and untrained staff will be required to rebuild without the assistance of seasoned, experienced staff members as fellow workers.

Although the Committee and its staff during these years have experienced some frustration and have had to do frequent double duty in reworking, revising and reducing plans and programs, it is the church itself which ultimately will suffer as a result of the weakening of its teaching ministry. The longer term effects of this retrenchment remain to be seen and felt as the church is required to wait additional years for new and improved tools for its own teaching ministry and for extending still further a ministry of Christian education that now reaches into well over 500 churches outside the denomination not only in this country, but in many English-speaking areas around the world.

At the end of 1974 the staff of the Committee included the following:

- General Secretary — The Rev. Robley J. Johnston
- Director of Educational Services — The Rev. Allen D. Curry
- Art Director — John Tolsma
- Art Assistant — Mrs. Kenneth Vail
- General Consulting Editor — The Rev. Herbert S. Bird
- Editorial and Research Assistant — Mrs. Jonathan Cilley
- Administrative Assistant — Mrs. Elizabeth C. Oliver

In addition, the office force includes a full-time bookkeeper, one full-time and one part-time clerk/typist and a shipping clerk.

In the period between the 41st and the 42nd General Assemblies, the Committee has been served by the following officers:

- President — Robert E. Nicholas
- Vice-President — Robert B. Ashlock
- Secretary-Treasurer — Kenneth J. Meilahn

3. MINISTRY EXPANSION

In spite of financial stringencies and the need for retrenchment, 1974 was not entirely a time of uncertainty. In several areas the Committee's ministry was increasingly used of God in the service of his church.

A. Sunday School Curriculum

The spring of 1974 saw the completion of the first phase of development of the Sunday school curriculum. The writing of the course for the Junior department—the last segment of the curriculum for grades 1-12 to be completed—was finished late in May. Thus, some 14 years after the Committee hired its first writer, work was finished on the original basic core of the curriculum. Since the time of publication of the Senior High course in 1963, notable progress has been made in extending the ministry of these materials. In spite of the fact that no funds were available for advertising, the year 1974
recorded significant new gains. Statistics for the end of the year show that these materials are in use in the following denominations:

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<td>Canada and Foreign</td>
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In terms of the number of pupils served by Great Commission Publications, the ministry of the Committee served a total of 17,751 pupils in 1974. The departmental breakdown is as follows:

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<td>17,482</td>
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*Figures are adjusted from those reported last year to show the average for the year rather than the last quarter in the year.

B. Trinity Hymnal

*Trinity Hymnal* continues to commend itself to an increasing number of churches. Sales of the hymnal reached the highest level in the thirteen-year history of its existence with 54 new churches being added to the list of those using this book of praise. The total number of churches using *Trinity Hymnal* is now 562 and the following table shows how far-flung this ministry has become:

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<td>Eureka Classis</td>
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Denomination                                   | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 |
---                                          |------|------|------|
Miscellaneous Presbyterian                   | 30   | 27   | 20   |
Miscellaneous Reformed                       | 10   | 8    | 8    |
Independent and miscellaneous                | 72   | 60   | 51   |
Schools and Conferences                      | 28   | 27   | 25   |
Bookstore sales                              | 49   | 42   | 35   |
Foreign                                      | 20   | 19   | 17   |
                                             | 562  | 508  | 448  |

Two new printings of the hymnal totaling 33,000 copies were completed during 1974, bringing the total number of hymnals printed since 1961 to 112,000. Advertising featuring the hymnal was placed in the leading religious periodicals late in the year and well over 300 requests for examination copies were received in response. Such a response would seem to hold promise for continued expansion of this ministry.

C. Bible Study Evangelism for Women

During the sessions of the 41st General Assembly, Mrs. Henry Fikkert was invited to speak to the women who were present about a program of Bible study evangelism which she had conducted among women in communities near Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. As a result of that presentation, the Committees on Christian Education and Home Missions and Church Extension requested Mrs. Fikkert to prepare program guides for similar efforts throughout the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. That effort, supported jointly by both Committees, was underway during the latter half of 1974 and it was hoped that the first of the materials would be in print by the spring of 1975.

D. Educational Services

Bereft of the services of a writing staff in 1974, the Committee was in large measure dependent upon the work of its Director of Educational Services, the Rev. Allen D. Curry, both for helping in the work of routine updating of materials already in print and for carrying on a positive ministry in breaking new ground in Christian education. Mr. Curry has continued to work for his doctorate in the field of education in order that he may furnish the Committee's staff and the church at large with the highest caliber of pedagogical expertise in conducting training workshops and in counseling teachers and Christian education leaders in local churches.

In addition to pursuing his academic work, Mr. Curry has conducted and/or participated in workshops in such far-flung places as Coral Gables, Fla., Denver, Colo., Portland, Ore., San Diego and Los Angeles in Calif., Montgomery, Ala. and in a half dozen or more churches in the area within 100 miles of Philadelphia. He has also spoken to students in Westminster Seminary and Reformed Seminary in Jackson, Miss.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Christian Education at the 41st General Assembly included encouragement to the Committee on Christian Education to expand its work in the area of educational services. During 1974 the Committee found itself hampered by lack of funds in every area of its work and certainly it was not possible even to consider expanding this effort without additional funds. The formation of a joint venture in publications with the Presbyterian Church in America, however, holds promise of responding positively to the Assembly's encouragement at an earlier date than would otherwise have been the case. Although it is projected as a joint venture in publications, Great Commission Publications, Inc. will have as one of its basic objectives from the beginning the development of a broad range of educa-
tional services to increase the effectiveness of its printed curriculum materials. In that effort the joint venture will be in a position to make use of talented people in both denominations to serve each other in the crucial task of training teachers and leaders for the work of Christ's church.

1975—A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE

If it is true that the activities of 1974 were in large measure dominated by the effort to establish a joint venture in publishing with the Presbyterian Church in America, it will be even more true in 1975. The launching of this joint venture will not only be a development of the greatest moment for both denominations involved; it will also be something of a unique development in the history of conservative Presbyterianism. It offers, therefore, a twofold opportunity for both churches. Such a cooperative venture will in time, vastly increase the potential for each of our churches to develop and conduct a significant ministry of Christian education. By thus joining our efforts we hope to eliminate duplication of costly administrative machinery as well as to gain the advantages of a broader base of expertise and financial support. Such a joint venture should also prove to be a valuable testing ground for the ability of our two churches to work together in a common ministry.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES

When the joint venture is consummated on July 1, 1975, it will for all practical purposes still be a project manned and planned by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Although members of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the PCA will have been involved in a few organizational meetings of the provisional trustees composed of men from both denominations, the staff of Great Commission Publications, Inc. will be at the outset the existing staff of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and it will be operating on the basis of plans formulated for the most part prior to the activation of the joint effort.

At a meeting on November 22, 1974 the provisional trustees of Great Commission Publications, Inc. acted to invite the General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to become the Executive Director of the joint venture with the understanding that he would continue to serve on a limited basis as the General Secretary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee. It is recognized by all parties concerned that this can only be a temporary expedient and that steps will have to be taken by the Committee on Christian Education within the next two or three years to seek a new General Secretary to serve the Committee in developing new areas of service to the church in addition to the publication of curriculum and related materials which now will be the responsibility of the joint venture.

Late in 1974 the Committee on Christian Education extended a call to the Rev. Edward L. Volz to serve on its staff as a writer/consultant. In January of 1975 Mr. Volz accepted that call and he will be a part of the staff which in July will function under the direction of the trustees of the joint venture. The hiring of Mr. Volz at this particular juncture underscores one of the prime organizational objectives of 1975 and the ensuing years. If this is to be a true joint venture, members of the Presbyterian Church in America must be sought out at an early stage to become members of the staff. Indeed, that effort is already underway as other candidates are being sought for other positions of writer/consultant and for the position of managing editor.

This objective, then, is simply the rebuilding in 1975-76 of the editorial staff of Great Commission Publications to the level of the years immediately prior to 1974.
and to do it by making use of personnel from both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
and the Presbyterian Church in America. Continued development of curriculum mate-
rials is totally dependent upon the existence of a basic writing/editorial staff that covers
the whole range of ages within the teaching ministry of the church. For the year 1975,
therefore, this is an objective which does no more than to seek to regain the ground
that was lost late in 1973 and throughout 1974. It does not represent any great new
advance except insofar as it serves to reverse the retrenchment and constriction of
effort that was necessitated by the lack of adequate funds.

Another organizational objective must be the creation of a closely integrated
relationship between the two Committees on Christian Education and the trustees of
the joint venture. Since the trustees of Great Commission Publications will be elected
from the membership of the two Christian Education Committees, they will provide
a natural liaison between the two committees. But care must be exercised on all sides
to see to it that no competitive rivalries develop as each body works to implement
its own program objectives. It is our hope and our purpose to use the operations of
the joint venture as a vehicle for utilizing the resources of both denominations to
serve each other not only within the framework of the joint venture itself but also in
the broader Christian education ministries of each church.

While at present there is notable agreement about the need to implement these
objectives, they will not be automatic or easy of accomplishment. They are, therefore,
matters for earnest prayer by the church as we embark on this new venture.

2. PROGRAM PRIORITIES

The organizational objectives outlined above are simply means to the end of
realizing and implementing the program priorities we are setting for ourselves. Unless
and until we find the means and the will to achieve those organizational objectives,
all of our talk of program priorities will remain just that—talk. Yet it is the priorities
of our program that dictate the kind of organization we shall seek to bring into being
and therefore it is important that the church become aware of what those priorities are.

The first priority we have set for ourselves is the reworking of the Senior High
course and it is particularly to work on this task that we have called Mr. Volz. It is
now 12 years since the course for Senior Highs was first published and we have learned
a great deal since then. Also it is quite a different world that confronts Senior High
young people today and our instruction must be sharpened if we expect, to present God’s
word to them effectively in terms of their world. We intend to make it our objective
to aim for publication late in 1977 or early 1978.

A second priority is the initiation of an adult curriculum program. Recognizing
not only that there is a dearth of sound Bible study materials for adults, but realizing
also that it is the adults of our congregations—parents in particular—to whom God
has given the responsibility of teaching the children of the covenant, we believe that
adult education in the Christian faith has been too long delayed as a major thrust of
our Christian education ministry. It is with this in mind that our top organizational
objective is the hiring of a managing editor whose responsibilities will include the over-
sight and the development of this program. Early success in the search for a managing
editor could mean publication of the first adult curriculum materials by late 1976.

Other priorities for the first five years of the joint venture operation include
possible reentry into publication of VBS materials or publication of alternative pro-
grams for more varied types of summer ministries. Also included in the list of early
priorities is the development of a program of instruction for preschool children. For neither of these two programs, however, has any possible or probable publication date been established.

3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Although this report has hailed the formation of a joint venture in publications as a significant breakthrough in our effort to continue and to expand our ministry of Christian education, the joining of our efforts with those of the Presbyterian Church in America does not mean that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church can now give any less in support of Christian education than in the past. To make that assumption would be to make a fatal mistake—one that would kill the whole project before it ever got started. Because of the deficiency in giving outlined earlier in this report, our own effort in Christian education has slowly been losing ground during the past two years. The new help from the Presbyterian Church in America, therefore, does nothing more at the outset than to restore the program to where it should be and where it would have been had our budgets been met. For the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to relax its effort at this point would have the effect of diluting the contribution of the Presbyterian Church in America and such a posture would quite naturally be viewed by the Presbyterian Church in America as evidence that our objective in the joint venture was simply to gain from them financial relief rather than to establish a program to advance the teaching ministry in both churches.

Nothing would be more satisfying to the Committee on Christian Education than to be able to report to the church that its need for support is now diminished and that the church could afford to make a major change in the priorities of its giving. Unhappily, that is not the case, although the prospects are bright indeed for a leveling off in the rate of increased giving required to support a full-range program of Christian education after a period of about five years. The years immediately ahead, however, are crucial for establishing a firm financial base from which the joint venture can serve both our church and the Presbyterian Church in America—as well as a continually growing number of churches of other denominations—with a fully developed curriculum that is theologically sound and pedagogically effective.

1976—A YEAR OF ADVANCE AND PROMISE

If both denominations are successful in fulfilling their commitments to the joint venture in 1975, then we may more confidently expect that 1976 will see the beginning of steady advancement toward a goal that not only proved to be elusive for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the past, but one that in recent years began to appear to be an impossible dream. In purely human terms, expectations of both success and failure are often self-fulfilling and that could certainly be true in this case. But to us who are the servants of the living God and who have witnessed his intervention on our behalf in the year that has passed, the expectation of success is not simply a matter of self-fulfillment. For we serve a God who “giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.” And this is his promise: “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:29-31). If we fail of our high expectations, the fault will be ours and ours alone. But if under God's good hand we succeed according to his promise, our cry must then be “This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!” Soli deo gloria!
RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the recommendation concerning the joint venture, the Committee respectfully submits the following recommendation to the 42nd General Assembly:

That the General Assembly request the Stewardship Committee to prepare weekly church bulletin inserts providing news of the work of the church through its committees and carrying forward its own educational task, and the Committee on Christian Education hereby indicates its willingness to bear its proportionate share of the expense of producing these publications.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly:
Ministers: Barry R. Hofford, Robert D. Knudsen, Ph.D., Kenneth J. Meilahn; Ruling Elders: F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D., Paul J. MacDonald.


REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main Lafrentz and Company, Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

We have examined the balance sheet of The Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., as of December 31, 1974, and the related statement of income and committee equity for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly the financial position of The Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., at December 31, 1974, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

We have previously examined and reported upon the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1973. Since we did not verify accounts receivable by direct correspondence at December 31, 1973 and we were unable to apply alternative procedures regarding accounts receivable, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1973.

Main Lafrentz & Co.
Certified Public Accountants

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 24, 1975
## General Fund

### Assets

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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### Contingency Fund

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## Liabilities and Committee Equity

### General Fund

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<td>The Committee on Home Missions, 5½%, due on demand</td>
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<td>73,236</td>
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STATEMENT OF INCOME (WITH PERCENTAGE OF SALES) AND COMMITTEE EQUITY

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

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<td>Amount</td>
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<td>Income (loss) from sales</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
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<td>Selling</td>
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<td>Promotion and advertising</td>
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<td>128,353</td>
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<td>Net (loss) from operations</td>
<td>(130,366)</td>
<td>(76.6)</td>
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<td>Contributions and other income</td>
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<td>74.9</td>
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<td>Net income (loss)</td>
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<td>Beginning of year</td>
<td>73,236</td>
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<td>End of year</td>
<td>$ 70,281</td>
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1974

1. A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Committee follows:

Assets and liabilities, and revenues and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting.

Inventories are carried at the lower cost (first-in, first-out) or market.

The administration building is carried at the portion of the cost assumed by the Committee at acquisition (see note 3). The financial statements exclude depreciation expense approximately $350 on the Committee's one-third interest, $23,545, in the property. Office furniture and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation computed on the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of ten years. Depreciation expense charged to operations was $1,479 and $1,506 for the years 1974 and 1973.

Program development costs are carried at cost, less accumulated amortization computed on the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of twelve years. Amortization expenses charged to cost of goods sold were $10,769 and $9,787 for the years 1974 and 1973.

2. Cash, $10,596, deposited in a time account at the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, is restricted by agreement as collateral security of 25% of the demand obligation payable to the Sunday School Publication Fund.
3. Title to the administration building property, 7401 Old York Road, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania, is currently vested in The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and The Committee on Foreign Missions, of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. The Committee on Christian Education assumed liability for payment of a $22,000 mortgage loan, in connection with the purchase of this property on May 30, 1960. The balance of the mortgage was paid during the year 1974.

4. Notes payable to the Sunday School Publication Fund, have been issued at various dates to finance the publishing of Sunday School material. At December 31, 1974, the following notes were outstanding:

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<th>Term</th>
<th>Balance</th>
<th>Rate</th>
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<td>Demand</td>
<td>$ 1,500</td>
<td>No interest</td>
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<td>Demand</td>
<td>40,885</td>
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<tr>
<td>2, 4 and 5 years</td>
<td>42,260</td>
<td>5½% to 7%</td>
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<td>10 years</td>
<td>54,861</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$139,506</strong></td>
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5. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. has a contributory pension and life insurance plan for ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid quarterly, participants (¼) and employers (½). The cost of this plan to The Committee on Christian Education for 1974 and 1973 was $3,070 and $4,302. Benefits are not guaranteed but are based on participant’s equity in the retirement fund.

6. The Committee was a recipient of a gift of $25,562 designated by the Executive Committee as a Contingency Fund for the purpose of funding special publication projects. At December 31, 1974, the Contingency Fund balance was $26,892, including dividends and interest earned of $1,330.

7. The Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America, have agreed to merge the curriculum publication of the respective churches under the name of Great Commission Publications, effective July 1, 1975.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
ACCOUNTANT’S OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our examination of the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1974, presented in the preceding section of this report was made primarily to form an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. Supplementary information, contained in the following pages, is not considered essential for the fair presentation of the financial position of The Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. or the results of its operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the following data were subjected to the audit procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to such statements taken as a whole.
For reasons stated in the preceding section, we do not express an opinion on the basic financial statements presented herein for the year ended December 31, 1973. Similarly, we do not express an opinion on the following data for the year ended December 31, 1974.

MAIN LAFFRENTZ & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 24, 1975

### SCHEDULE OF INCOME

**Years Ended December 31, 1974 and 1973**

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<td>Audio-visual</td>
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<td>&quot;Bible Doctrine&quot;</td>
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<td>Bible survey</td>
<td>1,137</td>
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<td>Books and Bibles</td>
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<td>Study courses</td>
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<td>Sunday School materials</td>
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<td>Tracts</td>
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<td>Trinity hymnals</td>
<td>29,863</td>
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<td>Vacation Bible School supplies</td>
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<td><strong>Total income from sales</strong></td>
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<td>$164,468</td>
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|                                |        |        |
| **Contributions and other income** |        |        |
| Orthodox Presbyterian Churches |        |        |
| Undesignated contributions     | $110,032 | $128,474 |
| Designated contributions        |        |        |
| Sunday School Publication Fund  | —      | 1,284  |
| **Others**                      | 110,032 | 129,758 |
| Undesignated contributions      | 1,965  | 3,555  |
| Designated contributions        |        |        |
| Sunday School Publication Fund  | —      | 5,164  |
|                                | 1,965  | 8,719  |
| Art work contracted            | 14,371 | 7,522  |
| Interest income                 | 822    | 1,058  |
| Other income                    | 221    | 225    |
| **Total contributions and other income** | 15,414 | 8,805 |
|                                | $127,411 | $147,282 |

These schedules are subject to the accompanying accountants' opinion on supplementary information.
COST OF GOODS SOLD
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

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<td>Purchase for resale</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>53,335</strong></td>
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Cost of goods produced

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<td>&quot;Bible Doctrine&quot;</td>
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<td>Tracts</td>
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<td>Expense</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>227,614</strong></td>
<td><strong>146,844</strong></td>
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Costs of goods available for sale | 265,394 | 200,179 |
Merchandise inventory, end of year | 93,176  | 32,244  |
Cost of goods sold                  | $172,218 | $167,935 |

These schedules are subject to the accompanying accountants' opinion on supplementary information.
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

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These schedules are subject to the accompanying accountants’ opinion on supplementary information.
Mr. Patterson reported for *Advisory Committee #2*, that it had reviewed the report of the Committee on Christian Education and met with three of its staff members, and recommends that the Assembly adopt its recommendations.

The recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education contained in its report near the end of section 1974.1. B. was adopted with the addition of the words "a General Assembly of the OPC or" following the words "judgment of" (paragraph 2).

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation in the report of the standing committee found under the heading "RECOMMENDATIONS."

The Assembly recessed at 12:20 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Neilands.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2**

The Assembly reconvened with the singing of the hymn, "A debtor to mercy alone." Mr. Tolsma led in prayer.

After a series of amendments, the main motion became the following, and was carried: that the General Assembly request the Committee on Stewardship to consult with the Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, and Christian Education concerning the production of news bulletin inserts providing news of the work of the church and its committees, and carrying forth its own educational task, and that the Committee on Stewardship be authorized to proceed with such a publication if feasible.

On amended motion the Committee on Christian Education was instructed to arrange for a reprinting of the Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship of the OPC.

On motion the Assembly commended the General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education for his service to the church in his high-quality work in the cooperative publication venture developed in conjunction with the PCA.

Mr. Patterson reported further for *Advisory Committee #2* as follows:

**REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #2**

Advisory Committee #2 recommends that the General Assembly respond to Overtures #2 and #3 as follows: that the General Assembly judge that it would be unwise for the Assembly to proscribe the use of any version, translation, or paraphrase of the Scriptures on the part of any agency or subdivision of the church, and that the General Assembly direct its Committee on Christian Education to exercise extreme care in quoting from any translation or paraphrase, always seeking to use the one which most suitably renders the original, employing *The Living Bible* only when it judges that no suitable alternative can be found.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the advisory committee.

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Dr. Clowney introduced to the Assembly the Rev. John R. Werner, Ph.D., a minister of the RPCES. On motion Dr. Werner was given the privilege of the floor for the duration of the pending question.
Mr. Peterson introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Lloyd H. Gross, *fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the U.S.* On motion Mr. Gross was enrolled as a corresponding member.

The Assembly recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

After a series of amendments the main motion became the adoption of the recommendation of Advisory Committee #2 with the insertion of the words “and Communications #8, #10, #13, #14, #17, and #19” following the words “Overtures #2 and #3.” The recommendation thus amended was adopted.

Dr. Knight introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Paul G. Schrottenboer, Th.D., General Secretary of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VII, Section 6, was suspended and Dr. Schrottenboer was enrolled as a corresponding member.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education. The following were nominated: *Ministers* — Barnett, J. L. Bosgraf, D. E. Johnson, Kenneth J. Meilahn, D. M. Poundstone, Roger W. Schmurr, and Workman; *Ruling Elders* — Elder, Heidebrecht, Larson, Laurie, Paul S. MacDonald (Bangor), and Patterson.


On motion it was determined to extend the order of the day, if necessary, in order to take one ballot.

At the Moderator’s request, Mr. Vail assumed the chair.

The Assembly recessed at 6:01 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Male.

**MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 2**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “My God, how wonderful thou art.” Mr. A. F. Johnson led in prayer.

Mr. Gross, *fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the U.S.*, addressed the Assembly.

Mr. Eckardt, Chairman of the *Committee on Stewardship*, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The year of our Lord, 1974, was one of rich blessing to the work of gospel proclamation committed to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. A new and exciting field of foreign mission effort was opened in Lebanon, gateway to the whole Middle East. Such promising new fields as that in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, brought challenge and encouragement to the work of home missions and church extension. Of great long-term significance was the firming up of plans for a joint publications endeavor in Christian education together with the newly organized Presbyterian Church in America.

Truly the Lord our God has given the Orthodox Presbyterian Church a call and many opportunities to bear a witness to his sovereign grace in this present violence-torn world. Yet our Adversary was not idle. Even the confused state of the general economy seems to have had its effect. Our support of the Lord's commissioned work of gospel proclamation during 1974 fell far short of the needs and opportunities, and the work itself had to be curtailed or maintained by deficit financing.

Though this report of the Committee on Stewardship is much involved in figures and percentages, these abstract summaries do show something of the work being done for the Lord and of our response to the needs.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

The Committee on Stewardship met three times since the last Assembly — on September 21, 1974; March 14, 15, 1975; and May 2, 3, 1975. At its first meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman: Robert W. Eckardt; Vice-chairman: John O. Kinnaird; Secretary: William E. Watson.

Messrs. Eckardt, Kinnaird, Robert A. Kramm, and William Wilkens were constituted an Executive Committee which also met twice during the year.

The committee continues to employ the Rev. John J. Mitchell as its Administrative Assistant on a part-time basis.

During 1974, total expenses of the committee were $5,076.25. This includes travel and meeting expense ($1,085.70); salary ($3,450.00); secretarial help ($365.00) and miscellaneous postage, telephone, etc. ($175.55). The committee is planning for an improved program of its primary duty in promoting biblical concepts of stewardship as well as presenting the goals and priorities of the work of missions and Christian education. This involves some additional travel expense as committee members visit presbyteries in an effort to bring about a greater understanding of stewardship and the goals of our work among all our congregations.

COMBINED BUDGET IN 1974

The following table shows in summary form the relation of the budgets approved by the Fortieth General Assembly to contributions received from Orthodox Presbyterian sources in 1974; amounts are in thousands of dollars.
FORTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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An achievement of 82.2% of the approved budget may be compared with the 99.8% received in 1973; or the total received in 1974 ($472,500) with 1973's total of $499,000. Not only was the effect of inflation not overcome in 1974, nor was any advance in the work possible, but cutbacks had to be made or the work maintained through borrowing against reserve funds.

On the other hand, giving to the 1974 Thank Offering reached a new high of more than $160,000, a most encouraging gain over 1973's total of $138,000. This increase, together with significantly larger contributions in the first four months of 1975, suggests a renewed spirit of confidence in the Lord's provision and of willingness to give sacrificially.

**FIVE-YEAR PATTERNS AND PROJECTIONS**

The Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Christian Education are required to prepare and present five-year projections of their plans and budgets to the Committee on Stewardship each year. All three committees presented fully detailed projections for the years 1976 through 1980.

**Goals and Priorities**

The figures presented for the Committee on Christian Education show the effects of the transition, beginning in July 1975, into the joint publication venture; contributions to Great Commission Publications, Inc., begin in 1975 and increasingly occupy the major portion of the committee's budget. In 1980 the figures show $10,000 budgeted for production of materials particularly designed for Orthodox Presbyterian needs. The projection also contains a schedule of loan reduction intended to retire the long-term development costs of the Sunday school curriculum.

In the five-year projection of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the budgets are designed to enable the committee to reach its previously stated goal of having twenty-six ordained missionaries in the fields by the year 1980. Employment of a full-time assistant to the general secretary is also included. This committee anticipates increased support for its program from contributors outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The projection of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension includes provision for additional evangelists- or missionaries-at-large to labor with the presbyteries in planting churches. Other features are a special seminar training program in evangelism for pastors, as well as enlarged commitments for summer assistants and pastoral interns.

**Budget Projections**

Selected years from these five-year projections, together with actual budget figures from 1974, are presented here to show in greatly condensed form the pattern of projected work. All three committees have assumed an annual inflation rate of approximately 10% in their projections. All amounts are in thousands of dollars.
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- **Total Income**: $297.6, $257.7, $219.6, $304.9
- **Admin./Promotion Expense**: $118.6, $95.9, $34.6, $54.9
- **Production/Sales Expense**: 232.1, 102.4, 10.0
- **Loan Reduction**: 6.2, 20.0, 35.0, 10.0
- **G.C.P. Contribution**: 65.0, 150.0, 230.0

- **Total Expenditure**: $356.9, $283.3, $219.6, $304.9
- **Deficit**: $(59.3), $(25.6), --, --

### Foreign Missions

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- **Total Income**: $284.8, $343.6, $420.1
- **Admin./Promotion Expense**: $68.5, $81.4, $89.2, $139.2
- **Missionary Expense**: 245.7, 262.2, 330.9, 532.0

- **Total Expenditure**: $314.2, $343.6, $420.1, $671.2
- **Deficit**: $(29.4)

### Home Missions

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- **Total Income**: $154.0, $218.8, $246.0
- **Admin./Promotion Expense**: $56.8, $63.9, $71.8, $100.4
- **Missionary Expense**: 128.0, 155.0, 174.3, 289.0

- **Total Expenditure**: $183.3, $218.8, $246.0, $389.4
- **Deficit**: $(29.3)

### Comments

These projections, both for 1976 and on through 1980, were in all three cases based on the approved budget figures for 1975 as adopted by the Forty-first General Assembly. The Committee on Stewardship feels that such a system of budget-making, with no consideration given to actual contributions received in previous years, can only guarantee to produce projected budgets that are far beyond reasonable expectation of fulfillment.

It should be pointed out that all three committees were provided summary information on actual giving in 1974 and previous years, along with estimates of contributions expected in 1975. After studying this information, the Committee on Home Missions arranged to have its original proposed budget for 1976 (based on the approved budget figure for 1975) redrawn to reflect a more reasonable expectation for 1976. This revised budget was considered by the Committee on Stewardship in arriving at its recommendations for the Combined Budget in 1976, but it is not presented in this report since there were no comparable revisions made by the other two committees.
In determining its recommendation for the Combined Budget in 1976, the Committee on Stewardship was obliged to consider the history of actual contributions in attempting to arrive at a prudent estimate for 1976.

Over the years 1962 through 1974, giving to the Combined Budget has increased an average of 7% each year. Though there have been wide variations from year to year, almost any selection of three or four years will show the same 7% average gain. With actual contributions of $473,000 in 1974, and assuming a gain of 7%, contributions for 1975 could be expected to reach about $513,000 (toward an approved budget of $660,000). Assuming another 7% gain, estimated contributions for 1976 could total about $549,000. Since 1974 was an abnormally low year in contributions, a somewhat higher total might be anticipated in 1975 and 1976.

A graph of approved budgets and actual contributions is given here to show the pattern over the past ten years.
In view of the fact that the approved Combined Budget for 1974 (totalling $575,000) was far in excess of actual contributions ($473,000), and in view also of the continuing uncertainties in personal incomes for our people in 1975 and 1976, the Committee on Stewardship feels bound to recommend a very conservative Combined Budget for 1976. The committee does so in the full realization that the amounts being recommended, even if fully provided by the churches, would still cause a real reduction in the work of gospel outreach.

At its meeting on May 2–3, 1975, the Committee on Stewardship reviewed the record of actual contributions to the Combined Budget during the first four months of 1975. The committee is grateful to God for the clear evidence of a dramatic improvement in our people’s giving, especially as that has been seen during the past twelve months, May 1974 through April 1975. A 16% increase in the 1974 Thank Offering over that in 1973, and substantially larger contributions so far in 1975, indicate that our churches have responded to the needs. The Lord is to be praised for this enlarged spirit of generous giving.

Assuming that this pattern of greatly improved support of the work of our three committees will persist throughout 1975, the Committee on Stewardship feels it is prudent to expect a total of $575,000 in contributions to the Combined Budget in 1975. This is still far short of the total approved by the Forty-first General Assembly ($660,000), but it is an enheartening improvement over the $473,000 actually given in 1974. If this expectation is realized, and assuming a normal 7% gain in 1976, a total of $615,000 may be anticipated in giving to the Combined Budget in 1976. This is substantially more than might have been expected in view of 1974’s poor record; but it is both a reasonably prudent figure and one involving a continuing dependence on the Lord’s provision and his people’s joyful faithfulness.

After reviewing the presentations of the proposed budgets for 1976 of the Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions, the Committee on Stewardship determined to recommend the following Combined Budget for 1976 (shown here with amounts requested and approved budgets for 1975):

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This Combined Budget for 1976 as proposed above falls far short of providing the support needed and requested by the three committees for their work. In answer to a request from the Committee on Stewardship, the general secretaries of the three committees indicated that the following would be areas where reductions might have to be made:

**Possible Reductions in 1976**

**Christian Education**
- Debt retirement $32,600

**Foreign Missions**
- New missionaries not sent $36,000
- Reductions in present force 35,000

**Total** $71,000
Home Missions
Administrative costs $ 2,850
Cuts in missionary salaries 24,750
Cuts in missionary expenses 9,300
Elimination of summer workers 12,000
Elimination of intern program 2,500
$42,100

It is the hope and prayer of the Committee on Stewardship that the Lord our God will so move in the hearts of his people that all the work being planned may be adequately supported through their faithful giving. In past years, when a particular need has seemed beyond reasonable expectations, the normal working of the Combined Budget has been suspended so that any contributions received after all three committees had attained their approved budgets would be given to meet the special need. This approach was approved in 1972 in answer to a special need in Christian Education, but had no effect since contributions did not even meet the regular budget goals that year.

A similar approach was approved for 1975 in the area of Foreign Missions. The Forty-first General Assembly requested “the churches to inform the committee [on Stewardship] by October 31, 1974, how much of the combined budget and the additional need for Foreign Missions they will be willing to provide in 1975” (Minutes, p. 100). Fewer than sixty churches responded by October 31, and the information received was often incomplete. Projecting the data actually received suggested some improvement in giving for 1975, but even an optimistic treatment of the reports gave no promise of supplying the extra amount called for in Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Stewardship strongly feels that the normal provisions of the Combined Budget should be followed in 1976, and that our churches should be urged to provide not only the approved amounts in the Combined Budget but the total amounts requested by our three committees for that year.

GIVING TO LOCAL HOME MISSIONS

The Forty-first General Assembly urged the Statistician to seek information from the churches and presbyteries concerning “amounts spent for home missions and church extension by sessions and presbyteries,” as well as “accurate membership and attendance statistics.” The information concerning the amounts spent was solicited by the Statistician. Since the request was late in being sent, the Statistician requested that the results be given here rather than in his report.

Of 149 churches and chapels on the roll at the end of 1974, reports were received from a total of 83. Only two presbyteries provided adequate information, and it was impossible to collate that with the reports from churches. Those churches reporting showed a total of $64,000 being expended in local and presbyterial home mission works. (This total does not include one substantial figure where the source of funds was a bequest.)
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that the General Assembly approve the following Combined Budget and request the churches to supply at least the amounts stated to the three committees in 1976:

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2. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that the General Assembly determine that section C.10 of the “Plan for the Committee on Stewardship” remain in effect for 1976 without modification.

3. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that the General Assembly urge the Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension, to prepare all future budget requests in the light of actual contributions received in the most recent completed fiscal years, and that budget requests include an anticipated receipts budget as well as a proposed expenditures budget.

4. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that the General Assembly instruct each of the three major committees to provide $3,000 from its approved budget for the expenses of the Committee on Stewardship in 1976.

5. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that the General Assembly request the churches to supply to the Statistician information on their giving to home missions, Christian education, and foreign missions efforts not financed through the denominational committees.

6. The Committee on Stewardship recommends that this General Assembly recommend to the Forty-third General Assembly that, if merger with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, is consummated in 1976, it urge the uniting assembly to provide for a continuation of the Committee on Stewardship and for a method whereby churches and individuals may contribute to the combined witness of the Church in Christian education, foreign missions, and home missions, through a Combined Budget; and that the Forty-second General Assembly instruct the Committee on Stewardship to prepare a proposed draft to accomplish this end, to be presented to the Forty-third General Assembly.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the committee expire at this Assembly:

Minister: Lawrence R. Eyres

Ruling Elders: Clarence A. den Dulk and John O. Kinnaird.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Eckardt, Chairman
Mr. Moreau presented the report of Advisory Committee #4 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #4

Advisory Committee #4 met with Messrs. Mitchell, Johnston, Haney, Hoogerhyde, and Galbraith.

We concur with recommendations #1-4 and 6.

We do not concur with recommendation #5.

Further, Advisory Committee #4 recommends that the Assembly amend the Plan for the Committee on Stewardship, Section C, paragraph 2, by adding this sentence at the end of the paragraph:

The Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension shall include summaries of their proposed one-year budgets in their reports to the General Assembly.

Finally, Advisory Committee #4 expresses its hope that as the Committee on Stewardship plans "for an improved program . . . in promoting biblical concepts of stewardship . . .," the Lord will lay it on the hearts of His people to achieve the 1976 budget without the need for special offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

William Moreau, Chairman
Arthur Armour          John Hilbelink
Walter Clark           Salvador Solis
Maurice Fox            Frank Thomas
Sanford Garrison       Harry Vogt
Robert Graham          James Workman

It was moved and seconded to adopt recommendation 1 of the Committee on Stewardship.

The Assembly recessed at 9:02 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. English.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Winward, the Moderator assumed the chair and the Assembly reconvened at 8:02 a.m. Mr. Black led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Monday, June 2, were approved as corrected.

On motion Mr. Hard was given the privilege of the floor during consideration of the report of the Committee on Stewardship.

In due course recommendation 1 of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt recommendation 2. The Moderator ruled that the motion was out of order on the ground that the contemplated action is already in effect.

On motion recommendation 3 was adopted.
On amended motion recommendation 4 was adopted with the substitution of the words “4,000, if necessary” for the figure “$3,000.”

The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, “The Lord’s my Shepherd.”

On amended motion recommendation 5 of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted with the words “presbyteries and” substituted for the word “the” following the word “request”.

On motion recommendation 6 was adopted.

On amended motion the recommendation of Advisory Committee #4 was adopted with the deletion of the word “proposed” and the addition of the words “namely, actual operations from the preceding year, budget for the current year, and requested budget for next year.”

On motion Dr. Clowney was granted time to address the Assembly on behalf of Westminster Theological Seminary, following the first ballot in the election to the Committee on Stewardship.

On motion it was determined to proceed to the election to the Committee on Stewardship.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Stewardship. The following were nominated: Ministers — Eyres, Krispin, and Oliver; Ruling Elders — Brown, Clarence A. Den Dulk (Middletown, Pa.), A. F. Johnson, Kinnaird, and Robert Nisbet, Ph.D. (Alliance). By general consent, the request on behalf of Mr. Den Dulk to have his name withdrawn was granted. On motion Mr. Krispin’s request to have his name withdrawn was granted.

On motion nominations were reopened. On motion nominations were closed.

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Mr. Oliver and Ruling Elders Brown and Kinnaird to the Class of 1978.

On motion it was determined to extend the order of the day, if necessary, in order to take one ballot.

The Assembly recessed at 12:23 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Sutton.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 3

The Assembly reconvened at 1:18 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “My soul, bless the Lord!” Mr. Tyson led in prayer.

Dr. Clowney addressed the Assembly on behalf of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Moderator introduced to the Assembly the Rev. E. Clark Copeland, Th.D., fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. By general consent Dr. Copeland was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Dr. Copeland addressed the Assembly.

Dr. Coppes, President of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
The Committee on Diaconal Ministries held two regular stated meetings and one special meeting during the year 1974. The Committee has found it necessary to hold its meetings from Friday evening through Saturday instead of the traditional Friday evening meetings, because of the work involved in its broadening ministries. The Executive Committee, composed of the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, is responsible for interim decisions, with such decisions being reviewed by the full Committee at its next meeting.

Officers elected during the fall meeting were: President, Dr. Leonard J. Coppes, pastor of the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Harrisville, Pa.; Vice President, John K. Novinger, deacon from the Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel, Cerritos, California, and Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Lester R. Bachman, Lancaster, Pa.

Your Committee has cause for profound gratitude to God, and to the congregations of the church, for the provision of sufficient funds to enable the Committee to meet all standing commitments in full. Two weeks before the close of the fiscal year it appeared that we would lack several thousands of dollars needed to meet budgeted commitments. Much prayer resulted in an unprecedented influx of contributions, so immediate as to be nothing less than a miracle of answered prayer! Over $6,000.00 was received within twenty days, making it possible for the Treasurer to provide for all requests in full. Budgeted requests from the congregations for Reserve Funds of $7,000.00 were only a little more than half supplied ($3,822.79 short of the full Budget), but this did not in any way impair the Committee's operations.

Congregations and individual members of the Church contributed a total of $28,877.21 for the Committee's ministries. $13,875.30 was received from Non-O.P. Sources, all given for the relief of famine conditions in Ethiopia. Total receipts were $42,752.51; total funds available for disbursement were $58,046.12, and total disbursements amounted to $53,022.65, leaving a balance in all accounts of $5,023.47.

Your Committee was deeply grateful to the 97 congregations which made contributions to the Committee's ministries during the year, many significantly increasing their commitments in response to our special appeal for increased gifts to overcome a deficit in the General Account. 43 congregations and chapels did not respond to the General Assembly's Recommendations or to the Committee's appeals. 23 individuals from our churches sent personal gifts for designated causes. It is our earnest prayer that every church and chapel will make some provision in its budget for the support of this Committee's ministries, however small it may be. The responsibility of the Church for the demonstration of compassion and charity is a duty as certainly as is the preaching of the Gospel.

We would inform the churches that it is no longer possible for us to secure Multi-Purpose Food in Korea to supply the needs of our Mission there in ministering to the orphans, the poor, and the leper patients. It is far too costly to purchase the product in this country and ship it to Korea, so we would urge those who formerly sent gifts for MEALS FOR MILLIONS food supplements to now designate such gifts for leper patients.
ETHIOPIA FAMINE RELIEF

Total contributions for Ethiopia Famine Relief from Orthodox Presbyterian sources were $3,299.06. Of this amount, $1,650.00 was refunded by our Korea Mission for use in Ethiopia. This decision was made by the Mission because former supplies for Meals For Millions Food Supplements are no longer available, and it was felt that funds designated for food for the needy should be used for that purpose. Your Committee requested the Mission to retain these funds and credit them to their request for aid to the Gospel Hospital in Pusan. This would simply reduce our disbursements to the Hospital this year in a similar amount.

Your Committee did not make a special appeal for emergency funds for Ethiopia during the past year because we were not requested to do so by the Committee on Foreign Missions, the agency of the church most immediately concerned. We were concerned about the greatly increased need for funds from the churches to meet the growing needs of the major Committees. Also, there was the possibility that we would need to appeal for special gifts to meet anticipated needs for retired and retiring ministers. We were not insensitive to the need for famine relief in Ethiopia, nor are we unmoved by disasters which occur in this country and elsewhere in the world. However, our sense of priorities moved us to decide that our appeals must not interfere with the ability of our congregations to respond to the growing needs of the other Committees.

Non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources of the funds received for Famine Relief in Ethiopia were: The World Relief Commission of the N.A.E., $9,000.00; The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, $4,000.00; and the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, $707.30. We are grateful for the confidence these agencies have shown in entrusting our Committee with their funds for distribution under the supervision of our Mission in Eritrea.

NEW COMMITTEE POLICIES

During the past two years your Committee has developed new policies to govern its operations which directly involve our congregations and presbyteries in the denominational ministries of compassion for which appeals come directly to our attention, but which require some recommendations from these courts of original jurisdiction before your Committee can act responsibly.

"Requests arising locally shall be evaluated by the nearest local Board of Deacons, who shall forward the results of their evaluation, along with recommendations and requests, to their Presbytery for further action. Presbyteries shall, after evaluation, forward their evaluations and requests to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries." This means that our Committee will not respond to appeals for aid, except in cases of emergency, until such appeals have been evaluated by the Diaconate closest to the situation involved, and referred to their Presbytery, in case the local Diaconate is unable adequately to respond to the need. If, after the Presbytery has evaluated the appeal referred to it and found that the need is too great for the Diaconate or the Presbytery to meet alone, Presbytery shall send its requests and recommendations to this Committee for final action.

"Requests received directly by the Committee shall be sent to the appropriate Board of Deacons or Presbytery for evaluation and response, if the request be deemed to be within the ability of these local judicatories to meet.
“All individuals involved with Voluntary Societies, who have requested aid, should approach their immediate judicatory, or the Committees on Home or Foreign Missions, whichever is most intimately concerned, for support.” The Committee on Diaconal Ministries will respond to such requests for aid from Voluntary Societies only after receiving recommendations from such a judicatory or Committee of the Church.

“All requests made by Non-R.E.S. Churches, and individuals belonging to Non-R.E.S. Churches, shall be sent down to the local Orthodox Presbyterian Church judicatory, or an Orthodox Presbyterian denominational agency, for examination of the needs, and for recommendations.”

Your Committee is seeking to gather information concerning Presbyterian and Reformed bodies, R.E.S. Churches, Evangelical bodies, and Voluntary Societies with which we may properly engage in cooperative ministries of a diaconal nature. We have asked each of our Presbyteries to assist us in securing this information.

Your Committee has also requested each Presbytery to establish a Study Committee, consisting of at least two Elders and one Deacon, to address the subject of Diaconal Theology and Polity, and to share the results of their study with this Committee. During the past year your Committee has attempted to interpret “the principles and theological grounds upon which the Committee is to operate,” as set forth in the Minority Report presented to the 39th General Assembly, and adopted by the 40th General Assembly. (See Minutes, 39th G.A., pages 128-129, and Minutes, 40th G.A., pages 116, 117, 120.) The following interpretation of the Assembly’s mandate in adopting the recommendations of the Minority Report is herewith presented so that all concerned will understand how your Committee interprets the “principles and theological grounds upon which the Committee is to operate.”

THE COMMITTEE’S INTERPRETATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY’S MANDATE

This interpretation represents only this Committee’s understanding of the General Assembly’s mandate and its implications for the operation of our Committee. Some members of the Committee are still not in agreement with the substance of the mandate, as are others within the church.

THE PRIORITY OF THE GOSPEL

The minority report sets forth three priorities by which diaconal ministry ought to operate. The first priority is that of preaching the gospel. This is the first priority of the church. Through the preaching of the gospel men are brought to worship God to His glory. The office of elder, being responsible for the oversight of the church, must see to it that this great commission is obeyed by God’s people.

Actually two implications of this priority bear upon our Committee’s work: 1) Deacons are presumed to have as their reason for existence the prevention of the dilution and distraction of the elders from their primary responsibility. 2) Funds gathered for diaconal work must never siphon money from the cause of gospel proclamation.
Perhaps the most significant thrust of the minority report is its implicit use of Galatians 6:10 as the normative directive for the church's diaconal ministry. Indeed it was this very text which constantly lay before the combatants who argued both sides of this issue. The majority report's supporters claimed that this text speaks to the obligation of Christians as individuals, and says nothing about the work of the church as church. The next two priorities are those expressed in this text.

The priority of opportunity simply refers to what God lays before us by His providence. When, in the course of pursuing obedience to the great commission, the church encounters benevolent needs, she ministers to those needs in the name of her compassionate Lord. An obvious case in point is found in our Eritrean Mission. When the Duffs ministered the gospel, sick folk flocked to them for medical aid. In the name of Jesus they doctored people as best they knew how. This was the beginning of what has become the Compassion of Jesus Hospital. Much debate has been caused by the establishment of this work, but those who preached the gospel there could not have acted differently without denying the great Physician who sent them.

This priority means that we do not do as the humanists do, turn over every stone, searching for needy people. We do not advertise for benevolent work. Benevolence is simply the necessary fruit in the lives of the people (corporately as well as individually) who are obeying the great commission.

THE PRIORITY OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

Galatians 6:10 explicitly directs a priority for fellow Christians. In doing so, the unbeliever is defined as a proper, consistent, appropriate object of the church's diaconal concern. The primary concern is, however, "especially those of the household of faith." If the church is busy obeying the great commission, the providence of God will no doubt dictate that the majority of cases which are brought to us by opportunity will also be those of the Christian community, simply because this is the community in which we live. Those receiving aid who are outside this community, in turn, will be those who received aid in the name of Christ accompanied by the preaching of the gospel. This latter is also made on the assumption that the church continues to be busy obeying the great commission.

Deacons are officers in the church of Jesus Christ. As such they bear no responsibility to the world by virtue of their office. Their responsibility is within the church. The relationship of deacons to the church's aid given to those outside the Christian community is twofold: 1) It is their responsibility to stimulate and assist the church to minister to non-Christians in the name of Christ. 2) They are the most convenient organ and channel for carrying out the mechanics of such ministry, simply because they are accustomed to doing so for the Christian community. Thus, as officers among Christ's own, they minister within the flock with the goal of increasing the fruit of love through compassionate benevolence. It is more blessed to give than to receive, and it is the deacons' concern that Christ's church have that blessedness.

ELECTIONS

The terms of Rev. Lester R. Bachman, and Elder Irving J. Triggs, of the Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church, expire with this meeting of the General Assembly.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly postpone for one year action on Recommendation No. 2, adopted by the 41st General Assembly, namely: "That the Assembly amend its Standing Rules, Chapter X, Section 2, to provide for the addition of three Deacons to the membership of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, one to each Class, beginning with the 42nd General Assembly."

2. That each church and chapel be urged to include the work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries in its Benevolent or Diaconal Budget in the amount of $3.60 per communicant member, to provide for Standing Commitments in the Committee's Budget for Fiscal Year 1975.

PROPOSED INCOME BUDGET FOR 1976

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To the Committee on General Benevolence
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

I have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on General Benevolence of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 1974. My examination was made in accordance with standard auditing records and such other procedures which I considered necessary in the circumstances, except as noted in the following paragraphs.

Income from contributions was not confirmed.

In my opinion, subject to the afore-noted exception the Report of the Treasurer fairly presents the cash receipts and disbursements for the year 1974 and the assets held at December 31, 1974, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Huber, Jr., CPA

Willow Street, Pa.
February 7, 1975

STATEMENT OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

GENERAL FUND

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974 ........................................ $12,240.50

RECEIPTS

Contributions

From OPC Churches, Designated ................................ $ 662.69
  Non-Designated ........................................... $ 1,679.17
From OPC Deacons, Designated .............................. 1,709.06
  Non-Designated ........................................ 20,398.54
From Other OPC Sources, Designated .................... 1,452.22
  Non-Designated ........................................ 541.50
From Non-OPC Sources, Designated ....................... 13,835.30
  Non-Designated .......................................... 40.00
  Total Designated ......................................... $17,659.27
  Total Non-Designated ................................... $22,659.21
  Total Contributions ...................................... $40,318.48

TOTAL RECEIPTS .................................................. $40,318.48

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE ........................................ $52,558.98
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**Total Disbursements**  
**$51,734.56**

**Balance on Hand, December 31, 1974**  
**$824.42**

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**Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Aged and Infirm Ministers’ Account**  
**Year Ending December 31, 1974**

**Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974**  
**$3,053.11**

**Receipts**

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**$5,487.14**
DISBURSEMENTS

Minister's Family (A) ........................................ $ 162.34
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Minister's Family (C) ........................................ 175.75
Minister's Family (D) ........................................ 300.00
Minister's Family (E) ........................................ 150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ........................................ 1,288.09

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1974 ........................................ $ 4,199.05

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ANALYSIS OF RESERVE BALANCES

YEAR JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1974

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Respectfully submitted,
Lester R. Bachman, Sec.-Treas.
Mr. King presented the report of *Advisory Committee #6* as follows:

**REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #6**

1. Advisory Committee #6 concurs with recommendation 1 of the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. We are sympathetic with the Committee's desire to postpone for one year action to enlarge the Committee by the addition of three deacons. The desired delay is for purposes of economy during this period of economic stress. Note the cost of travel reported for this committee for 1974, $1,293.00. Let it be noted that deacons may already serve on this committee.

2. We concur with recommendation 2 in urging *each* church and chapel (in view of the fact that forty-three churches and chapels contributed nothing to this needed and Scriptural work of mercy), to support the work of this committee in the amount of $3.60 per communicant member, noting that this is $0.15 per capita lower than in 1974.

3. We recommend adoption of the Proposed Income Budget for 1976 with the following amendment: that the budget for promotion be increased from $100.00 to $400.00; noting (1) that the committee spent $331.84 in 1974 for postage and supplies, and (2) that this $300.00 increase would still not bring the proposed budget up to the amount of $36,669.60 which full per capita giving would bring to this committee. Advisory Committee #6 suggested to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries that it should endeavor to communicate its needs more effectively to the various congregations through such means as bulletin inserts.

4. Advisory Committee #6 advises the General Assembly that when "fiscal year" is referred to in the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries the reference is to the calendar year.

5. With regard to Communication #5 and its Attachment, Advisory Committee #6 concurs with the import of the Committee's letter to the RES and recommends that the Assembly approve the sending of the letter.

David King, Chairman

On separate motions both recommendations of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries were adopted.

On motion the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of the report of Advisory Committee #6 was adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. The following were nominated: *Ministers* — Bachman and Spooner; *Ruling Elders* — Nightengale and Irving J. Triggs (Franklin Square); *Deacons* — Steven Hohenberger (Jenkintown), and Robert F. Roeber (Westfield). On motion the request on behalf of Mr. Triggs to have his name withdrawn was granted.

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Mr. Bachman and Ruling Elder Nightengale to the Class of 1978.

On motion it was determined to hear (at this time) a communication from the RPCNA that had been mentioned by Dr. Copeland.
The Clerk presented the communication as follows:

A Joint Resolution

From the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

To the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
And the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

Fathers and Brethren:

We commend you for your sincere desire and effort to work for the visible oneness of the body of Christ. However, we wish, with deep fraternal regard, to protest the proposed name for the united church.

The basis for our protesting your use of the name, REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, is as follows:

1. The new denomination does not accept the covenanting tradition which is the historical precedent for the name Reformed Presbyterian.

2. It is our conviction that it will lead to practical and legal confusion.

In Fraternal Bonds in Christ,
Bruce C. Stewart, Clerk of Synod

On amended motion the Assembly determined, in view of the communication from the RPCNA objecting to the name chosen in the proposed Plan of Union for the merging churches, to instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to seek to meet with the corresponding committee of the RPCES in order to formulate a recommendation for action on the part of the OPC and the RPCES, in view of the objection of the RPCNA.

Mr. Hoogerhyde, President of the Committee on Pensions, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

The Committee on Pensions continues to administer the denominational plans on pensions and insurance, and hospitalization, and reports as follows on these responsibilities:

PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

During the year 1974, the 15th year for the Pension and Insurance Plan, there were six new participants who enrolled. There were two participants in the plan who died and whose beneficiaries received the insurance and pension benefits. There were three persons who withdrew during the year, leaving a total of 135 participants in the plan, compared with 133 a year ago. There are seven who are receiving monthly pension payments.

The group term insurance on participants under age 65, during the year 1974, was in the amount of $13,000 and will be $14,000 in 1975. The annual premium on this coverage was $108 for each participant, a reduction of $39 from the prior year. These premiums are deducted from the total contributions made for each participant before expenses and investment. A dividend of $2,171 based on 1973 experience, was received from the insurance carrier, the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York City, New York. There were two death claims charged against our account, which will result in increased premiums for 1975.

During 1974, the majority of the investments of the committee were administered through a trust agreement with the First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The trustee provides portfolio management, custodial services for securities held in the fund and a quarterly accounting of its administration of the fund. The charge for these services is three-tenths of one per cent of the year-end portfolio value. The market value of the funds administered by the First Pennsylvania Bank declined during the year approximately 5%, and the value at the end of the year, was $399,022.

During the year of 1974, the committee continued to invest any new funds available through the firm of De Haven & Townsend, Crouter & Bodine. During the year, the market value of the funds in this portfolio declined some 16% and the value at the end of the year was $51,041.

HOSPITALIZATION

The Committee on Pensions continues to administer the Hospitalization Plan separately from the Pension and Insurance Plan. On December 31, 1974, there were a total of 144 participants compared with 140 a year earlier.

The basic hospital coverage continues to be provided by Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc., on a specific daily room and board basis, plus allowances for other normal hospital expenses and diagnostic services. Medical-surgical benefits are provided by Blue Shield; major medical coverage to a maximum of $25,000 is provided on an optional basis by Provident Indemnity Life Insurance Company.

During the year it became increasingly apparent that the coverage provided by Inter-County, was not sufficient to meet the major portion of hospital costs for most of
the participants who submitted claims. The committee has continued to seek other carriers who might provide greater coverage within certain cost limitations. We have been informed by Inter-County that effective in 1975, there will be increased coverages available to all participants in our plan.

Each year more churches are arranging to pay the premiums of pastors for this insurance. It is the opinion of competent counsel that premiums paid directly by the church, are not taxable income to the participant, and the committee continues to urge more churches to adopt this policy in the future.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Committee, elected for a one year term, are as follows: President: Garret A. Hoogerhyde; Vice-President: John P. Galbraith; Secretary: Edward A. Haug; Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

The objective of the program of the pension committee is to provide for the retired pastor and/or his widow, a monthly pension adequate to enable him to provide for his daily needs.

The committee's guidelines to achieve this objective are:

1. The assets of the committee should be invested selectively so as to enhance the future value and purchasing power of those assets. Investment programs, therefore, should be designed to provide the maximum rate of return available, through capital appreciation and income relative to risk, that the avenues for investment will permit.

2. The maximum rate of return available over the long-term, can be achieved through a primary emphasis on ownership of the highest quality equities. Moreover, in view of the conservative nature of a pension fund, we feel that high grade fixed income securities should always be part of the investment portfolio of the fund.

3. There must be flexibility concerning long-term and short-term investments, the proportion of equities vs. bonds, cash equivalents, or other alternatives. These must change from time to time depending on conditions.

4. Pension funds being by nature trust funds, securities selected for purchase should be of investment quality rather than speculative.

The committee, with the approval of the General Assembly, has engaged professional investment managers to accomplish its objectives within the guidelines outlined above.

COMMITTEE AS TRUSTEE

In reply to the request of the General Assembly, on the advisability of the committee serving as trustee, the committee reports that the ramifications of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (Pension Reform Act) are such that the committee is unable to make a recommendation at this time.
LONG-TERM NEEDS

The committee informs the General Assembly that the "long-term solutions to retirement needs" of ministers, referred to this committee, is a subject that will require much study and that the committee will report to a later General Assembly on these matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the pension and insurance premiums be increased for 1976 in the amount of $50 per year for each participant.

2. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly recommend to the churches that they pay the full pension and insurance premiums, since at least the pension portion would not be taxable income to the participant.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Minister: Robert R. Drake—Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Harold R. Keenan.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer for both the Pension and Insurance, and the Hospitalization accounts, as audited by Stephen P. Radics and Company, Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

PENSION AND INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

We have examined the balance sheet of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund as of December 31, 1974 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements and changes in reserve for pension benefits for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund at December 31, 1974 and the financial activity for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis with that of the preceding year.

STEPHEN P. RADICS & COMPANY
Haledon, New Jersey
April 3, 1975
ORTHODOX PRESbyterian CHURCH PENSION FUND

BALANCE SHEET

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE FOR PENSION BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND 1973

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SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS — TRUST ACCOUNTS

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HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

We have examined the balance sheet of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Account as of December 31, 1974 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements and changes in reserve for expenses for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We have previously examined and reported upon the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1973.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Account at December 31, 1974 and the financial activity for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

STEPHEN P. RADICS & COMPANY
Haledon, New Jersey
April 3, 1975

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

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<td><strong>57,192</strong></td>
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Cash Disbursements:
- Premiums paid, Inter-County and Blue Shield: $45,217
- Premiums paid, Major Medical: $7,754
- Honorarium: $600
- Stationery and printing: $41
- Auditing: $187
- Supplies: $17

Total Cash Disbursements: $53,816

Cash Balance — End of Period: $4,392

STATEMENT OF RESERVE FOR EXPENSES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1974

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<td>Increase in accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Balance — End of Period</td>
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Mr. Pappas presented the report of Advisory Committee #7 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #7

This committee reviewed the report of the Committee on Pensions and in addition interviewed in depth, Mr. Hoogerhyde, Chairman of the Committee.

Advisory Committee #7 concurs with recommendations 1 and 2 contained in the report of the Committee on Pensions.

The Assembly recessed at 3:26 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “Praise ye, praise ye the Lord.” Mr. Petty led in prayer.

The Moderator introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Paul H. Alexander, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. By general consent Mr. Alexander was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Mr. Alexander addressed the Assembly.

The following protest was entered:

A PROTEST

The undersigned respectfully protest the excessive use of the limitation of debate by means of the previous question device. Six times in the Assembly to this point the previous question has been carried. The most recent time was on a very substantial matter relating to the Plan of Union. Although the Assembly legally has the right
to limit debate, it does not have the moral right to silence those who desire to speak on substantive issues.

(Signed) Jack J. Peterson
Edmund P. Clowney
Cornelius Tolsma
Arthur G. Ames
Bernard J. Stonehouse
A. M. Laurie

On separate motions both recommendations of the Committee on Pensions were adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Pensions. The following were nominated: Ministers — Marven O. Bowman, Jr., Robert R. Drake, and Petty; Ruling Elders — Fenenga, Hoogerhyde, and Harold R. Keenan (Whippany); Layman — Robert E. Hilbelink (Hanover Park).

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Mr. Drake, and Ruling Elders Hoogerhyde and Keenan to the class of 1978.

On motion it was determined to consider (at this time) the report of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

By general consent, Mr. Bates reported for the Committee on Date, Place and Travel as follows:

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL

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RECOMMENDATION

That the 122 commissioners who have submitted valid travel vouchers be reimbursed according to the following schedule:

1) those coming by public transportation be reimbursed for the full cost of their fare, to the nearest dollar.
2) those who came by car and were drivers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.10 per mile, to the nearest dollar.
3) the two commissioners who rode as passengers with commissioners to the Synod of the RPCES be reimbursed at the rate of $0.03 per mile to the nearest dollar.

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

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The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Bird, Convener of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule, Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BAPTISM OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

The Fortieth General Assembly, in response to a recommendation of the dele-
gates to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod of 1972, determined that "the matter of the
baptism of the Holy Spirit as a special experience in addition to regeneration and
conversion be referred to a special committee, consisting of three members elected by
the Assembly, for report to the next Assembly, with a view to sending a report to the
RES study committee." This committee was continued by the Forty-first General
Assembly and makes its report herewith.

The committee has studied a number of published and unpublished works on
various aspects of the subject of baptism with the Holy Spirit and related topics,
especially the modern "neo-Pentecostal" or "charismatic" movement. Study papers
included a seventy-three-page (typewritten) paper by a member of the committee in
the specific context of the task assigned to the committee, which paper includes an
assessment of contemporary glossolalia by a Christian linguist, as well as several shorter
papers prepared by other members of the committee. All Scripture passages recognized
as relevant were carefully examined in the original languages, as well as in a variety
of translations which the committee felt might shed light on the meaning of the original
text.

On the basis of these studies, the committee presents as its conclusions the following
propositions and recommends that this statement be adopted by the Forty-second
General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and transmitted to the RES
Study Committee as its response to the request of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod,
1972, and that the entire report be sent to the presbyteries for study.

ON THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The baptism with the Holy Spirit, as the fulfillment of the prophecy of John
the Baptist (Luke 3:16) and of Jesus (Acts 1:4, 5), is a once-for-all event in the
history (or, accomplishment) of redemption, along with the death, resurrection, and
ascension of Christ, with which it is most closely associated (Acts 2:32, 33).

In keeping with Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 ("in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth"), baptism with the Holy Spirit is
realized as an event in four stages: (1) on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit
fell upon the entire body of Jewish believers (Acts 2:1-4); (2) in Samaria, when the
Samaritan believers received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17); (3) in Caesarea, when the
Holy Spirit fell upon all the Gentile listeners, the initial nucleus of the far-flung church
among the Gentiles (Acts 10:44); and (4) at Ephesus, when the Holy Spirit came on
previously bypassed disciples of John the Baptist in close conjunction with their being
baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 19:1-7). Baptism with the Holy Spirit
is thus associated with the once-for-all foundation and the on-going witnessing nature
of the church of Jesus Christ.

2. Every believer comes to share in baptism with the Holy Spirit (along with death,
resurrection, and ascension with Christ) through his union with Christ at conversion
(1 Corinthians 12:13; cf. Rom. 6:3ff.; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5, 6; Col. 2:12, 13; 3:1-3).
Baptism with the Spirit, therefore, is not an event in the experience of individual believers subsequent to conversion.

3. To share in the baptism with the Spirit means to have a place in the church, as the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:21, 22), where the Spirit is at work for the blessing and mutual edification of believers according to His will.

   a. As the Spirit of adoption, he indwells each believer (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6).
   
   b. As the Spirit of Christ, he indwells the whole body enabling each member to contribute to the edification of the whole (Ephesians 4:1-16).
   
   c. As the Spirit of truth, he has given through the apostles and prophets the completed revelation of Christ and continues to empower the church to bear witness of Christ to all nations (John 15:26, 27; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:20).

4. Being filled with the Spirit is not to be equated with the baptism with the Holy Spirit, but has reference to the continuing activity of the Spirit in the life of the believer (Ephesians 5:17-21).

5. The gifts of prophecy and tongues: observations on 1 Corinthians 12–14

   a. 1 Corinthians 14 is constructed in terms of a contrast between prophecy and tongues (verses 2 and 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 23 and 24, 26-28 and 29-32, 39). What makes this contrast possible is the fact that prophecy and tongues have in common that they are Word-gifts.
   
   b. Interpreted tongues are functionally equivalent to prophecy (verse 5).
   
   c. The function of New Testament prophecy is to bring God's verbal revelation (verses 30, 26; cf. Acts 11:27, 28; 21:10, 11). Therefore, tongues are a revelatory gift (cf. verse 5).
   
   d. Tongues are also a temporary judgment-sign against Israel (see Paul's use of Isaiah 28:11, 12 in verses 20-22).
   
   e. 1 Corinthians 14 does not support a private, devotional use of tongues; verses 2, 4, and 28 must be interpreted in the light of the norms expressed in verses 13 and 27.
   
   f. 1 Corinthians 12–14 does not teach that a function of the gift of tongues is to create deeper love for God and for others, or a more intense desire to pray and witness. In fact, it teaches that matters such as even the greatest of these, which is love, are not dependent on these gifts (13:1-3, 8, 13).
   
   g. The gifts of prophecy and tongues are concomitant in the church with the gift of the apostolate (12:28; Ephesians 2:20; Hebrews 2:3, 4), and therefore ceased with the close of the apostolic age.
   
   h. The view that the tongues in Corinth as well as on the day of Pentecost were genuine languages finds its support in the requirement of interpretation into the language of those present (14:5, 27, 28). There is no evidence that modern glossolalic utterances are language.

6. The gifts of healing and other miracles.

   In addition to the revelatory gifts, there were other spiritual gifts that served as attestations of Word-revelation (1 Corinthians 12:9, 10, 28; 2 Corinthians 12:12;
These signs were themselves revelatory, serving as demonstrations of God's saving power (e.g., Acts 4:8-12). Although these gifts also ceased with the close of the apostolic age (2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:4), God continues to heal according to His sovereign will (James 5:14,15).

The committee also recommends that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert S. Bird (convener)
John J. Mitchell
William E. Welmers
Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. (alternate)

Mr. Tyson presented the report of Advisory Committee #1 (q.v.) concerning this report.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation in the third paragraph of the report of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It was moved and carried to amend the recommendation by substituting the word “transmitted” for the word “adopted”, deleting the words “and transmitted”, and inserting the words “for study materials” following the date “1972”.

Mr. Peterson requested that his negative vote be recorded.

The Assembly recessed at 6:04 p.m. following prayer led by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Prutow the Assembly reconvened at 8:04 a.m. Mr. Prutow led in prayer.

The Minutes of the sessions of Tuesday, June 3, were approved as read.

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Donald C. Graham, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. On motion Mr. Graham was enrolled as a corresponding member and invited to address the Assembly at this time.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Since the Forty-first General Assembly, the Committee has met three times to consider its own independent concerns, twice with the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod concerning a proposed Plan of Union between our two denominations, and twice with inter-church relations committees of certain other Reformed denominations in this country.

I. Appointment of Fraternal Delegates to Other Ecclesiastical Bodies:


C. The Rev. Laurence N. Vail as an observer to the Second General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America meeting in Macon, Georgia September 21, 1974.

D. The Rev. George Y. Uomoto to the Synod of the Reformed Church in Japan meeting in October, 1974.


The Committee recommends that the Forty-second General Assembly appoint its Moderator to bring the greetings of our Assembly to the synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America which are meeting concurrently with our Assembly at Geneva College.

At the time of the writing of this report, appointment of fraternal delegates to 1975 meetings of several churches with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is in correspondence are yet to be made.

II. Invitations to Other Ecclesiastical Bodies:

The Committee has sent invitations to those churches with whom we are in correspondence to send fraternal delegates to the Forty-second General Assembly.

III. Conversations with the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod:

The Committee has sought to carry out the instructions of the Forty-first General Assembly concerning a plan of union and has considered suggestions from churches and presbyteries respecting Parts III through VII of the proposed Plan of Union. The Committee has also sought to inform the pastors and sessions of the progress of the Committee in formulating a final draft of the Plan of Union.

At a meeting of the Joint Committees on January 21, 1975, Parts III through VII, as amended, were approved in their final form. Further, the Joint Committees determined to submit the Plan of Union consisting of Parts I through VII as adopted
by the Joint Committees on January 21, 1975, to the 1975 Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and to the 1975 General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for action on the question “Shall the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod be united to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church on the basis of the Plan of Union submitted herewith.” (Part VI, Section 2)

In accordance with that decision, your Committee presents the Plan of Union, submitted with this report, for action.

THE PLAN OF UNION

PART I

PREAMBLE:

A TESTIMONY AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church come together committed to the supremacy and authority of the Scriptures, the inerrant Word of God, and confessing one Lord, one faith, one baptism. These churches* come together to unite as the Reformed Presbyterian Church in one scriptural faith and order, in full fellowship in the service of Christ under the divine authority of the whole of Scripture for all of faith and life. We come to this union acknowledging both God's grace and our sins in days past, and trusting in the renewal of the Holy Spirit for days to come.

In this union we seek first the honor of our Saviour's name; we wish to be found pleasing in the sight of the Lord who prayed for the deepest unity of His people. In particular, we would praise God for His mighty grace in bringing us together after a sad experience of division in the history of our churches. Soon after the Presbyterian Church of America was established in 1936 to continue faithful witness to the Christ of the Scriptures, a grievous division brought reproach upon this testimony. We recognize the genuine and deep concerns that influenced this division: on the one hand, a fear that the church was taking a position regarding Christian liberty and eschatology that was out of accord with evangelical American Presbyterianism and might doom the church to sectarian isolation; on the other hand, a fear that the reformation of the church would be crippled by adherence to requirements for life or faith that went beyond the teaching of Scripture.

We do not claim to have achieved unanimity of opinion on all the issues that led to that division, but in effecting this union we do confess that the unity of Christ's church should not have been broken as it was in 1937 and that neither the newly-formed Bible Presbyterian Church nor the church from which it was formed pursued reconciliation. In seeking the joy of restored fellowship, we would confess afresh our need of the heartsearching and healing work of God's Spirit to convict us of all sin and lead us into the obedience of Christ. We express, by this union, our obligation and determination to maintain, by God's grace, the unity of the church in the mutual faith, love, and confidence which we profess. To these ends we make our testimony and declaration of our purpose.

THE TESTIMONY OF THESE CHURCHES

Humbled, but rejoicing in our renewed and extended fellowship, we would call on others to join with us in confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures. To that end we would recall the testimony that has been raised in our communions by God's grace.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod was formed in 1965 by the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, originally called the Bible Presbyterian Church. The former was a church of Scottish descent. The first Reformed Presbyterian congregation in the United States existed as early as 1721 and the Reformed Presbytery was organized in 1774. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church began as part of the Presbyterian Church of America which was established in 1938 to continue the spiritual succession of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Presbyterian Church of America in 1939 took the name The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

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1. A Testimony to the Christ of Scripture

Both churches come to this union rejoicing in one sovereign Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess Him as the Bible presents Him, not dividing a Christ of faith from a Jesus of history, but confessing one Jesus Christ, true God and true man, whose words and deeds were reported by those who were eyewitnesses of His majesty, and recorded for us in Scripture.

2. A Testimony to the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible

Both churches believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written, inerrant in the original writings, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Both churches therefore have sought to be obedient to Scripture in teaching and life, in order and worship. Because the inspiration and divine authority of Scripture have been questioned and denied within the professing church, the acknowledgment of the Bible to be the Word of God written is the more necessary for those who would stand today in the apostolic gospel: "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

These two churches have a common background in our struggle to maintain the clear teachings of the Word of God that our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, worked mighty miracles, offered up Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, that on the third day He rose again from the dead with the same body with which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father, until He shall come again bodily and visibly in power and great glory.

Modernism, old and new, in denying these doctrines and the infallibility of the Word that teaches them, denies the Lord of the Word and casts aside the scepter of His rule in His church. Since the fellowship of the church of Jesus Christ must be grounded in the truth, the spread of apostasy brings division. Our churches exist because we have chosen to obey God rather than man in conflict with false teaching in the church.

3. A Testimony to the Whole Counsel of God

Yet in opposing such denials of doctrine essential to the Word of God and our secondary standards, these churches have not reduced the whole counsel of God to a few fundamentals of Christian faith. Rather, as we have separated from unbelief and renewed our commitment to obey the Word of God we have found fresh occasion for rejoicing in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. Both churches have previously adopted the Confession of Faith in virtually identical form, a form that precedes the major modifications made to the Confession by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1903. The two churches have one Confession, a Confession that expresses the glorious fullness of the Reformed Faith, declaring without equivocation that salvation is of the Lord. Soli deo gloria!

To set aside the Westminster Confession for a contemporary creed might be laudable if the new creed set forth more clearly the great doctrines of God's sovereignty in salvation, if it summarized more fully the riches of God's revealed Word, if it condemned more pointedly modern errors in the light of God's abiding truth. But when new and proposed creeds frame ambiguous statements to cloak error, when they labor to break down the doctrine of inspired Scripture expressed in the Westminster Confession, when they substitute a social gospel for the biblical doctrine of salvation, then loyalty to the Westminster Confession is simply loyalty to the truth of God revealed in Scripture. To confront the sophisticated errors of our day, those who teach and rule in Christ's church need to hold fast to the whole counsel of God as He has revealed it. The high mysteries of salvation by grace alone, in particular unconditional election, definite atonement, and effectual calling including the need of regeneration for faith, as taught in the Westminster Confession, may be distorted by those who set man's wisdom above God's Word, but no lesser confession is adequate for guiding the church of Christ today.

4. A Testimony to Holy Living

New obedience to the revelation of the grace of God in Jesus Christ has kindled new desire for holy living. Both churches have manifested deep concern that Christians be not conformed to this world in an age of license, but rather be transformed into the image of Christ. These churches have honored the law of God, believing that contemporary immorality springs not only from the lusts of the flesh but also from hatred of the truth. The apostasy that casts off the authority of God's Word of commandment revealed in Scripture is at the last more destructive than guilty sensuality.
Because both churches teach obedience to the revealed commandments of Christ, they have also sought to apply these specific commandments to modern life.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has called attention to the specific instruction of our subordinate standards, particularly the Larger Catechism, on the requirements of the Word of God for holy living. The Westminster Larger Catechism so applies the Ten Commandments, warning that each commandment implies the specific forbidding of all sins of that kind, "together with all the causes, means, occasions and appearances thereof and provocations thereunto" (Q. 99). In the exercise of pastoral supervision, ministers and assemblies of the church have similarly warned against specific breaches of God's law. The application of the teaching of Scripture to the question of abortion was a recent example of such warning.

The plan for the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod contained a declaration on the Christian life in which the united church emphasized the applicability of God's commandments to questions of conduct and practice that arise in the modern world.

The acknowledgment of Scripture as the infallible rule of faith and life has therefore borne fruit in both these churches in specific exposition and application of the Bible to learn what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. In life as in faith, the rule of the Word of God is both specific and inclusive. As the church is led into all truth by the Word, so is it led into all righteousness: whatever we do, individually in our hearts, together in our homes and communities, or corporately in the church of Christ, we are to do to the glory of God.

In uniting their witness, these churches would seek to grow in love and new obedience to Christ, finding in that obedience the remedy for both legalism and antinomianism. We dare not build a hedge around God's law, adding to it the burdensome traditions of men. Neither may we ever cease to hear in the law the voice of the living God, whose will and nature are revealed in His commandments. Yet respect for the liberty of the sons of God must not dampen our pastoral zeal to warn those in our charge against particular sins and against those practices in contemporary life that frequently become occasions to sin. When the mass media publish the soundness of unlawful appetites, the Saviour's warning must be part of the church's instruction. When respect for human life is cheapened by revolutionary violence and social sanctioning murder, the church must declare that man is made in the image of God, and apply the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" not only to the murdering hand but to the murderous heart.

When the proper function of the body is impaired through the vain pursuit of pleasure and escape by the use of narcotics, stimulants, depressants, and hallucinogenic drugs, the church must teach that our bodies are for the Lord; it must warn not only the drunkard and the addict of his sin, but also caution all those who would begin in their desires to rebel against God's ordinances for sober and responsible human life; and it must charge all Christians to obey the law of love in every situation where the exercise of their own liberty under the gospel might encourage another to sin, or impede the service of Christ's church. When lusts and abuses of every kind are exploited for gain and power, the prophetic warnings against men who profit by pandering to vice must be heard in the preaching of God's Word. Apart from the courageous application of Scripture to individual and social sins in the context of modern life, the church cannot fulfill the whole ministry of the Word of God. As the occasion demands, such application must be made not only by pastors and sessions, but also by presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies according to the principles of Chapter 31 of the Confession of Faith ("Of Synods and Councils"), which are based upon the council of Jerusalem (Acts 15). The forming of Christian consciences to distinguish between right and wrong and between truth and error is most necessary so that the church shall not be conformed to the lawlessness of an unbelieving world.

5. A Testimony to the Mission of the Church

Nowhere does the direction of the Word of the Lord appear more clearly in the witness of these churches than in the work of missions and evangelism. Not only do the doctrines of grace require the seeking of the lost by those who are drawn by the Son of God to know the Father's heart of mercy; the express command of the risen Saviour sends His disciples to the ends of the world and the end of the age. In obedience to Christ's Great Commission the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod have carried forward constantly expanding missionary programs at home and abroad. Concern for the soundness of the missionary message in the former Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. led to the establishment of an independent board to carry on Presbyterian foreign missionary work and to the division that was forced upon those who refused to surrender that testimony. In the work of World Presbyterian Missions, National Presbyterian Missions, and the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Com-
mittee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the cause of truly Presbyterian missions has prospered. Missionaries supported by these agencies now serve throughout the United States and Canada as well as in thirteen other countries. Evangelism is also served by the printed word through the labors of our committees on Christian education.

In contrast to the secularized evangelism that would substitute political and social action for the proclamation of Christ's kingdom, the biblical evangelism to which these churches are committed recognizes that Christ must be obeyed in His program; that the gospel must be preached to all nations, and that until He comes only the Sword of the Spirit may be wielded in His name. These churches have sought to manifest the compassion of Christ by deeds of mercy and to proclaim the gospel of Christ by words of power, but the power they claim is spiritual. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God . . .," casting down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God . . ." (II Corinthians 10:3-5).

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

In so speaking of the witness of our churches, we know that we have nothing that we have not received, and that we have this treasure in earthen vessels. Yet in dependence upon the sovereign God of grace and truth, we come together reaffirming our commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to His infallible Word, the Holy Bible, and to the pattern of sound words set forth in Scripture and summarized in the Westminster standards. We would now with lowliness, meekness, forbearance, and longsuffering give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To this end we of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would remove every wall of partition that divides us, manifesting in one fellowship of faith, order, discipline, and service that unity under the Word of Christ that we profess as members of His body.

We do confess that all saints that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory; and, being united to one another in love, have communion in each other's gifts and graces. As God now offers to us opportunity we would assume the obligation of our profession to extend and maintain toward one another a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, in performing such other spiritual services as tend to our mutual edification, and in relieving one another according to our several abilities and necessities.

And we pray that the ascended Lord will fill us with His Spirit, will give us grace to be faithful to our affirmations, and will bless this our work of ministering in His name till we all attain unto the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and that to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

PART II

THE CONSTITUTION

Although the Plan of Union includes several parts, the following standards alone shall be the Constitution of the church:

A. The supreme standard shall be the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the Word of God written, inerrant in the original writings, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

B. The following subordinate standards:

1. The text of the Westminster Confession of Faith that appears in the current edition of Trinity Hymnal.

2. The Westminster Larger Catechism as held by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church presently appearing in the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod except Questions 86–89 which shall read as follows:

Q. 86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

A. The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue
united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.

Q. 87. What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?
A. We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the self-same bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonour by him, as an offended judge.

Q. 88. What shall follow after the resurrection?
A. After the resurrection shall follow the judgment of angels and men; the day and the hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

Q. 89. What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgment?
A. At the day of judgment, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand, and, upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own consciences, shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them; and thereupon shall be cast out from the favourable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, his saints, and all his holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments, both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels forever.

3. The Westminster Shorter Catechism as held by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and presently appearing in the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

4. Form of Government
a. The presbyteries of the united Church shall operate temporarily under one or the other of the present Forms of Government (with the exception that Chapter V, paragraph 1, of the Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall be deleted) concerning all matters, according to the preferences of the presbytery; congregations and sessions shall operate under the form adopted by their presbytery.

b. The constitution and actions of the general assembly shall be regulated temporarily by the Form of Government in force in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, with the following two exceptions:

1) Chapter XXV (Of Incorporation and Corporations), Section 4 shall read:

4. All particular churches shall be entitled to hold, own and enjoy their own local properties, without any right of reversion to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, its successor, assigns, presbyteries, synods or any other courts hereafter created.

The provisions of this Section are to be construed as a solemn covenant whereby the church as a whole undertakes never to attempt to secure the possession of the property of any particular church against its will whether or not such church remains within or chooses to withdraw from this body. The above two paragraphs are declared applicable to all particular churches and courts of this denomination, and unamendable and irrevocable.

2) A new Section 4 shall be added to Chapter XXVI (Of Amendments) to read:

4. The provisions of Chapter XXV, Section 4, are unamendable and irrevocable, and this provision is unamendable and irrevocable.

c. The Form of Government of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the present Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and the proposed revisions to the Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on Form of Government in the united Church for further study and recommendations.

5. Book of Discipline
a. The united Church shall operate under the Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
b. This Book, the Book of Discipline of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the proposed revisions to the Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on the Book of Discipline of the united Church for further study and recommendations.

6. Directory for Worship
a. The united Church shall operate under the Directory for Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

b. This Directory, the Directory for Worship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the proposed revisions to the Directory for Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be referred to a Committee on the Directory for Worship of the united Church for further study and recommendations.

PART III
THE PRESbyterIES

A. The presbyteries, with their bounds (arranged alphabetically) shall be:

California North
That portion of California north of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties; Nevada

California South
That portion of California south of the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties; Hawaii

Delmarva
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

Eastern Pennsylvania
Eastern Pennsylvania (that portion of Pennsylvania east of the eastern boundaries of McKean, Cameron, Clearfield, Blair, and Bedford counties)

Florida
Florida, Grand Cayman Island, and Lowndes County, Georgia

Great Lakes
Michigan, Wisconsin, northern Illinois (that portion of the state north of the southern boundaries of Mercer, Henry, Stark, Marshall, LaSalle, Grundy, and Kankakee counties), northern Indiana (that portion of the state north of the southern boundaries of Newton, Jasper, Pulaski, Fulton, Kosciusko, Whitley, and Allen counties); Ontario, Canada

Great Plains
North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada

Midwest
Southern Illinois (that portion of the state south of the southern boundaries of Mercer, Henry, Stark, Marshall, LaSalle, Grundy, and Kankakee counties), Southern Indiana (that portion of the state south of the southern boundaries of Newton, Jasper, Pulaski, Fulton, Kosciusko, Whitley, and Allen counties), Missouri, Iowa

New Jersey
New Jersey

Northeast
Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, New York; Maritime Provinces and the province of Quebec, Canada

Northwest
Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho; Alberta and British Columbia, Canada

Pittsburgh
Western Pennsylvania (that portion of Pennsylvania west of the eastern boundaries of McKean, Cameron, Clearfield, Blair, and Bedford counties), Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio

Rocky Mountains
Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

Southeast
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia (except Dade, Lowndes, and Walker counties, Georgia)

Southwest
Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas

Tennessee Valley
Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Dade and Walker counties, Georgia

Saharanpur
India
B. In the event that either the Orthodox Presbyterian Church or the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod shall have constituted new presbyteries, with consequent changes in the presbytery boundaries existing during the time of drafting and adopting this Plan of Union, the task of reorganizing the details of Part III A shall not constitute a cause for a demand to resubmit the entire Plan of Union to the churches. Rather, the task of reorganizing the details of Part III A shall be the business of the first General Assembly of the united Church.

C. The Saharanpur Presbytery of India is urged to constitute itself a separate national denomination when the conditions in the presbytery permit and is assured of the desire of the merged Church to establish immediately a strong fraternal relationship between the merged Church and the newly constituted Church in India.

**PART IV**

**AGENCIES**

A. The agencies which the general assembly may from time to time erect shall, together with their functions and membership structure, be specified in the assembly’s Standing Rules.

B. Members of the agencies elected by the uniting General Assembly, and thereafter, shall be members of the Church, in good standing.

C. National missions missionaries, pastors, and executives shall be members of the Church, in good standing. Foreign missionaries appointed in the future shall be members of the Church or of a Reformed denomination with which the Church is in fraternal relationship, in good standing.

D. Since the general assembly is responsible for the conduct of the work which the whole Church does unitedly, the powers and activities that it has delegated to the agencies under its jurisdiction shall always be subject to its review. It shall not delegate any of its general powers beyond its own recall so as to cease to be fully responsible for the spiritual oversight of the entire denomination.

E. There shall be three kinds of agencies of the general assembly:

1. **Standing** — committees, boards, institutions, and commissions, whose members or governing bodies are elected by the general assembly in three classes of equal number. Their names and functions are:

   a. Administrative Committee
   1) Present to each general assembly a report on the assembly’s financial condition and a proposed budget for the coming year.
   2) Coordinate and present to the churches the budgets of the general assembly and its agencies as a guide for their giving.
   3) Review the job description and the performance of the stated clerk at the end of the term.
   4) Function between the assemblies to assist in carrying out the actions of the assembly not specifically assigned to other agencies, committees or officers.
   5) Present the denomination as a whole to the general public. It shall not have authority, however, to speak for the Church on any matters which have not been approved by the general assembly or its agencies, nor shall it institute any actions and/or programs in the name of the general assembly which have not been specifically called for in the minutes of the general assembly.
   6) Recommend to the assembly a date and place for the next assembly, and be responsible for arrangements for that assembly.
   7) Report to the next general assembly.

   Membership — 6. Moderator and stated clerk of current general assembly; next past moderator of the general assembly; three ministers or ruling elders, elected by the general assembly, in three classes, none to succeed himself after a full term.

   b. Chaplains’ Committee
   1) Advise ministers and licentiates with respect to service as chaplains in the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Civil Air Patrol.
2) Coordinate endorsing procedures between the services and presbyteries and general assembly.
3) Represent the Church, in chaplaincy matters, with the services' administrative offices.
4) Assist the Church's active and reserve chaplains where needed.
5) Disseminate information on chaplaincy matters throughout the Church.
Membership — 6. Ministers and ruling elders, at least four ministers.

c. Committee on Christian Education
Be responsible for the denominational work in Christian education, organized in two departments, one for publication and educational services and one for Christian training.
Membership — 18. Ministers and ruling elders; at least nine ministers; at least six ruling elders.

d. Covenant College
Provide general education at the college level for the benefit of the Church and the Christian community at large, in accordance with the standards of the Church, through trustees elected by its general assembly.
Membership — 24. At least eight ministers and at least eight ruling elders.

e. Covenant Theological Seminary
Provide post-college training that is in accordance with the standards of the Church, for the ministry of the Word, through trustees elected by the general assembly.
Membership — 24. At least twelve ministers and at least ten ruling elders.

f. Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Serve as the arm of the denomination in enabling the diaconates to extend their ministries nationwide and worldwide.
Membership — 12. Three ministers, three ruling elders, six deacons.

g. Reformed Presbyterian Foundation
Serve the Church primarily in the area of planned (deferred) giving by the obtaining, administering, and disbursing of funds for the benefit of the congregations, and the denomination and its agencies.
Membership — 11. Six elected by the general assembly; the chief administrative officer (or another appointed by him) of the following agencies: Committee on Christian Education, Covenant College, Covenant Theological Seminary, Committee on National Presbyterian Missions and Church Extension, and Committee on World Presbyterian Missions.

h. Committee on Interchurch Relations
Seek and advance a biblical relationship between the denomination and other churches and ecclesiastical bodies.
Membership — 9. Ministers and ruling elders, at least six of whom are ministers.

i. Advisory Committee for Judicial Procedures
1) Upon request, to advise any of the courts of the Church as to procedures related to judicial matters.
2) Review, prior to consideration by each general assembly, all complaints and appeals to determine that they are in proper form.
Membership — 3. Ministers and/or ruling elders.

j. Committee on Ministerial Training
Assist the churches in seeking out young men for the ministry, in assisting in pre-seminary and post-ordination training, and in seeking to serve as a link with Westminster Theological Seminary and other seminaries not of our denomination which serve the Church. It shall administer a scholarship program, including the Lamb Fund.
Membership — 9. Six ministers and three ruling elders.

k. Committee on National Presbyterian Missions and Church Extension
Serve as the arm of the denomination in its corporate task of proclaiming the gospel and establishing churches at home.
FORTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Membership — 18. Ministers and ruling elders; at least nine ministers, at least six ruling elders.

1. Nominating Committee

Recommend to each assembly a list of nominees for election by the general assembly to fill the vacancies in the agencies of the assembly. In all cases nominations may be made from the floor.

Membership — one appointed by each presbytery. Ministers and/or ruling elders.

m. Committee on Pensions and Insurance

Administer pension, insurance, and hospitalization coverage for the ministers and full-time employees of the denomination, its agencies, its churches, and associated organizations.

Membership — 9. At least three ministers and at least three ruling elders.

n. Trustees of the General Assembly

Serve as the corporate representatives of the denomination, and receive, hold, and administer assets of the denomination which are in the name of the denomination or its trustees.

Membership — 9. At least three ministers and at least three ruling elders.

o. Committee on World Presbyterian Missions

Serve as the arm of the denomination in its corporate task of proclaiming the gospel and establishing churches abroad.

Membership — 18. Ministers and ruling elders; at least nine ministers and at least six ruling elders.

2. Special — committees and commissions that are appointed by a general assembly to serve for a special purpose following the general assembly but for a limited period of time.

3. Temporary — those committees that serve only during a general assembly.

F. In the uniting and reconstituting of the agencies of the general assembly the following procedures shall be observed (these procedures shall supersede the Standing Rules for the uniting General Assembly):

1. Continuity

a. The united agency shall elect its own officers at its first meeting. Prior to the meeting the chairmen of the respective merged agencies shall appoint two members of their agencies to serve as a joint nominating committee which shall present one nominee for each office; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

b. The first meeting of each united agency shall be called and convened by the chairmen of the merged agencies, serving as co-conveners. They shall also serve as co-chairmen pro tern until a successor has been elected. A docket for the meeting shall be prepared jointly by the general secretaries of the merged agencies, if there be such, in consultation with the respective chairmen; if there be no general secretary the docket shall be prepared jointly by the chairmen.

c. The employed administrative personnel of the agencies shall be trained and continued in their respective offices until the agencies have been united and reconstituted.

d. The records of each of the merged agencies shall be preserved by the united agency. It shall begin a new record book and shall record in the minutes of its first meeting its membership by classes and a summary of the scope of its current work, together with other information necessary to maintain the continuity of the merged agencies.

e. Existing corporation charters shall be maintained, and where there are two existing for the same sphere of activity, the united and reconstituted agency shall determine, with the advice of legal counsel, under which charter the agency shall operate and how the charter shall be amended. The charter of the other corporation shall be retained as dormant. The members and officers of the agencies shall automatically be members and officers of the dormant corporation also.

2. Membership of Standing Agencies

a. All elected members shall serve out the full terms to which they were elected.

b. Neither general synod nor general assembly shall elect a new class for its agencies in the final meeting prior to merger. The uniting General Assembly shall elect these
classes consisting of the agreed number specified for each agency in the Plan of Union. The same procedure shall be followed in succeeding years.

c. In the case of agencies that have counterparts in each of the uniting churches, the agencies to be merged may present names for nomination not to exceed one-half of the class to be elected by the uniting General Assembly.

d. In the case of agencies for which there is no counterpart in the other Church each such agency shall list publicly its (board) membership; it may present as many names for nomination as it cares to make for the class to be elected at the uniting General Assembly.

e. Agencies that present names for nomination shall forward them to the stated clerk of their general synod or general assembly by the first day of the synod/assembly preceding merger.

f. Each agency may present one nominee for each vacancy in its membership.

g. Further nominations may be made from the floor.

3. Membership of Special and Temporary Committees

If there are to be elections to such committees, one more than the number to be elected shall be nominated by a nominating committee; further nominations may be made from the floor. Such committee shall consist of the co-moderators, co-stated clerks, and two others appointed by them.

4. The fiscal year of the agencies of the general assembly shall coincide, insofar as possible, with the December 31 fiscal year of the denomination.

5. The agencies for Christian education, foreign missions, and national missions shall consult, and decide, if possible, where the offices of these agencies should be located.

G. The de facto situation with regard to Westminster Theological Seminary, Covenant Theological Seminary, and Covenant College:

The uniting churches recognize that Westminster Theological Seminary, although independent of ecclesiastical control, has served the interests of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church since 1936 and that Covenant Theological Seminary was established as the seminary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and is now the seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

The uniting churches commend these institutions to their congregations for continued prayers and financial support. In uniting, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod accept the de facto situation that Covenant Seminary, as the seminary of one of the uniting churches, will of necessity be an integral part of the united Church, that Westminster Seminary will continue its independent status, and that both institutions will now serve a broader constituency in the united Church as well as continuing to serve other ecclesiastical bodies and religious organizations. Covenant College is subject to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and therefore as an institution of one of the uniting churches will be an institution of the united Church. In recognizing this, the uniting churches also are aware of the fact that it is the opinion of many in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that it is not proper for the institutional church to engage in educational activity in the area of liberal arts and sciences, and that it is the prevailing opinion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod that it is proper for the institutional church to serve its families in educational activity in the area of liberal arts and sciences taught from the perspective of general and special revelation by means of a college operated by a board of directors elected by the synod. It is recognized that the support of the aforesaid institutions and other particular agencies is a matter of individual conscience and that it is not the prerogative of the general assembly to demand such support.

H. Support of the benevolence agencies

Funds for the benevolence agencies of the Church shall be handled, initially, in the following manner:

1. The benevolence agencies of each denomination shall inform the constituting General Assembly of the budgets currently in force.

2. The general assembly shall inform the congregations of the advisability of their adopting benevolence budgets for the agencies.

3. The general assembly shall inform the congregations of the agency budgets and suggest a percentile division of the congregational budgets for the agencies.
4. Until the agencies are merged, undesignated contributions shall be sent to the general assembly treasurer and such contributions from former Orthodox Presbyterian congregations shall be divided among the former Orthodox Presbyterian Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions Committees in accordance with the relation of their respective budgets to the sum of their budgets.

5. The Administrative Committee shall consider the matter of denominational giving and recommend to the next general assembly a suggested guide for giving.

PART V
INTERCHURCH RELATIONSHIPS

A. Until the second General Assembly of the merged Church, that Church shall continue the fraternal relationships with other ecclesiastical bodies that existed with either or both of the merging churches (if that is acceptable to the third parties), namely:

1. The Christian Reformed Church
2. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
3. The Reformed Church in the U.S. (Eureka Classis)
4. The Presbyterian Church of Korea (Hap Dong)
5. The Presbyterian Church of Korea (Kosin)
6. The Reformed Church in Japan
7. The Japan Christian Presbyterian Church
8. The National Presbyterian Church of Chile
9. The National Presbyterian Church of Peru
10. The Free Church of Scotland
11. The Reformed Churches in Australia
12. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand

The second General Assembly of the merged Church shall, after recommendation by the Committee on Interchurch Relations, determine which of these relationships it wishes to continue.

B. The merged Church shall continue the relationship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod until after the meeting of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod in 1976. The first Assembly of the merged Church subsequent to that meeting shall determine if this relationship is to be continued.

PART VI
PROCEDURES TO ACCOMPLISH UNION

1. Approval of the Plan of Union shall follow the constitutional provisions of the respective forms of government for the amendment of the respective doctrinal standards and therefore shall be by a two-thirds majority of those voting at two successive general synods and general assemblies of the respective churches, and by two-thirds of their presbyteries in the intervening year. Approval by a presbytery shall be by simple majority of those present; where civil regulations require a larger majority, these regulations shall be satisfied.

2. The general synods, general assemblies, and presbyteries shall vote "Yes" or "No" on the following question:
   Shall the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod be united to form the Reformed Presbyterian Church on the basis of the Plan of Union submitted herewith?

3. If the Plan of Union is approved by the 1975 General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the 1975 General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, these bodies shall each determine to meet in 1976 in nearby locations and on dates that will allow each to take final recess at the same time for the purpose of meeting in uniting assembly. Upon final approval of the union by each body, and when the business of each has been completed, they shall, before adjourning, call a new general assembly "to meet with (name of corresponding body) at (place) at (time)"
for the purpose of completing the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan of Union."

4. The date of the uniting Assembly shall be June 1, 1976.

5. Uniting General Assembly
   a. The number of commissioners from each church at the uniting General Assembly shall be in proportion to the total membership of the respective churches as of December 31, 1973, i.e., three Reformed Presbyterians to two Orthodox Presbyterians.
   b. The maximum number of commissioners at the uniting General Assembly shall be 377 (Reformed Presbyterian, 222; Orthodox Presbyterian, 155).
   c. Only persons who served as commissioners to their church's final General Assembly and Synod may be commissioners to the uniting General Assembly. If either final Assembly consists of more commissioners than the number allotted for the uniting General Assembly, that body shall determine which of its commissioners shall be commissioned to the uniting General Assembly.
   d. All ministers and ruling elders of the uniting churches who are present at the uniting General Assembly may be enrolled, by registering their names with the clerks at that Assembly, as "Founding Members." Only those who are also commissioners at the uniting General Assembly shall have the privilege of the floor and of voting.

6. When they have convened they shall:
   a. Constitute themselves as one body, to be known as the General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
   b. Adopt the following:

   **SOLEMN COVENANT AND DECLARATION OF UNION**

   This General Assembly declares that the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, having adopted the Plan of Union in good faith and in accordance with their respective constitutions, have by this action signified that they, each with the other, do enter into solemn covenant to labor in one fellowship under God and in accordance with His Word and the subordinate standards, to which common commitment has been made; and this General Assembly does further declare these churches now to be fully united, in accordance with the Plan of Union, as the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

   c. Declare itself to be the legal successor to the General Synod and General Assembly of the uniting churches, and the committees, boards, and other agencies of the uniting churches to be agencies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and to continue to function as such until duly reconstituted.
   d. Conduct such other business as may be appropriate.

7. In bringing together the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, thereby uniting the legal and spiritual succession of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod and the true spiritual heritage of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the uniting General Assembly shall be designated as the 155th General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

8. The business of the uniting General Assembly shall be ordered according to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline adopted in this Plan of Union and according to Standing Rules adopted by the Joint Committee on Church Union of the two churches, except as specified elsewhere in this Plan of Union.

9. The moderators and clerks of the respective General Synod and General Assembly immediately preceding the uniting General Assembly shall serve as co-moderators and co-clerks of that Assembly.

10. Arrangements for the uniting General Assembly shall be made by the Joint Committee on A Plan of Union.

11. Any special committees serving their respective general synod or general assembly shall be continued into the merged Church and shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the uniting General Assembly.
12. Temporary committees shall be appointed to serve the uniting General Assembly in accordance with the Standing Rules.

13. Second General Assembly
   a. The total number of commissioners at the second General Assembly shall not be more than 300 plus the two previous co-moderators and two previous co-stated clerks.
   b. The co-stated clerks of the uniting Assembly shall determine the number of commissioners to be sent by each presbytery on the basis of the relationship of the total membership of the churches within the presbytery to the total membership of the whole church, except that each presbytery shall be entitled to at least two ministers and two ruling elders as commissioners.
   c. In electing commissioners the presbyteries shall endeavor to send an equal number of ministers and ruling elders.

14. The second General Assembly shall make provisions for the number of commissioners to compose the next General Assembly and their distribution by presbyteries.

PART VII
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

It is clearly understood that the rights specified below are agreed upon in good faith as an integral part of the Plan of Union for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and are irrevocable:

A. Congregations
   1. Congregations of the uniting churches at the time of the merger shall be part of the merged Church. However, a congregation may, at a constitutionally called and conducted meeting of the congregation, determine not to remain in the merged Church.
      a. It is recommended that if such a meeting is called, the question to be voted on shall be:
         Shall this congregation withdraw from the merger of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod?
      b. It is recommended that, if a congregation meets to consider withdrawal, it extend an invitation to the presbytery of which the congregation has been a part to send a representative to the congregational meeting, and give him the privilege of the floor subject to all the rules of parliamentary procedure.
      c. Such a congregation shall be assured that no presbytery or any representative of a presbytery shall have any right to interfere in any way with the meeting or the voting.
   2. As elsewhere provided in the Plan of Union it is here reaffirmed that neither the denomination to which the congregation belonged prior to the merger, nor the denomination which results from the merger, shall have any claim upon the property or properties owned by a congregation that withdraws from the merger except as provided by some legal debtor obligation that the congregation had at the time of the merger.
   3. A congregation that does not enter the merged Church shall have the right to maintain whatever name it had before the merger. It is recommended, however, that churches that enter the merged Church will conform their names to that of the merged Church as soon as possible after the merger becomes final.
   4. A person who is a member of a congregation that enters the merged Church but who himself leaves the membership of the congregation shall have no rights in the property of the congregation.
   5. A person who is a member of a congregation that withdraws from the merged Church but who himself leaves the membership of that congregation in order to be a member of the merged Church shall have no rights in the property of the congregation.
   6. A congregation that withdraws from the merged Church shall have no rights to property of either the denomination of which it was a part before merger or the merged Church.

B. Pastoral Relationships
   1. A congregation that enters the merged Church, but whose pastor does not do so, shall
have the right to such a pastor's services for a period of five years after the merger has been concluded, provided that he is willing to submit to the presbytery with respect to his doctrine and life. Such a minister shall be regarded as pastor in situ and serve as moderator of the session.

2. A congregation that withdraws from the merged Church, but whose pastor does not do so, may continue to have his pastoral services so long as the conditions of his work conform to the requirements of the Form of Government, Chapter XIX regarding ministers "laboring in other churches."

3. If a minister who did not enter the merged Church at the same time as the congregation of which he was then the pastor, but who has continued to serve the congregation in a pastoral capacity, desires, during that time, to enter the ministry of the merged Church, the presbytery shall follow the provisions of the Form of Government for the reception of ministers.

C. Pension Rights

1. The merger shall in no way change, annul, or violate any of the vesting rights of any participant as provided in the respective pension plans of the merging churches.

2. In addition to those rights, however, it is agreed that
   a. A participant in either plan who does not enter the merged Church, but who continues to provide pastoral services to a congregation that entered the merged Church, shall be continued as a participant in that plan so long as he continues in that pastoral relationship.
   b. A participant in either plan who enters the merged Church, and who continues to provide pastoral services to a congregation that does not enter the merged Church, shall be continued as a participant in, and according to the provisions of, the plan in which he has been enrolled.
   c. The rights of a participant in either pension plan who does not enter, or withdraws from, the merged Church, shall be governed by the provisions of that plan in which he has been enrolled.

3. It being understood that the merger will require, in due time, a revision of the pension and insurance plans of either or both of the merging churches, it shall be further understood that such revision shall not reduce the equity or vested rights of any participant.

4. Cases of employment change until the separate pension plans of the two churches are changed or replaced so as to provide one plan for the merged church:
   a. If a person who is a participant in one plan begins to serve an employer that was previously contributing to the other plan, the participant shall remain in the plan in which he had been a participant, and the employer shall contribute to it for him in the manner provided in that plan.
   b. If a person who was not previously in either plan begins to serve an employer that had previously contributed to one of the plans, and if the person wishes to participate in a pension plan, he shall be enrolled in the plan to which the employer had contributed previously.
   c. In cases in which neither the employee nor employer in the merged Church have participated in either plan, the employee shall have the right to select the plan of his preference.

5. The Committee on Pensions and Insurance shall present to the second General Assembly of the merged Church recommendations for the revision of one or both existing plans, or an entirely new plan, to serve as the one pension plan of the merged Church. After the General Assembly adopts such a plan all future new participants shall be enrolled in that plan.

IV. Correspondence with the Christian Reformed Church:

Your Committee held no separate meetings this year with the Committee on Interchurch Relations of the Christian Reformed Church. There were opportunities for fellowship between representatives of our two denominations at meetings of interchurch relations committees which led to the proposal of the formation of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

The Synod of 1974 of the Christian Reformed Church, recognizing certain prob-
lems with respect to the two different categories of ecclesiastical relationships (sister-
church and corresponding church), determined to establish one relationship with other
denominations to be designated "Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship." The Synod
further declared that the receiving of churches into ecclesiastical fellowship shall imply,
and where possible and desirable shall involve:

a. Exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies,
b. Occasional pulpit fellowship,
c. Intercommunion (i.e. fellowship at the table of the Lord),
d. Joint action in areas of common responsibility,
e. Communication on major issues of joint concern,
f. The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting
the fundamentals of Christian unity.

After considering the Synod's action, communicated to us by its Interchurch Rela-
tions Committee, your Committee believes that we should continue to use the term
"fraternal relationship" for our own purposes because we see no essential change in the
relationship that has hitherto existed. Your Committee recommends that the assem-
ibly respond to the proposal of the Christian Reformed Synod, expressing gratitude for
our past relationship and looking forward to continued fruitful contact under the
category of a "Church in Ecclesiastical Fellowship."

V. Letter from Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland

The Stated Clerk of the Forty-first General Assembly referred to a letter from the
General Synod of the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland dated November 14, 1974
to your Committee for consideration, anticipating possible reference by the Forty-
second General Assembly to the Committee. Your Committee has considered the
letter and respectfully recommends that the Assembly authorize this Committee to
respond to the letter of the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland of November 14,
1974 to the effect that the Assembly cannot at this time reverse the decision taken at
the Fortieth General Assembly (1973) terminating the sister church relationship, nor
enter into the relationship "Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship" proposed by the
Christian Reformed Church, in view of the fact that the reasons leading to the deci-
sion of 1973 are still valid.

VI. Conversations with the Deputies of the Canadian Reformed Churches

The Forty-first General Assembly referred a letter dated March 6, 1974 from
the Deputies of the Canadian Reformed Churches for Contact with the Orthodox
Presbyterian Church to your Committee. Consideration is being given to this letter
by a subcommittee of your Committee and it is hoped that we may have a report on
this matter for the Forty-third General Assembly.

VII. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council

On February 27, 1974, in Jackson, Mississippi, there was an informal meeting
of individuals who were attending a meeting of the National Presbyterian and Reformed
Fellowship. Among those in the group were members of the Christian Reformed
Church, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, the
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian
Church of North America. The group agreed on the following statement:

The sense of this meeting is that it would be desirable to convolve a plenary
session of the full interchurch relations committees of the respective denominations to explore closer relationships between the denominations.

That meeting of the committees of those five churches was held in Pittsburgh, Pa. on October 25-26, 1974. (Also present as observers were representatives of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who had been invited by a member of the group). At that meeting matters of cooperation and relationships among the churches were discussed and the following motion was adopted:

That a sub-committee of these committees . . . two from each committee, be established to prepare a plan for cooperation and relationship of the respective churches and report to the joint committee within six months for possible recommendation to the parent bodies.

It was also decided to invite the Reformed Church in the U.S. (Eureka Classis) to participate in future meetings of the joint committee. Their structure did not allow them to appoint official representatives, but individuals did attend subsequent meetings.

As a result of the work of the sub-committee a meeting of the parent committees was held in Philadelphia, Pa. on January 22-23, 1975 and determined to propose to their parent synods or general assemblies the establishment of a North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC). The Constitution and By-laws proposed by the joint committee are as follows:

THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the Council shall be The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

II. BASIS OF THE COUNCIL

In commitment to Jesus Christ as only Savior and Sovereign Lord over all of life we acknowledge that the basis for the fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed churches is full commitment both to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the infallible Word of God and to their teachings as set forth in the Reformed standards, viz., the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordt, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

That the adopted basis of fellowship be regarded as warrant for the establishment of a formal relationship of the nature of a council, that is, a fellowship that enables the constituent churches to advise, counsel, and cooperate in various matters with one another and hold out before each other the desirability and need for organic union of churches that are of like faith and practice.

III. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

1. Facilitate discussion and consultation between member bodies on those issues and problems which divide them as well as on those which they face in common, and by sharing of insights “communicate advantages to one another” (Institutes IV.2.1.).

2. Promote the appointment of joint committees to study matters of common interest and concern.
3. Exercise mutual concern in the perpetuation, retention and propagation of the Reformed faith.

4. Promote cooperation wherever possible and feasible on the local and denominational level in such areas as missions, relief efforts, Christian schools, and church education.

IV. NATURE AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

It is understood that all actions and decisions taken are advisory in character and in no way curtail or restrict the autonomy of the member bodies.

V. MEMBERSHIP

1. For the purposes of the initiation of the Council those of the following churches which are officially represented in these organization meetings whose assemblies give their approval shall be the founding churches of the Council: namely, Christian Reformed Church; Orthodox Presbyterian Church; Presbyterian Church in America; Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod; Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

2. Those churches shall be eligible for membership which profess and maintain the basis for fellowship expressed in II and that maintain the marks of the true church (pure preaching of the gospel, the Scriptural administration of the sacraments, and the faithful exercise of discipline.)

3. Admission to and termination of membership shall be by recommendation of the Council by two-thirds of the ballots cast and this recommendation must then be adopted by the approval of two-thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by recommendation of the Council by two-thirds of the ballots cast and this recommendation must then be adopted by two-thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches. The amendment as recommended to the member churches is unamendable.

BY-LAWS

I. MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Council normally shall meet once each year.

2. Before adjournment the Council shall set the date and place for the next meeting. The Interim Committee shall make arrangements for the next meeting and shall supervise the election of a chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

3. All meetings shall be open to observers and guests except when the Council decides to meet in Executive Session.

II. DELEGATES

1. Each member church shall appoint no more than four delegates to each meeting of the Council.

2. Each delegate of the member church shall be entitled to vote on items before the Council. Voting on major decisions (as determined by the body) shall be by unit vote of church delegations.
III. OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Each meeting of the Council shall elect its own officers, as follows: chairman, secretary, treasurer.

2. The responsibilities of the officers will be as follows:
   a. Chairman — to preside at meetings of the Council, to make required appointments, to see that business is conducted in an orderly manner.
   b. Secretary — to keep a roll of delegates, to record and distribute the minutes of the Council, to carry on the correspondence in reference to Standing Committees, Study Committees and the next meeting of the Council, and to prepare the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.
   c. Treasurer — to receive bills for the expenses of the meeting of the Council, to receive funds to pay bills incurred by the Council, and to submit reports regularly to the Council.

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

The Council shall deal only with

1. Communications received from member churches.
2. Inquiries from churches for membership.
3. Reports produced by its Committees.
4. Official documents from organizations in which member churches are cooperating.
5. And such matters as may by majority vote be declared properly before the Council.

V. STUDY COMMITTEES

1. Each Council shall appoint as many study committees as circumstances may require.

2. A representative from each church may be appointed to each committee by the delegates of that church to the current meeting of the Council.

VI. INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Interim Committee shall consist of the officers of the previous meeting and two other persons elected by the meeting. Its functions shall be limited to those specified below:

1. Make the arrangements and prepare the agenda for the meeting of the Council.
2. Call meetings of the Council or Study Committees when unusual circumstances warrant.
3. Give counsel to the Secretary regarding correspondence and procedure.
4. Deal responsibly with all matters inadvertently overlooked which call for action before the next meeting of the Synod.

VII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or suspended by the Council on a motion passed by two-thirds of the voting delegates.
The Committee recommends:

1. That the General Assembly accept the Basis of this Council and its Constitution and By-Laws as adopted on January 22-23, 1975 and agree to the establishment of and participation in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

2. That the General Assembly approve the suggestion of the aforementioned January 22-23, 1975 meeting: That two members and/or executives of the following church agencies meet regularly for mutual sharing of plans and consultation: Foreign Missions, Home Missions (Church Extension, Evangelism, etc.), Relief, Church School Education.

3. That it inform the other participating churches of its action.

4. That it instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to appoint delegates to the meetings of the Council and to include in its budget the expenses of our church's participation.

VIII. BUDGET FOR EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee estimates that its expenses for fraternal delegates, committee meetings, meetings with committees of other bodies, and miscellaneous expenses will be $4,500.00

IX. ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly: Ministers: George W. Knight, III, Th.D.; Jack J. Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,
LeRoy B. Oliver, Chairman

Mr. Oliver reported further as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

In accordance with the instruction of this Assembly your committee met with the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, Tuesday evening, June 3 (1975).

The joint committee determined to attempt no modification of the Plan of Union at this time but proposes the following resolution for adoption by the respective Synod and General Assembly.

Resolved, that the 42nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church inform the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America that it is our intention to take account of their scruple regarding the name (Reformed Presbyterian Church) if and when the union is consummated.

The committee recommends that the resolution be adopted.
On amended motion the recommendation in the supplementary report was adopted with the word "protest" substituted for the word "scruple".

The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Lord, thou hast searched me." Mr. Vining led in prayer.

Mr. Vail reported for Advisory Committee #8 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #8

Advisory Committee #8 considered that part of the Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations dealing with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod; Report of the Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge; Overtures 4 and 8; and Communications 12b and 15.

1. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to appoint the Moderator of the 42nd General Assembly to bring the greetings of the 42nd General Assembly to the Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

2. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations in its determination to submit the Plan of Union for action by the 42nd General Assembly; and recommends that no independent action be taken on Overtures 4 and 8 or on Communication 15 by the 42nd General Assembly apart from a vote on the Plan of Union, on the ground that to do so would automatically eliminate the possibility of a vote at this General Assembly. However, Advisory Committee #8 respectfully suggests that each commissioner take into consideration the substance and merit of these overtures when voting to accept or reject the Plan of Union.

3. In reference to Communication 21 (Report of the Trustees of the Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge), Advisory Committee #8 recommends that the 42nd General Assembly dispose of funds received in accordance with the action of the 41st General Assembly.

Advisory Committee #8 concurs in the recommendation that the members elected to the Board of Trustees by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be discharged and that the joint board be declared dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Barnett
Harold L. Baurer
Larry D. Conard
William A. Haldeman
John C. Hills, Jr.
Rodney T. Jones
Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
Arthur O. Olson
John C. Smith
John H. Thompson, Jr.
Laurence N. Vail, Chairman
Roger Wagner

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 of the report of Advisory Committee #8. This motion was carried following the reading of the minutes on Thursday morning.

On motion it was determined to go into the committee of the whole to consider that part of the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations con-
cerning the Plan of Union; that the Moderator remain in the chair; and that the rules of procedure that apply in the Assembly be followed in the committee. The Assembly entered the committee of the whole at 11:15 a.m.

The committee of the whole arose temporarily.

The Assembly recessed at 12:17 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Solis.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4

The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Amazing grace." Mr. Churchill led in prayer.

The Assembly reentered the committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole arose temporarily.

The Assembly recessed at 3:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:48 p.m.

The Assembly reentered the committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole arose at 4:19 p.m. and reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The committee of the whole makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Assembly request the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to prepare for the 43rd General Assembly a report on the question of the use of the Lamb Fund in the united church.

2. That the Assembly vote affirmatively on the question that has been proposed to this Assembly, in re the Plan of Union.

The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly proceeded to vote by signed ballot on the Plan of Union.

Recommendation 1 of the committee of the whole was adopted with the addition of the words "and that this information be sent to the presbyteries at the earliest reasonable time."

On separate motions the recommendations contained in Parts IV and V of the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted.

The Clerk reported the result of the vote on the Plan of Union as follows: OPC: Affirmative votes — 95; Negative votes — 42; RPCES: Affirmative votes — 122; Negative votes — 92. The Plan of Union thus received the required two-thirds vote in the General Assembly of the OPC, but not in the Synod of the RPCES.

The vote on the Plan of Union was as follows:

YEAS — 95
REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #12

1. Advisory Committee #12 recommends the approval of the recommendations in the first two sentences of the fourth from the last paragraph of the Report of the Committee on R.E.S. Matters.

2. Advisory Committee #12 recommends the approval of the recommendation in the last sentence of the fourth from the last paragraph of the Report of the Committee on R.E.S. Matters.

3. With reference to the second to the last paragraph of the report of the Committee on R.E.S. Matters, Advisory Committee #12 recommends that the General Assembly send 4 representatives to the 1976 Reformed Ecumenical Synod, which will convene in South Africa in August of that year and that this Assembly proceed to elect 4 representatives and 2 alternates.

4. With reference to the recommendation in the last paragraph of the Report of the Committee on R.E.S. Matters, Advisory Committee #12 recommends that it be amended by substituting "one or more observers" in place of "an observer" and that everything after "R.E.S." be deleted.

5. Advisory Committee #12 recommends the approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations with the exception that recommendation 2 be amended by the addition of the word "respective" after the word "following".

Respectfully submitted,

Jay E. Adams
Glenn T. Black
Leslie A. Dunn
William C. Krispin

Stephen A. MacDonald
Dwight H. Poundstone
Edwin C. Urban
Douglas C. Winward, Jr., Chairman

On separate motions the recommendations in Part VII of the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted with the insertion of the word "respective" after the word "following" in recommendation 2.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and
Interchurch Relations. The following were nominated: Messrs. Coppes, Davis, Knight, and Peterson.

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Knight and Peterson to the class of 1978.

By general consent the Assembly determined to advance by twenty minutes the pending times of recessing and reconvening.

The Assembly recessed at 5:40 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. J. R. Hilbelink.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 4**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war." Mr. Hills led in prayer.

By general consent the Assembly recessed at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m. because of an electric power failure.

On amended motion the Assembly determined to seek to continue discussions with the RPCES with a view to effecting an eventual union, and to this end it directed the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to engage in discussions with the corresponding committee of the RPCES, if such discussion is authorized by the Synod of the RPCES.

On motion the Clerk was requested to communicate this action to the Clerk of the RPCES.

On amended motion the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was authorized to initiate exploratory conversations with the Reformed Church in the U.S. and those churches listed in Chapter V, Section 1, of the proposed constitution of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) with respect to the question of eventual church union, and that this action be communicated to NAPARC for its information and counsel.

During the course of the previous action, the order of the day was, on motion, twice extended for five minutes.

The Assembly recessed at 9:11 p.m. following prayer led by Dr. Knight.

**THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 5**

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Prutow, the Assembly reconvened at 8:03 a.m. Mr. P. R. Conard led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Wednesday, June 4, were approved as corrected.

The following protest was entered:

**A PROTEST**

We the undersigned protest that in spite of the protest to this General Assembly by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America against the use of the name "The Reformed Presbyterian Church" as the proposed name of a merged church in the Plan of Union for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, on the ground that the name "Reformed Presbyterian"
is associated with Covenant principles held by neither of the churches in the proposed Plan of Union, nevertheless this General Assembly took the following actions:

1. to inform the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America that it is our intention to take account of their protest if and when the union is consummated (implying that we might vote to use the name "The Reformed Presbyterian Church" until that time) and

2. to adopt the Plan of Union with that name.

Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
Paul Woolley
Edwards E. Elliott
A. M. Laurie
Robert H. Graham

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Eckardt, Chairman of the Committee on Presbyterial Records, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery of the Dakotas be instructed to justify the position taken by way of reply to the 41st General Assembly's exception to its Minutes that men holding membership in the Masonic lodge may properly be ordained to the ruling eldership (p. 392); and that the Minutes of the Presbytery be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   b. The record contains numerous interlineations and strike-overs due to a faulty job of typing in violation of Rules 2 and 15. The following illegible entries must be corrected: p. 2, line 16; p. 12, line 17; p. 18, line 17.

2. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. No copy of the Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes included with the Minutes (cf. Rule 20).
   b. No copy of the By-laws of the Presbytery included with the Minutes (cf. Rule 21).
   c. No terms included in the calls approved to Messrs. Countess, Gregson, Wilkholm, and West (p. 51, line 1; p. 56, line 13; p. 59, line 1; p. 62, line 12).
   d. Ruling by the Moderator as to the method for selecting alternate commissioners to the 42nd General Assembly is not at all clear. (E.g., does "remaining" mean "additional"? Does it envision people volunteering or are a number of people desirous of attending and the most aggressive will win? What officer of Presbytery will rule on those who are officially elected?) (Cf. Rule 12.)

3. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the committee.
4. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of New Jersey* be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the committee.

5. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of New York and New England* be approved with the following exceptions:
   a. No indication that the congregation was cited or that it concurred in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, p. 87, lines 1–3. (Cf. Form of Government, Chapter XVII.)
   b. Reference to inadequate terms of a call but no statement of the terms of the call in question, p. 92, line 33, to p. 93, line 4. (Cf. Rule 12.)
   c. (Throughout) Typing indistinct due to failure to clean the typewriter keys. (Cf. Rule 2.)

6. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of Northern California* be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. Time of adjourning not recorded, p. 348, last line, violation of Rule 3.
   b. Same as above, p. 353, last line.
   c. Same as above, p. 366, last line.
   d. Same as above, p. 370, last line.
   e. Same as above, p. 374, last line.

7. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of the Northwest* be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception:
   a. Terms of call to Mr. Piper are not in the Minutes, p. 145, lines 28–30, violation of Rule 12.

8. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of Ohio* be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. W. King makes no reference to the terms of the call, p. 96, 10 lines from bottom, violation of Rule 12.
   b. A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. K. Cummings makes no reference to the terms of the call, p. 99, line 8, violation of Rule 12.

9. That the Minutes of the *Presbytery of Philadelphia* be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. Amendments to By-laws of Presbytery adopted without referring to place in previous Minutes where they were proposed, p. 273, line 26f.; p. 284, line 29f.; vol. 2, p. 6, line 38. (Cf. Rule 14.)
   b. A half page overlay secured in binder and to the full page with Celophane tape, concealing lower half of full page evidently not intended as part of Minutes, p. 288, line 21f. (Cf. Rules 2 and 16.)
   c. Calls found in order and placed in the hands of ministers and licentiates without terms of these calls being recorded in Minutes, p. 274, line 15; p. 288, line 46; vol. 2, p. 3, lines 28 and 33. (Cf. Rule 12.)

10. That the *Presbytery of the South* be informed that although response was made by the Stated Clerk of Presbytery in a letter dated December 7, 1974, indicating that the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly had been asked to provide a copy of the current Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes, no such copy of the current Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes is kept with the Minutes, thus violating Rule 20 of those Rules, and that, therefore, the General Assembly instruct the Presbytery to comply with this rule; and that the Minutes of the Presbytery be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the committee.
11. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. The Clerk should have made reference to the place in the record where the 41st General Assembly is reported to have approved an exception to the requirement of the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 7, in re knowledge of the original languages (of Scripture) by ministers, p. 335, lines 21–24.
   b. No reference to the terms (or lack of such) in Presbytery's call to Greg Bahnsen to the office of Teacher of the Word, p. 338, lines 42–48.
   c. In acting to dissolve the associate pastoral relationship between Mr. E. L. Volz and the congregation of First Church, Long Beach, there is no record either of Presbytery's having cited the congregation or of any action of concurrence on its part, p. 384, lines 4–6. (Cf. Form of Government, Chapter XVI, Section 3.)

The recommendations of the committee were adopted, except that the unsuitable disposition of the exception taken by the previous Assembly to the Minutes of the Presbytery of the South was deleted.

On motion the Assembly determined that suitable disposition of the Assembly's exceptions to the Minutes of the Presbyteries concerning absence of the terms of ministerial calls be a simple acknowledgment that the terms of the calls will be included in future Minutes.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Newsom, Chairman of the Committee on Standing Committee Records, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS

The committee recommends:

1. That the Minutes of the Committee on Christian Education be approved without exception.

2. That the Minutes of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

3. That the Minutes of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries be approved with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records and with the following exceptions:
   a. No purpose for a special meeting is stated, p. 98. (Cf. Rule 9 of the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records.)
   b. A contradiction between the dates for which a meeting was called and the date on which it met was not accompanied by reasons, p. 100, line 18, and p. 101, lines 2 and 3. (Cf. Rule 4.)

4. That the Minutes of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be approved without exception and with the notation listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

5. That the Minutes of the Committee on Foreign Missions be approved without
exception and with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

6. That the Minutes of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension be approved without exception and with the notation listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

7. That the Minutes of the Committee on Pensions be approved without exception.

8. That the Minutes of the Committee on Stewardship be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

9. That the Minutes of the Trustees of the General Assembly be approved without exception.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Newsom, Chairman

The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of Advisory Committee #1.

The question that was pending prior to the recess on Tuesday evening was carried in the following form: that this statement (from the Report of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit) be transmitted by the 42nd General Assembly of the OPC to the General Secretary of the RES for inclusion in the agenda of the Capetown Synod of 1976, and that the entire report be sent to the presbyteries for study.

On amended motion it was determined to refer Sections 5 and 6 of the report back to the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in order that it may more fully supply the exegetical and theological argumentation necessary to establish clearly the truth of the statements which the committee makes on the subject of tongues, prophecy, healing, and other miracles and that the committee report back to the General Assembly, and that the committee be expanded by the addition of two teaching elders.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The following were nominated: Messrs. J. L. Bosgra, Coppes, Frame, Gaffin, Knight, George W. Marston, Petty, and Shepherd.

On motion Mr. Mitchell was excused from service on this committee.

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Gaffin, Knight, and Petty.

The Clerk read a communication from the Synod of the RPCES as follows:

June 5, 1975

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Brethren in Christ:

The 153rd General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, approved a motion that "we express our gratitude to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church General Assembly for the action which brought the communication received from them,
and we further instruct the Fraternal Relations Committee to continue discussion with them with a view to effecting an eventual union.”

It is our hope and prayer, that in God's own good timing our two churches will be united.

Sincerely in Christ,
Paul R. Gilchrist, Stated Clerk

The Assembly recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

By general consent the report of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards was considered at this time.

Mr. Bird, Convener of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards, presented its report.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LINGUISTIC REVISIONS TO THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS**

The Committee met on March 21, 1975, and with the corresponding committees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Covenanter) on April 2, 1975. A rough draft of chapters 1 through 18 of the Westminster Confession of Faith has been produced, but this has not yet been put in final form to be submitted to the respective denominational assemblies.

The Committee notes the question directed to it by the 41st General Assembly concerning its work on Chapter 1 of the Confession of Faith, namely, “whether the revision has been accomplished without change in meaning” (Minutes, p. 144), and respectfully replies that although this chapter is not in its final form, the Committee does not think that the revision submitted changes the meaning of the original, if by the word “meaning” was intended the doctrine of the original.

The Committee, in fulfillment of the mandate of the 41st General Assembly, communicated the aforementioned question to the representatives of the other churches.

The Committee awaits the action of the 42nd General Assembly as to its continuance.

Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee #11. On motion Standing Rule, Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

**REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #11**

A. COMMITTEE ON PROOF TEXTS FOR THE CATECHISMS.

Advisory Committee #11 concurs with the recommendation of this Committee that it be continued.

B. COMMITTEE ON LINGUISTIC REVISIONS TO THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS.

This Committee was erected by the 39th General Assembly (Minutes, 39th General Assembly, 1972, pp. 115–6, 137–8) in response to an invitation from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America presented through the Orthodox Presbyterian Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.
The invitation, authorized by the 1971 Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (1971 Minutes of Synod, pp. 114-6), was reaffirmed by the 1972 Synod (1972 Minutes of Synod, pp. 88-90) in adopting the following recommendation of their Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study: "That our Synod elect a committee of three to continue to invite other Reformed groups to join with us in "a meticulous verbal revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms (to remove archaic expressions without a change of meaning)" as called for in the recommendations of the Committee to Rewrite the Testimony (1971 Minutes of Synod, p. 115), that we may maintain ecumenical agreement in this document. Further, that this committee may be empowered to initiate a convening session of denominational committees before our next meeting of Synod to establish preliminary procedures for the implementation of such a project."

A draft of the verbal revision of the first chapter of the Westminster Confession, presented to the 41st General Assembly (Minutes, 41st General Assembly, 1974, pp. 142-4), prompted that Assembly to question whether the revision had been accomplished "without change in meaning," and to refer this question to the presbyteries and through the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the representatives of the other participating denominations.

The Presbyteries of Philadelphia, the Midwest, and New York and New England have responded in Overture 5 and Communications 11 and 12, respectively. Communication 11 finds no substantial change in meaning and favors continued participation in the linguistic revisions; Communication 12 finds more than verbal changes, but makes no recommendation; Overture 5 finds it difficult to modernize the language without changing the meaning, and recommends that we withdraw from the project and urge the others to discontinue it. The Committee on Linguistic Revisions notes that the revision is not in final form, but that even in its present form it does not have to be construed as changed in meaning.

Advisory Committee #11 has consulted with the following: Mr. Kuschke, a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia who has written a paper in support of Overture 5; Messrs. Bird and Strimple, members of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions; and the Rev. Messrs. J. Renwick Wright and Johannes G. Vos, members of the committee of three set up by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Dr. Wright serves as chairman of the committee on verbal revision, and has expressed willingness to appear before our Assembly to answer questions regarding its purpose and its work.

As a result of its study and consultations, Advisory Committee #11 makes the following recommendations:

**Recommendation 1.** That the General Assembly concur with the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards in their judgment that the revision of Chapter I of the Westminster Confession submitted does not change the meaning of the original, if by the word "meaning" is intended the doctrine of the original; and that the General Assembly affirm that the Committee on Linguistic Revisions is laboring within the scope of the revision project as intended in the original invitation to participate in this effort of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

**Recommendation 2.** That the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards be continued.

Advisory Committee #11 notes that critical efforts such as those of Mr. Kuschke can play an important part in refining the verbal revisions of the Westminster Standards...
as the questions which they raise are taken into careful consideration by the Committee on Linguistic Revisions.

Advisory Committee #11 notes further that our Committee on Linguistic Revisions can perform a valuable service by continued participation in this work, even though the ultimate use of the modernized versions in our own church may be as a doctrinal teaching aid rather than as a part of the official constitution of the church.

C. THE HISTORIAN.

In 1972 the Presbytery of New Jersey overture the 39th General Assembly (Minutes, 39th General Assembly, 1972, p. 16) to erect a Committee on Denominational History “to research, write, suggest means of financing, and arrange for the publication of a comprehensive account of the historical development of the doctrinal stance and total work of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in a form that is easily readable, inexpensive and readily available to members of the denomination.”

The matter was deferred to the 40th General Assembly, which erected a Committee on Denominational History, consisting of Messrs. Henry Coray, Arthur Kuschke, and Davis Young (Minutes, 40th General Assembly, 1973, p. 32).

The Committee reported to the 41st General Assembly (Minutes, 41st General Assembly, 1974, p. 147) that it had been unable to complete its assignment and recommended that the Committee be reconstituted.

On amended motion the 41st General Assembly (Minutes, pp. 147–8) determined to elect in place of the Committee an Historian, “to gather historical materials, and to recommend to the 42nd General Assembly a way in which a history of the church may be prepared.” Dr. Paul Woolley was elected as Historian, with Dr. D. Clair Davis as alternate.

As indicated in his report to the 42nd General Assembly, Dr. Davis has served in this office only since February, 1975. Advisory Committee #11 concurs in the plans outlined by Dr. Davis in his report, and makes the following recommendations for their implementation:

Recommendation 3. That the General Assembly direct the attention of the Presbyteries and Sessions to the importance of obtaining as soon as possible accurate and complete archival information to prevent its becoming inaccessible or lost.

Recommendation 4. That the duties of the archivist of the denomination be assigned to the Historian until these duties are assumed by the Stated Clerk (Standing Rules Chapter IV, Section 3.h.).

Recommendation 5. That the General Assembly encourage each Presbytery to appoint a presbytery archivist at its next regular meeting, and to instruct the archivist to consult with the Historian of the denomination in the collection and selection of archival material.

Recommendation 6. That the General Assembly encourage each Session to appoint an historian for the local church, to collect and keep appropriate historical records of the life of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
F. Kingsley Elder, Chairman
On motion the Rev. J. Renwick Wright, D.D., a member of the linguistic revision committee of the RPCNA, was given the privilege of the floor during consideration of the report of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards.

On amended motion the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards was continued with a view to its more carefully fulfilling its original mandate.

The following protest was entered:

A PROTEST

The undersigned respectfully protest the continuation of the Committee on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the following reasons:

1. There was a reason for a study to be made originally because of the request of the R.E.S. for study material but there is no specific reason for the General Assembly to continue the study especially in the light of the fact that the General Assembly has sent its (the committee's) statement to the presbyteries for study.

2. The General Assembly in continuing this committee is irresponsible in its use of limited funds available to it.

(Signed) Donald J. Duff
Harold L. Baurer
Herbert S. Bird
John O. Kinnaid
R. H. Graham
Calvin R. Malcor
Richard A. Barker

Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government has held eight all-day meetings since the previous General Assembly and completed a reformulation of the three chapters previously unrevised — calling ministers, ordaining and installing ministers, and dissolving pastoral relationships. These revisions proved so time-consuming that the Committee could not prepare and distribute the proposed Amended Version during the year as it had planned.

The Committee has scheduled meetings for June and July and determined to complete the Amended Version with these meetings and distribute it in time for the ministers and ruling elders to begin their study of it in September with a view to action upon it by the next (43rd/1976) General Assembly.

If a proposed revision of the Book of Discipline is sent by this Assembly to the churches for study, this Committee will consider it in order to assure that the documents are coordinated and neither redundant nor contradictory. The Committee will report its conclusions to the next (43rd) General Assembly, possibly with recommendations.
The Committee’s reports to the two previous general assemblies stated that provision for women deacons was under consideration. The Committee is not making such provision in the Amended Version.

The format of the Amended Version (AV) will be typed double-spaced on 8½" × 11" paper, reproduced by offset process, punched for three-ring notebooks, and stapled. The Committee plans to finance the production in the manner reported to the 41st (1974) General Assembly: charging $2 per copy. Order forms will be distributed to the sessions and ministers beforehand. If this (42nd) General Assembly approves the plan to unite with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, copies of the Amended Version will be made available to that church on the same basis.

**BUDGET**

The Committee did not spend the funds during the year that had been budgeted for it and herewith submits a similar budget for the new year. The budget provides for 750 copies of the Amended Version. If more or less than that is needed, as determined by orders placed with the Committee, costs will be adjusted.

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Respectfully submitted,

John P. Galbraith, Chairman

Mr. Duff, Chairman of the *New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship*, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE AND THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP

This committee, elected by the 41st General Assembly, has met twice, each time for two full days. We went over each section of the books assigned to us and the various revisions which had been proposed by the former Committee on Revisions to these books since that committee was established by the 34th General Assembly when it split from the old Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline and added to the newly formed committee the Directory of Worship. We have also considered the reports of advisory committees to the General Assembly as they have reviewed suggested revisions.

We have made some new revisions of our own, accepted some proposed revisions, modified others and rejected some. We have endeavored to present a completed draft in a form that will clearly show suggested deletions and additions to the present books.

Key: (( )) denotes a proposed deletion. [ ] denotes a proposed addition.

THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE

CHAPTER I

THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE

1, 2, 3, and 4. Same as the present form

CHAPTER II

JURISDICTION

1. Same as the present form

2. If a church member has been dismissed to another particular church, or a minister to another presbytery, he shall be considered subject to the jurisdiction of the judicatory which dismissed him until the time when he actually is received by the body to which he has been dismissed. (Such retention of jurisdiction by the dismissing judicatory shall not be construed, however, as continuing the rights and privileges of membership in that particular church or presbytery.) The receiving body shall acquire jurisdiction over him by virtue of its vote of reception, and at that time he shall become invested with all the rights and privileges of membership therein, which rights and privileges shall not be impaired by the filing of a complaint, unless and until such complaint shall be sustained by the highest judicatory to which complaint is made.

3, 4, and 5. Same as the present form

CHAPTER III

STEPS IN THE INSTITUTION OF JUDICIAL PROCESS

1. A charge of an offense may be brought by an injured party, by a person not an injured party, or by a judicatory. [No charge shall be admitted against an elder, unless it is brought by two or more persons.]

2 and 3. Same as the present form
4. Offenses are either public or private. Public offenses are those which are (notorious.) [commonly known.] Private offenses are those which are known to an individual only, or, at most, to a very few individuals. Private offenses may or may not be personal, a personal private offense being one which involves injury to the person bringing the charge.

5 and 6. Same as the present form

7. If a charge in the form prescribed by Section 3 of this Chapter is presented to the judicatory of jurisdiction by an injured party or by a person not an injured party, the judicatory, or a committee appointed for that purpose, shall forthwith conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether judicial process should be instituted. (The judicatory, or the committee, as the case may be, shall consider (a) the form of the charge; (b) the form and relevancy of the specifications; (c) the respectability of the witnesses named in the specifications; and (d) the apparent authenticity and relevancy of any documents adduced in support of the charge and specifications. The judicatory, or committee, as the case may be, shall determine whether, if formal charges and specifications were to be prepared by the judicatory on the basis of the charges, specifications and documents presented to it, the proof of such charges and specifications would show the commission of an offense. If, after the consideration of the foregoing factors, the judicatory decides that judicial process should be instituted, it shall initiate such process by directing that formal charges and specifications be prepared. When the form of such charges and specifications has been approved by the judicatory, it shall fix a time for the trial of the case and shall cite the accused to appear at that time. If the preliminary investigation is conducted by a committee appointed for that purpose, its findings shall be reviewed by the judicatory.) [The judicatory, or committee, as the case may be, shall determine whether the specifications, if true, would support the charge or charges and also whether the charge or charges, if proved true, would constitute an offense. Only that shall be regarded as an offense which in doctrine or practice is contrary to the teaching of the Word of God. If the judicatory or committee is persuaded that the charges and specifications, if proved true, would constitute an offense, it shall not dismiss the case on technical grounds but shall require that the charges and specifications be put in proper form. If the person bringing the charges fails to do this, it shall become the responsibility of the judicatory. Furthermore, if a person who has brought charges requests the judicatory to assume responsibility for prosecuting the case, the judicatory shall bring the charges, provided the preliminary investigation warrants instituting judicial process. When the form of the charges and specifications has been approved by the judicatory, it shall fix a time for the trial of the case and shall cite the accused to appear at that time. If the preliminary investigation is conducted by a committee appointed for that purpose, its findings shall be reviewed by the judicatory.]

8. Same as the present form

CHAPTER IV

THE TRIAL OF JUDICIAL CASES

1. Same as the present form

2. Same as the present form

3. (If unusual circumstances require it, a judicatory may forbid an accused person to approach the Lord's table, or to perform the functions of his office, until the case is concluded.) [If unusual circumstances require it, a judicatory may deny an
accused person the right of participating in the Lord’s Supper, or of performing the function of his office, until the case is concluded.]

4. If the accused refuses or fails to appear at the time appointed for the trial of the case, he shall again be cited, with the warning that, if he does not appear or give a satisfactory reason for his absence, he may be disciplined for ((contumacy.)) [contempt.] If he fails to appear after the second citation, the trial judicatory shall issue a third citation warning him that if he does not appear, it will proceed with the trial in his absence. The time allowed for appearance on a citation shall be determined by the issuing judicatory with due consideration for the circumstances.

5. \textit{Same as the present form up to (b)}

(b) The trial judicatory shall fix the time for the next ((session)) [meeting] of the trial, which shall not be less than ten days later, and shall issue citations directing all persons to appear at that time whose presence it may deem necessary; and

(c) \textit{Same as the present form}

6. ((\textit{If it becomes necessary to summon witnesses who are subject to the jurisdiction of another judicatory of the church, such judicatory, at the request of the trial judicatory, shall issue citations directing such persons to appear and testify before the trial judicatory.}) [\textit{If it becomes necessary to obtain testimony from witnesses who are subject to the jurisdiction of another judicatory of the church, such testimony may be obtained either by the taking of depositions, or, by having such judicatory, at the request of the trial judicatory, issue citations directing such persons to appear and testify before the trial judicatory.})

7 and 8. \textit{Same as the present form}

9. ((\textit{If a witness who is a member of the church fails to obey a lawful citation, he shall again be cited. If he fails to appear after the second citation, the trial judicatory shall issue a third citation with the warning that, if he does not appear, or give satisfactory reason for his absence, he may be disciplined for contumacy.}) [\textit{If a witness who is a member of the church fails to obey a lawful citation, he shall be cited again with the warning that if he does not appear, or give satisfactory reason for his absence, he may be disciplined for contempt. In the event of his failure to heed the second citation, he shall be cited a third time. And if he fails to heed this citation, the judicatory may immediately proceed to censure him.}) The time allowed for appearance on a citation shall be determined by the issuing judicatory with due consideration for the circumstances.

10. \textit{Same as the present form}

11. The accused shall be entitled to the assistance of counsel. No person shall be eligible to act as counsel who is not a member in good standing of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church ([..]) [following the preliminary investigation; nor may the accused sit in judgment on his own case at any stage thereof including the preliminary investigation.] No person who is counsel in a judicial case may sit in judgment on the same case at any stage thereof.

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. \textit{Same as the present form}

\textbf{CHAPTER V}

\textbf{EVIDENCE IN JUDICIAL CASES}

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. \textit{Same as the present form}
CHAPTER VI

CASES WITHOUT FULL PROCESS

1 and 2. Same as the present form

3. [When a member, without apparent reason, persistently and over an extended period of time absents himself from all stated services of the church (though he may not be charged with an offense), his name may be erased from the roll of the church according to the following procedures: He shall first be earnestly and personally dealt with by the session. If this effort fails, he shall be notified that at a meeting of the session not less than two months hence his standing will be reviewed. The session shall inform him of the time and place of this meeting and invite him to show cause why his name should not be erased from the roll. If he does not appear and if satisfactory reasons are not presented, his name shall be erased. The fact shall then be duly recorded and notification shall be sent to him.]

4. [When a non-communicant member reaches adulthood without having professed faith in Christ, the session shall exhort him as to his duty in this matter. If, however, after a reasonable period, its efforts prove ineffective, the session shall, upon prior notification of its intent, erase his name from the roll of the church.]

5. Same as the present Section 3

6. [When a minister shall engage primarily in an occupation not requiring ordination, for a period of at least one year, the presbytery shall review the reasons for his maintaining ministerial status. If those reasons are deemed inadequate the presbytery shall seek to persuade the man to enter an occupation more in keeping with his ordination. If such efforts fail, presbytery shall, after a period of not less than six months, erase his name from the roll of presbytery.]

7. Same as the present Section 4

8. [When a congregation informs the presbytery that it desires to renounce the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the presbytery shall seek to persuade the congregation from this course. If these efforts fail it shall be the duty of the presbytery to prepare a roll of members who do not concur in the action to withdraw, but desire to continue as members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The presbytery shall provide for the oversight of these continuing members.]

CHAPTER VII

CENSURE AND RESTORATION

1. Same as the present form

2. If a person who has been adjudged guilty refuses or fails to present himself for censure at the time appointed, the trial judicatory shall cite him to appear at another time. ((If he does not appear after this citation, the censure shall be pronounced in his absence. Wilful refusal to appear shall be deemed contumacious.)) [And if the judicatory is persuaded that his failure to appear is through willfulness or inexcusable negligence, this shall be regarded as an act of contempt. In such cases the judicatory may either proceed to pronounce censure immediately or cite the guilty to appear at another time.]

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Same as the present form

14. An officer deposed because of a ((notorious)) [commonly known] offense shall
be restored only after the judicatory has assured itself that the restoration will not be attended by injury to the cause of the gospel.

15 and 16. Same as the present form

CHAPTER VIII
APPEALS
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Same as the present form

CHAPTER IX
DISSENTS AND PROTESTS
1, 2, and 3. Same as the present form

CHAPTER X
COMPLAINTS
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Same as the present form

THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP
((CHAPTER I))
((OF THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE LORD'S DAY))
((1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6)). This chapter was moved to be deleted on the grounds that the material in the original Chapter I is repetitious of the Confession of Faith, Chapter XXI.

CHAPTER (II) [I]
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Same as the present form

CHAPTER (III) [II]
OF THE USUAL PARTS OF PUBLIC WORSHIP
1. ((As a service of public worship is in its essence a meeting of God and his people, the parts of the service are of two kinds: those which are performed on behalf of God, and those which are performed by the congregation. In the former the worshippers are receptive; in the latter they are active. It is reasonable that these two elements be made to alternate as far as possible.)) [The usual parts of public worship are: reading of the Holy Scriptures, sermon, salutation, benediction, prayer, singing, and offerings.]

2, 3, and 4. Same as the present form

5. It is altogether fitting that, before the service, each person in the congregation engage in silent prayer. In public prayer the minister is the voice of the congregation. He should pray in such a way that the whole assembly of God's people may pray with him, and the members of the congregation not only are bound to listen as he prays but should themselves pray in their hearts. To these ends it is desirable that the minister prepare himself for public prayers by previous meditation. Early in the service he shall offer a brief invocation, humbly imploring for the congregation and himself
the guidance of the Holy Spirit in worship.  

| [T]here shall be a comprehensive prayer comprising adoration of God's perfections, thanksgiving for his mercies, confession of sins, supplication for the pardon of sins through the blood of the atonement and for renewal by the Holy Spirit, intercession for the poor, the sick, the dying, the mourning, the persecuted, the erring, the rising generation, the aged, the churches of the denomination, Christian missions at home and abroad, Christian education and other Christian activities, the church universal, the civil rulers, the community, human society in general, or whatever causes may be particularly worthy. The prayer after the sermon ought usually to have a relation to the subject that has been treated in the discourse. Public prayer must be offered with deep humility and holy reverence and be free from vain repetition or display of words.

6. As it is the aim of public worship to glorify God, prayer and praise should predominate in congregational singing. Let every member of the church take part in this act of worship. It should be performed not merely with the lips but with the spirit and the understanding. Since the metrical versions of the Psalms are based upon the Word of God, they ought to be used frequently in public worship. Great care must be taken that all the materials of song are in perfect accord with the teaching of Holy Scripture. ([Let the tunes as well as the words be dignified and elevated. The stately rhythm of the choral is especially appropriate for public worship."]) No person shall take a special part in the musical service unless he is a professing Christian and adorns his profession with a godly walk.

7. Same as the present form

CHAPTER ((IV)) [III]  
OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1, 2, and 3. Same as the present form

4. ([Although the efficacy of the sacraments does not depend upon the piety or intention of the minister, they are not to be administered by any private person but only by a minister of Christ, called to be a steward of the mysteries of God.]) ([Although the efficacy of the sacraments does not depend upon the piety or intention of the person administering them, they are not to be administered by any private person but only by a minister or by a ruling elder who is authorized in exceptional circumstances to do so by the session of the church.])

5. ([In the administration of the sacraments, the minister]) ([The person who administers the sacraments] shall follow the directions prescribed in the subsequent divisions of this chapter, but he is not required to use the exact language of the indented forms, which are suggested as appropriate. He may employ these or similar forms, using his own liberty and godly wisdom as the edification of the people shall require.

B. OF HOLY BAPTISM

1. Before the administration of the sacrament of baptism, the minister shall give instruction as to the institution and nature of the sacrament.

Baptism is a sacrament ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a sign and seal of the inclusion of the person who is baptized in the covenant of grace. Teaching that we and our children are conceived and born in sin, it witnesses and seals unto us the remission of sins and the bestowal of all the gifts of salvation through union with Christ. Baptism with water signifies and seals cleansing from sin by
the blood and the Spirit of Christ, together with our death unto sin and our resurrection unto newness of life by virtue of the death and resurrection of Christ. Since these gifts of salvation are the gracious provision of the triune God, who is pleased to claim us as his very own, we are baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. And since baptized persons are called upon to assume the obligations of the covenant, baptism summons us to renounce the devil, the world and the flesh and to walk humbly with our God in devotion to his commandments. [For the person who is baptized and who refuses to assume these obligations, baptism becomes a curse and a solemn testimony against him as a covenant breaker.]

2. Same as the present form

((3.)) [4.] Same as the present form

((4.)) [3.] Before the baptism of an infant, the minister shall require that the parents acknowledge the duty of believers to present their children for holy baptism and that they assume publicly their responsibility for the Christian nurture of their children.

((Do you acknowledge that, although our children are conceived and born in sin and therefore are subject to condemnation, they are holy in Christ, and as members of his church ought to be baptized?)) [Do you acknowledge that our children as conceived and born are sinful and deserve condemnation, nevertheless because of God's covenant they are members of Christ's church and ought to be baptized?]

((Do you promise to instruct your child in the principles of our holy religion as revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and as summarized in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this church; and do you promise to pray with and for your child, to set an example of piety and godliness before him, and to endeavor by all the means of God's appointment to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?)) [Do you promise to pray with and for your child, to instruct him in the truths of the Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, and as summarized in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this church; and do you promise to set an example of piety and godliness and to endeavor by all the means of God's appointment to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?]

5 and 6. Same as the present form

C. OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

1. Before the administration of the Lord's Supper, the minister shall read the words of the institution of the sacrament from one of the evangelists or from I Corinthians XII. Thereupon he shall give instruction as to its institution and nature.

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Until his coming again it is to be observed for a perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death. The physical elements, representing the [crucified] body and the shed blood of the Saviour, are received by true believers as signs and seals of all the benefits of his sacrifice upon the cross. They signify and seal remission of sins and nourishment and growth in Christ, and are a bond and pledge of communion of believers with him and with each other as members of his mystical body. As signs and seals of the covenant of grace they do not only declare that God is faithful and true to fulfill the promises of the covenant but they also summon us to all the duties of the children of God, and call us to renewed consecration in gratitude for his salvation.
1. The Lord's Supper is an ordinance instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Until his coming again it is to be observed for a perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of himself in his death. The elements, representing the crucified body and shed blood of the Saviour, are eloquent signs of the penalty which every sin deserves, and of God's curse upon the covenant breaker. But in this supper we discern the one who became a curse for us, and upon whose person the penalty was laid. We offer no added sacrifice, we need shed no other blood, for justice stands satisfied. The Spirit of God sovereignly applied this benefit to us by working faith in us, thereby uniting us to Christ crucified. In this sacrament God seals us in Christ crucified against the wrath to come.

By the gift of his body and blood, presented spiritually but truly by means of this Supper, the risen Lord nourishes his people, and grants to us fresh assurance that he is our life and sustenance. These tokens also are a foretaste of a blessed communion, of which the entire body of the redeemed will partake in the kingdom of glory.

2. The minister shall then declare who may come to the Lord's table and who are excluded, according to the Word of God.

It is my solemn duty to warn the uninstructed, (the profane, the scandalous,) [the unbelieving,] and those who secretly and impenitently live in any sin, not to approach the holy table lest they partake unworthily, not discerning the Lord's body, and so eat and drink condemnation to themselves. [To those partaking without faith, the elements at hand are bearers only of condemnation. Therefore, the uninstructed should wait, until he can discern the Lord's body. Those who do not have salvation, those who indulge in the flesh, and those who impenitently practice sin, should abstain lest their offenses be grievously compounded.] Nevertheless, this warning is not designed to keep the humble and contrite from the table of the Lord, as if the supper were for those who might be free from sin. On the contrary, we who are invited to the supper, coming as guilty and polluted sinners without hope of eternal life apart from the grace of God in Christ, confess our dependence for pardon and cleansing upon the perfect sacrifice of Christ, base our hope of eternal life upon his perfect obedience and righteousness, and humbly resolve to deny ourselves, (crucify our old natures,) [put to death our sins,) and follow Christ as becomes those who bear his name. Let us therefore, in accordance with the admonition of the apostle Paul, examine our minds and hearts to determine whether such discernment is ours, to the end that we may partake to the glory of God and to our growth in the grace of Christ.

3. Same as the present form with the exception of the second paragraph

Having given the bread, the minister shall take the cup and give it to the people saying:

Our Saviour also took the cup and having given thanks — as has been done in his name — he gave it to his disciples, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for many for the remission of sins; ((drink ye all of it.”)) [all, drink of it.”]
for any others who may manifest an interest in the way of salvation.)} [In order to aid those seeking communicant membership in the church to understand the implications of that significant act, and to perform it intelligently, the pastor or an elder shall conduct classes in Christian doctrine, both for the covenant youth and for any others that need instruction.]

2. ((Before permitting any one to make profession of his faith in the presence of the congregation, the session shall examine him in order to assure itself so far as possible that he possess the doctrinal knowledge requisite for active faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, relies for salvation on the merits of Christ alone, and is determined by the grace of God to lead a Christian life.)) [Before receiving one into communicant membership in the church, the session shall examine him in order to assure itself, so far as possible, that he possesses the doctrinal knowledge requisite for active faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, relies for salvation on the merits of Jesus Christ alone, and is determined by the grace of God to live a Christian life. The Session may also receive into communicant membership, by letter of transfer, a communicant membership from another Orthodox Presbyterian Church or church with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has fraternal relations.]

3. ((When the session is satisfied that any one is qualified to make public profession of faith in Christ, his name shall be publicly announced to the church at least one week before the day chosen for this solemn event, in order that the members of the church may have opportunity to acquaint the session with such facts concerning him as may appear to be irreconcilable with a sincere profession. The session shall weigh such evidence and determine its validity.)) [When the session, having examined the applicant, is satisfied that he is qualified to become a communicant member of the congregation, it shall designate a time at which he shall be publicly received. In case the applicant has not been baptized, he shall receive that ordinance in connection with his public reception. The name of the person to be received shall be publicly announced to the church at least one week in advance of this solemn event, in order that members of the church may have opportunity to acquaint the session with such facts concerning him as may appear irreconcilable with a sincere profession. The session should weigh such evidence and determine its validity.]

4. Same as the present form

5. Same as the present form with the exception found in question 3.

3. Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord and do you promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve him with all that is in you, to forsake the world, ((to mortify your old nature,)) [put to death your sins,] and to lead a godly life?

CHAPTER ((VI)) [V]

OF ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

A. MINISTERS

1. Same as the present form

2. When a minister is to be ordained or installed, the moderator of the presbytery or another member appointed to preside in his stead shall state, in the following or similar language, the warrant and nature of the office of minister:

   ((The Word of God clearly teaches that the office of minister was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ.)) [The Word of God clearly teaches that an ordinary and permanent ministry was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ.] The apostle Paul
declares that our Lord “gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the building up of the body of Christ.

((The duties of the minister of Christ may briefly be set forth under the following heads:)) [Included among the duties of the minister of Christ are,] the faithful exposition of the Word of God and its application to the needs of the hearers, in order that the unconverted may be reconciled to God and that the saints may be built up in their most holy faith; the offering of prayer to the Lord on behalf of the congregation; the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper; and the exercise, in conjunction with the ruling elders, of the government and discipline of the church.

((The office of the minister is the first in the church for dignity and usefulness. The person who fills this office is designated in Scripture by different names expressive of his various duties.)) [The calling and measure of the ministry allows one who fills that office to be designated by different names expressive of his various functions.] As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop. As he feeds them with spiritual food, he is termed pastor. As he serves Christ in his church, he is termed minister. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, and an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house of God, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed ambassador. As he is commanded to warn the house of Israel against the enemies of God and his Word, he is termed watchman. And, as he dispenses the manifold grace of God and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed steward of the mysteries of God.

B. RULING ELDERS

1. Same as the present form

2. When ruling elders are to be ordained or installed, the minister shall state, in the following or similar language, the warrant and nature of the office:

((The office of ruling elder is based upon the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ, who provided for his church officers who should rule in his name. Paul and Barnabas “appointed . . . elders in every church”; and Paul commanded that those who “rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching.” In this passage the Scriptures distinguish between elders who labor particularly in the Word and in doctrine — usually called ministers or pastors — and elders who join the minister in the government and discipline of the church — generally called ruling elders.)) [Those who share in the rule of the church may be called elders (presbyters), bishops, or church governors. Such a ministry is based upon the kingship of Christ, who provided for his church officers who should rule in his name. Paul and Barnabas “appointed . . . elders in every church”; and Paul commanded that those who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and in teaching.” An elder, therefore should be encouraged to demonstrate the full measure of his gifts, and should be given that honor of which he is worthy when he has fulfilled and magnified his office to the glory of God.]

The remaining paragraphs of B. 2 same as the present form
C. DEACONS

1. Same as the present form

2. When deacons are to be ordained or installed, the minister shall state, in the following or similar language, the warrant and nature of the office:

((The office of deacon)) [The ministry of mercy] is based upon the solicitude and love of Christ for his own people. The remainder of Section C.2 same as present form.

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MINORITY REPORT BY D. J. DUFF:

It is proposed that:

1. Chapter I of the Directory for Worship be retained in its present form and also the present number of the chapters.

2. The Directory for Worship III: 1 be retained in its present form except for the deletion of the last sentence.

3. The Directory for Worship III: 6, the words “... and elevated. The stately rhythm of the choral is especially appropriate for public worship.” be deleted and in their place the words “and appropriate for the worship of God.” be added.

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We recommend that this proposed revision of the books of discipline and worship along with the 42nd General Assembly's advisory committee's review of this revision be sent to the presbyteries and sessions for study and that they be asked to report their evaluation to the committee by January 1, 1976.

Grounds:

1. We understand a revision of the Form of Government will be out for study in 1975 and we are aware that certain sections of the books of discipline and worship may need to be brought into harmony with that revision.

2. The General Assembly would be well advised to have some idea of how acceptable the proposed revision is to the presbyteries and sessions before sending it to the presbyteries for approval.

We further recommend that the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Duff, Chairman
Glenn D. Jerrell
Jack J. Peterson

Mr. Hofford reported for Advisory Committee #9 as follows:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #9

1. Advisory Committee #9 recommends that, in view of the intention of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government to propose its revisions for adoption next year, the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship be instructed to continue its study, taking account of sugges-
tions submitted to it by Advisory Committee #9, and to report to the 43rd General Assembly.

2. Advisory Committee #9 recommends that the 42nd General Assembly refer the proposed revision of the Book of Discipline and Directory of Worship to the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government, for the purpose of harmonizing this revision with the proposed revisions of the Form of Government, sending the results of its study to the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry R. Hofford, Convener

On separate motions both recommendations of Advisory Committee #9 were adopted.

The Assembly recessed at 12:18 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Hard.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 5

The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O God, to us show mercy." Dr. Strimple led in prayer.

The recommendation of the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd, member of the Committee on Proof Texts for the Catechisms, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROOF TEXTS FOR THE CATECHISMS

The Committee reports that it has held numerous meetings since the Forty-first General Assembly, and has established a list of proof texts for the first 85 questions of the Shorter Catechism. If the committee is continued, it expects to report a list of proof texts for the Shorter Catechism at the Forty-third General Assembly.

The Committee recommends that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Shepherd, for the Chairman

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

At the Moderator's request, Mr. Elliott assumed the chair.

Mr. Cottenden, Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Training, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The Committee on Ministerial Training has met twice during the past year, and has taken up the following matters:

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR MINISTERS

A year ago the Committee solicited information from the several presbyteries about areas they would like to see covered in a series of cassette tapes. On the basis of comments from the few presbyteries responding, it was determined to prepare a tape on the dynamics of grief. One side will consist of a lecture on the topic by Dr. John Bettler. The other side will include brief discussions of pastoral care of the bereaved by four experienced pastors. This tape is now in preparation.

The Committee is also preparing a list of tape libraries, newsletters, study centers, and other resources available to ministers for their continuing education. It is hoped that such a list may eventually be made available to the ministers of the denomination.

SURVEY OF MINISTERIAL PREPARATION

The Committee is preparing a questionnaire to be distributed to ministers and sessions in an effort to determine what are believed to be both the strengths and weaknesses of their preparations for the ministry (in the case of sessions, those of pastors with whom they have worked). Included in the scope of the questionnaire will be training and guidance given by the presbytery and local congregation as well as by the seminary attended. With this information the Committee will be better able to determine the programs which would be beneficial for the continuing education of ministers, as well as the ways in which the church might consider revising its approach to training candidates.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARY WINTERIM

The Committee reported to the Forty-first General Assembly a plan for utilizing the Winterim period in the Westminster Seminary calendar for exposing students to practical work in the churches. A pilot program was initiated in the Presbytery of New Jersey with two churches employing students during the month of January. The Committee is assembling a packet of forms and information based on the New Jersey experience, to be sent to the other presbyteries and sessions for their suggestions and possible implementation.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARY CURRICULUM

Westminster Seminary offered a course in Presbyterial Polity this year as requested by this Committee. We did not find out about the date of offering in time to alert the presbyteries. However, it is suggested that presbyteries encourage or even require their candidates attending Westminster to enroll in this course the next time it is offered.

A meeting has been arranged between some members of this Committee and the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Westminster to explore ways in which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Seminary may assist each other in the preparation of men for the Gospel ministry.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

The Committee is collecting information from the presbyteries concerning their procedures for overseeing and examining candidates, with a view to sharing approaches which seem fruitful. It is also developing a report form which presbyteries may use, if they choose, in requiring from candidates regular reports on their progress.
Consideration is also being given to the development of a handbook, similar to that once used in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., to guide pastors and sessions in seeking out candidates for the ministry.

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Committee has adopted the following estimate of its expenses for the twelve months following the Forty-second General Assembly:

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**RESIGNATION**

Dr. Jay E. Adams has submitted his resignation to the Committee.

**TERMS EXPIRING**

The terms of the following expire at this Assembly:

Ministers: John P. Galbraith, Luder G. Whitlock, Jr., D.Min.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee recommends that it be continued and that two members be elected to the class of 1978 and one to the class of 1976, of whom at least two of the three shall be ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

George R. Cottenden, Chairman

Mr. Stonehouse reported for *Advisory Committee #10* as follows:

**REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #10**

Advisory Committee #10 studied the report of the Committee on Ministerial Training and discussed the work of the committee with its Chairman, George Cottenden. It appreciates the program the committee has planned but is concerned about its failure to complete any of its goals as of the present time. We, therefore, recommend that the Assembly urge the committee to complete as soon as possible:

1. The preparation of a tape on the dynamics of grief and also a list of resources available to ministers for their continuing education referred to in its report under the heading "Educational Resources for Ministers."

2. The preparation and distribution to ministers and sessions of the questionnaire which is described under the heading "Survey of Ministerial Preparations."

3. The preparation and distribution to presbyteries of procedures for overseeing and examining candidates for the gospel ministry as outlined under the heading "Candidates for the Ministry."
In addition, to aid the church in fulfilling its responsibility of discipling and training personnel for the gospel ministry, we recommend:

4. That the Assembly instruct the committee to prepare specific guidelines for pastors, sessions and presbyteries in these matters.

5. And finally: that the Assembly adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard J. Stonehouse, Chairman

The recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Training was adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ministerial Training. The following were nominated: Ministers — Barnett, L. D. Conard, Galbraith, D. E. Johnson, Scipione, Strimple, and Luder G. Whitlock, Jr.; Ruling Elder — Robert W. Warburton (Wheaton).

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Scipione and Whitlock to the class of 1978, and Ruling Elder Warburton to the class of 1976.

On separate motions the recommendations of Advisory Committee #10 were adopted.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Dr. Davis presented the Report of the Historian. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

The undersigned alternate was not appointed Historian until February, 1975. At that rather late date he was reluctant to initiate plans for such a long-term project of actual writing of an OPC history until the prospects of union with the RPCES would be clarified at the 42nd General Assembly. This seemed wise since successful execution would require commitment and support of the possible united church, and there already exists a predominantly excellent history of the RPCES by George Hutchinson. A united church might feel that all that history needed would be an OPC addition, perhaps one that Mr. Hutchinson himself is prepared to make.

The Historian has secured the advice of the Presbyterian Historical Society and others concerning the selection and collection of records; it is important that church records and personal recollections be secured before they are lost. To that end the Historian intends to promote the work of collecting material for church archives until a full-time Stated Clerk of the General Assembly can be appointed and can assume this aspect of his duties. He intends to request the presbyteries to secure their own archivists to gather materials of presbytery and local church history. Expenses would have to be borne by the presbytery.

Respectfully,

D. Clair Davis
Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee #11 (q.v.) concerning this report. Recommendations 3 through 6 of Advisory Committee #11 were adopted. On motion Dr. Davis was reappointed Historian.

Mr. Shepherd, Chairman of the Committee on RES Matters, presented its report. On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON R.E.S. MATTERS**

The Committee met on several occasions to consider matters referred to it and other matters pertaining to the relation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

The Committee indicated to the Forty-first General Assembly that it was in the process of preparing a response to the R.E.S. with regard to women in office. This report was not to be in the form of a new study since the understanding of the O.P.C. is already adequately expressed in reports now before the R.E.S.

The Committee offers the following:

The Reformed Ecumenical Synod studied the question of Women in Office at its 1968 meeting and enlarged the question to Office in the New Testament for its 1972 meeting. The decisions of the 1972 Synod are as follows:

1. That Synod request the member churches to study further the Biblical teaching concerning "the laying on of hands" (ordination and/or installation) and present their finding to the next Synod of the R.E.S.

2. That Synod call the attention of the Reformed Church in Brazil to the argument and affirmative answer provided by the study committee to their question "may an elder in charge of the worship service pronounce the benediction."

3. That Synod reaffirm that it is the teaching of Scripture that women are excluded from the office of ruling and preaching elders. Nevertheless, recognizing that there are member churches who at present hold a position and practice contrary to the above affirmation, Synod requests the member churches to study this question on the basis of Scripture and in the light of the reports of the study committee and advisory committee, send copies of their studies to all member churches not later than January 1975, and that the matter be placed on the agenda of the R.E.S. 1976.

Member churches who have already studied this matter are requested to send copies of their study materials to other member churches and for information to the General Secretary.

4. That since Synod did not have before it sufficient evidence to enable Synod to make a satisfactory decision for or against the entrance of women into the office of deacon, Synod:

   (1) Reaffirm its decision in 1968, viz: "that member churches should be cautious to proceed in the direction of the entrance of women into the diaconal office. Each church must make its own responsible evaluation of its situation and decision."

   (2) Request member churches to send their studies and decisions on this matter to one another and to the General Secretary promptly.
(3) Appoint a study committee to work on the studies and decisions of the churches, comparing these with Scriptural evidence and reporting to the next Synod meeting.

(4) That Synod recommend to the member churches that they make full use of the gifts and services of women in the diaconal service, in auxiliary capacities and in appropriate teaching situations. (1972 R.E.S. Acts, pp. 57–60.)

The Orthodox Presbyterian delegates to the 1972 R.E.S. recommend to the 42nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that it respond to the response of the R.E.S. by indicating its general agreement with decisions 1–3. In addition to indicating its concurrence with decisions 1–3 and in lieu of erecting a special study committee to provide an additional response for which decision 3 would make provision, your delegates would recommend that the General Assembly indicate that it regards the study committee report and the advisory committee report as adequately expressing the teaching of Scripture in regard to women and the office of ruling and preaching elders. With regard to decision 4, and the additional attached motion, your delegates recommend that the General Assembly request the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government to prepare a report and recommendation on item 4 to be considered by the next General Assembly as its response to the R.E.S. anent this question.

The Committee has not yet completed preparation of papers showing that the failure of the G.K.N. to maintain the Reformed Confessions disqualifies them from membership in the R.E.S., and that denominational membership in the W.C.C. is unbiblical and incompatible with membership in the R.E.S. If these papers are completed for the next General Assembly, they can be adopted and submitted in time for consideration by the 1976 Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

The 1976 Reformed Ecumenical Synod will convene in South Africa in August of that year. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has the right to be represented by four men. The Committee draws attention to the wisdom of determining its representation at the 1976 Synod at this meeting of the General Assembly.

In view of the possibility of union with the R.P.C.E.S. and the reconsideration of membership in the R.E.S. by the united denomination, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly ask the General Synod of the R.P.C.E.S. to consider sending an observer to the 1976 R.E.S. so that one of their own number can give his report to the united Assembly which would then not have to rely exclusively upon the first-hand testimony of former Orthodox Presbyterians.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Shepherd, Chairman

Mr. Winward presented the report of Advisory Committee #12 (q.v.) concerning this report.

On separate motions the recommendations of the Committee on RES Matters were adopted with the amendments proposed in recommendation 4 of Advisory Committee #12.

By general consent Messrs. Gaffin, Galbraith, Knight, and Shepherd were reappointed to serve on the Committee on RES Matters.

On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report of the Missions Correspondent for the RES was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
Fathers and Brethren,

As chairman of the Committee on Missions of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod and as a member of the Synod's Interim Committee, your representative was able to contribute to the forming of the Missions Conference that is to be held next summer in conjunction with the Synod meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

It was not appropriate, at the time of our General Assembly last year, while the slate of speakers for the conference was being formed, to report that one of our ministers, the Rev. Harvie M. Conn, was among those invited. It can now be announced that he has accepted the invitation to speak on "Training the Membership for Witness," under the general theme "Training for Missions." The complete slate has not yet been completed for announcement at this time.

A significant new procedure is to be followed at this conference: the final day, with no addresses, will be reserved for a plenary discussion, and a statement on the conference will be prepared by the Committee on Missions. Leading in the formation of this statement will be one of your representative's responsibilities at this conference.

Each previous conference has contributed to the missionary thinking of the various mission bodies represented, but we are trying to make this conference even more beneficial.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Galbraith

On motion recommendation 3 of Advisory Committee #12 was adopted.

On motion Mr. Galbraith was reappointed Missions Correspondent for the RES.

The floor was declared open for nominations for election as delegates to the 1976 RES. The following were nominated: Messrs. Conn, Gaffin, Galbraith, Knight, Shepherd, and Strimple.

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Conn, Gaffin, Galbraith, and Shepherd.

On motion Dr. Knight was designated as first alternate and Dr. Strimple as second alternate.

On motion Messrs. Galbraith and Shepherd were designated as the voting delegates, and Messrs. Conn and Gaffin as the non-voting delegates, and Messrs. Gaffin and Conn, in that order, were designated to replace Messrs. Galbraith or Shepherd in the event either of them is prevented from serving.

The Clerk reported as follows with respect to the action of the 41st General Assembly urging Prof. Dr. Klaas Runia to resign his position as a delegate to the next World Assembly of the World Council of Churches (cf. Minutes, 41st G.A., p. 170).

CLERK'S REPORT IN RE DR. RUNIA

The Clerk was inadvertently late in advising Dr. Runia of the action of the 41st General Assembly. In a letter dated April 5, 1975, Dr. Runia responds that the Clerk's lateness makes it "... awkward for me to resign my position now . . . ."

Dr. Runia continues as follows: "Of my own accord I wrote in June 1974 to the Moderamen of our Synod, offering to resign my position as a delegate to the Assembly of Nairobi. As reasons I stated, among others, my general critical attitude towards the WCC and my involvement in the RES."
“After the summer vacation the Moderamen replied, urging me to retain my position as a delegate. ‘Intentionally Synod chose you, because they knew that you are critical of the WCC. They want to hear a critical evaluation of the proceedings at Nairobi from you.’ After this reply I decided not to resign, but do as they requested.”

“I trust that this letter will clarify my position and I kindly ask you to pass this letter on to your next Assembly . . .”

The Clerk reported that Communication 21 was intended by the Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge, Inc., as their report to this Assembly.

Mr. Haldeman reported for Advisory Committee #8 (q.v.) concerning this report.

On motion the Orthodox Presbyterian members of the Board of Trustees of Knollwood Presbyterian Lodge, Inc., were discharged, and the joint board was declared dissolved.

On motion recommendation 3.a. of Advisory Committee #8 was adopted.

Mr. Galbraith reported as fraternal delegate to the RCUS.

Mr. Hoogerhyde, Chairman of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel presented its report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL

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In response to the overtures referred to the Committee on Date, Place and Travel by the 41st General Assembly (Minutes, p. 175), the committee reports that it has considered these overtures, and that it will continue to evaluate them in the light of statistics being accumulated from travel vouchers submitted during the last three Assemblies.

The Committee recommends:

1. that the Assembly accept the invitation of Covenant College, Lookout Mt., Tennessee, to hold the 43rd General Assembly there, and that the Stated Clerk and Moderator of this Assembly be appointed an executive committee to arrange with Covenant College the dates of the meeting.

2. that the Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 1976 at the rate of $3.00 per communicant member.

3. that the Assembly propose to the 43rd General Assembly that Standing Rule Chapter XII, first sentence, be amended by deleting the comma after the second occurrence of the word “Assembly” and inserting the words “and answer a roll call at its conclusion.”

ELECTION

The term of Edward L. Volz expires at this Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Garret A. Hoogerhyde
James A. Bates
Leonard J. Coppes
On amended motion the Moderator and Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, were authorized to set the time and place of the 43rd General Assembly.

On separate motions recommendations 2 and 3 of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel were adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Date, Place and Travel. The following was nominated: Mr. D. E. Johnson.

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. D. E. Johnson elected.

The Clerk read the following report of the Committee on General Assembly Fund Review:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND REVIEW

The committee recommends that the Assembly adopt the following budget for the General Assembly Budget Fund for 1975–1976 and that the churches be requested to contribute $2.75 per communicant member for the General Assembly Budget Fund.

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The committee further recommends that the 42nd General Assembly propose to the 43rd General Assembly that Standing Rule Chapter IV, Section 2.a., be amended by deleting the words "of $75.00." and by placing a period after the word "honorarium".

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Haney, Jr.
LeRoy B. Oliver

On separate motions the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The 42nd General Assembly hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to the many groups and individuals who have provided for our needs in the course of this Assembly. We thank the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for their invitation to meet on the Geneva College campus; we thank Mr. Paul Bischoff and his staff for their responsiveness to our needs and for the excellent food provided. We thank the Committee on Arrangements, the Rev. Messrs. Leonard Coppes, Lawrence Semel, and Donald Poundstone, chairman, and Ruling Elder William Viss, and we thank their staff of ushers and tellers, for the excellent service they have provided. Finally, we are grateful for the gracious contribution of the ladies of the Presbytery Auxiliary of the Presbytery of Ohio in providing secretarial services, refreshments, and special activities for ladies during this week.

The Assembly recessed at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

The minutes of the sessions of Thursday, June 5, were approved as corrected.

On motion the minutes of the Assembly as a whole were approved.

On motion it was determined that the Assembly be dissolved.

The Moderator made the following declarations: By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the church, let this General Assembly be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it, and require another General Assembly, chosen in the same manner, to meet at the time and place provided for by the Assembly.

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction. The 42nd General Assembly closed at 4:27 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
### PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

**Stated Meetings — Fourth Tuesday of March and September**

*The Rev. Jack J. Peterson, Stated Clerk*

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OKLAHOMA

Bartlesville, Westminster
240 N.E. Fenway
Dennis J. Prutow

Oklahoma City, Knox
4511 N. Independence Ave.
James E. McFarland
William J. Bomer, Assoc. Pastor

Tulsa, Grace
10620 E. 27th St. (No Mail)
John W. Mahaffy

SOUTH DAKOTA

Bancroft, Murdoch Memorial
Edward A. Eppinger

Bridgewater, Trinity
Maurice Riedesel

Hamill, Westminster
Allen F. Moran, Jr.

Manchester, OPC
Edward A. Eppinger

Volga, Calvary
Third Ave. at Astrachan
Arthur O. Olson

Winder, OPC
Fifth and Lincoln
Glenn D. Jerrell
PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS (Continued)

NEW MEXICO
Roswell, OP Chapel
(Robert R. Churchill)
11:00 12h 11h 1h
7:00

TEXAS
Abilene, OPC
2742 Buffalo Gap Rd.
Jonathan D. Male
11:00 59 73 52 21 1 0 0 9 0 0 0 0 4 31 48 18,284 8,969 7,766 35,010 854
7:00

TOTALS
1,159 1,260 840 360 20 28 14 34 11 27 21 4 741 799 $219,314 $51,524 $24,822 $295,687 $352

Average Contribution per Communicant Member

$261 $61 $30 $352

Licenses:
Edward A. Eppinger, received from Presbytery of Ohio, 3-26-74;
Allen P. Moran, Jr., 3-28-74;
Huibert J. Vandenbroek, 9-25-74

Ordinations:
Edward A. Eppinger, 4-17-74;
Allen P. Moran, Jr., 10-17-74

Ministers Received:
Elmer M. Dortzbach, from Presbytery of the South, 7-23-74
Dennis J. Prutow, from the United Church of Christ, 9-26-74
Ransom L. Webster, Jr., from Presbytery of New Jersey, RPCES, 9-26-74

Ministers Removed from Roll:
Stanford M. Sutton, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 1-11-74
John R. Hilbelink, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 1-23-74
Robert L. Malarkey, erased, 3-28-74 (joined Christian Reformed Church)
Dale N. Snyder, erased 9-24-74 (joined United Presbyterian Church)
Russell D. Piper, dismissed to Presbytery of the Northwest, 10-31-74 (in transit)
Changes in Congregation: Faith, Sioux City, Iowa, dissolved, 9-26-74

Roll of Licentiates: Karl Dortzbach  Huibert J. Vandenbroek

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (7):
- Lionel F. S. Brown  W. Benson Male  Reginald Voorhees
- Elmer M. Dortzbach  V. Robert Nilson
- Richard G. Hodgson  John Verhage

Total Number of Ministers — 24*  Total Number of Churches — 19  Total Number of Chapels — 4

* includes one man in transit (Piper)
### PRESBYTERY OF THE MID- ATLANTIC

Stated Meetings — Third Saturday of April and September; Second Saturday of December

The Rev. Andrew E. Wikholm, Stated Clerk

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Raleigh, OPC

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| 7:00 | Cromwell G. Roskamp, Home Missionary |

### VIRGINIA

Dayton, Berea

Timothy H. Gregson, Home Missionary | 0 | 25 | 18 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 22 | 3,500 | 500 | 0 | 4,000 | 222 |
| 11:00 | 212 S. King St. | 7:00 |
| Leesburg, Bethel | 70 | 85 | 61 | 24 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 80 | 85 | 12,990 | 3,841 | 6,809 | 23,640 | 388 |
| 212 S. King St. | Edwin C. Urban |
| Lynchburg, Grace Chapel | 33a | 31a | 18a | 13a | 0 | 0 | 2a | 0 | 0 | 2a | 0 | 2a | 66 | 54 | 14,846 | 0 | 3,237 | 18,083 | 1,005 |
| Woodmen of the World Bldg. | 1800 Wards Ferry Road | Richard L. Horner |
### MANASSAS, Calvary
9212 Lee Ave.
Robert H. Countess

### VIENNA, Grace
2381 Cedar Lane
Laurence N. Vail
Richard L. Horner, Asst. Pastor

### WILLIAMSBURG, Westminster
Box 1217
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**TOTALS**
914 | 969 | 663 | 306 | 26 | 7 | 41 | 62 | 1 | 74 | 22 | 16 | 524 | 621 | $172,586 | $57,080 | $28,246 | $257,912 | $389 |

**Average Contribution per Communicant Member**

a Included with Grace, Vienna

b Based on 97 communicant members

**Licensure:** Richard B. Ramsay, 9-21-74

**Minister Received:** Robert H. Countess, from Presbytery of the South, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, 7-22-74

**Ministers Removed from Roll:** Richard J. Wirth, dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 1-11-74
Samuel van Houte, dismissed to Presbytery of the Northwest, 4-19-74

**Changes in Congregations:** Grace, Vienna divided to form Berea Chapel (Church), Dayton, Va., 7-22-74
Knox, Silver Spring divided to form Puritan, Rockville, Md., 9-21-74

**Roll of Licentiates:** Richard B. Ramsay

**Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (2):**

- Robert M. Lucas
- David M. Moore

**Total Number of Ministers — 13**

**Total Number of Churches — 10**

**Total Number of Chapels — 1**
### PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

**Stated Meetings — First Monday and Tuesday of March;**

**Second Monday and Tuesday after Labor Day**

The Rev. John J. Barnett, Stated Clerk

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#### ILLINOIS

- **Hanover Park, Grace, V.** 6591 Hanover St.
  - 10:45
  - 6:30
- **Libertyville, OP Chapel**
  - Francis E. Mahaffy, Home Missionary
- **Rockford, OP Chapel**
  - Eugene Grilli, Missionary Pastor
- **Tinley Park, Forest View Chapel** 10:45
  - 15460 S. Oak Park Ave.
  - Leslie A. Dunn, Home Missionary
- **Westchester, Westminster** 9:30
  - 2418 S. Wolf Rd.
  - Ivan J. Dehlaster
- **Wheaton, Bethel** 9:45
  - 1401 S. Naperville Rd.
  - (Robert W. Harvey)

#### IOWA

- **Cedar Falls, Christ Church of Cedarloo**
  - 10:30
  - 6:00
  - 4710 Cedar Heights Dr.
  - George W. Hall, Jr.

#### MICHIGAN

- **Escanaba, OP Fellowship of Delta County**
  - 10:00
  - 7:00
  - 17 Mile & Lincoln Lk. Rds.
  - John J. Barnett

#### WISCONSIN

- **Cedar Grove, Calvary**
  - 9:00
  - 7:45
  - 116 W. Union Ave.
  - Henry H. Fikkert
- **Green Bay, OP Chapel**
  - 10:30
  - 7:00
  - Packerland Kennel Club
  - John Fikkert, Missionary Pastor
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**GRISHAM, Old Stockbridge**
R.D. No. 1
Henry D. Phillips

**JANESVILLE, Trinity Chapel**
Eugene Grilli, Missionary Pastor

**MINOMER FALLS, Falls**
W156 N7356 Pilgrim Rd.
Cornelius Tolsma

**OSTROUG, Bethel**
629 Center Ave.
Donald F. Stanton

**SHEBOYGAN, OP Chapel**
Superior Ave.
John R. Hillbelink, Missionary Pastor

**ZOEAB, Menominee Indian Chapel**
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Henry D. Phillips

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member: $152

Does not include bequest of:
- $4,100
- $633
- $7,505

- Based on 70 communicant members
- Based on 354 communicant members

Licensure: Wim VanGemeran, 3-5-74

Ordination: John N. Fikkert, 3-30-74

Ministers Received:
- Eugene Grilli, from Presbytery of New York and New England, 1-23-74
- John R. Hillbelink, from Presbytery of the Dakotas, 1-23-74
- Vincent Crossett, by examination, 9-17-74 (Independent Church)
- Robert W. Harvey, by examination, 12-2-74 (United Presbyterian)
- Cornelius Tolsma, from Presbytery of the South, 12-2-74

Minister Removed from Roll: John F. Bettler, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 9-17-74 (in transit)

Roll of Licentiatees: Wim VanGemeran

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (7):
- Vincent Crossett
- Richard B. Gaffin, Sr.
- George E. Haney, Jr.
- George W. Knight, III
- William A. Shell
- Donald M. Parker
- Carl J. Reitsma

Total Number of Ministers — **21**
Total Number of Churches — **9**
Total Number of Chapels — **9**

* includes one man in transit (Bettler)
## Presbytery of New Jersey

Stated Meetings — Fourth Saturday of February, Fourth Tuesday of April, Fourth Saturday of September, and First Tuesday of December

Mr. Richard A. Barker, 639 Shadowlawn Dr., Westfield, N. J. 07090, Stated Clerk

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Licencures:
George C. Scipione, 2-23-74; Richard G. Mitchell, 4-23-74

Ordination:
George C. Scipione, 5-31-74

Ministers Removed from Roll:
John Davies, dismissed to Presbytery of the Northwest, 9-28-74
Richard C. Miller, dismissed to Presbytery of Northern California, 9-28-74
Raymond E. Commeret, dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 9-22-73

Roll of Licentiate:
Roy L. Kerns

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (14):
Jay E. Adams
Samuel S. Chang (in transit)
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George S. Christian
Edmund P. Clowney
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Theodore Hard
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LeRoy B. Oliver
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Total Number of Ministers — 27*
Total Number of Churches — 15
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* includes one man in transit (Chang)

Footnotes:
- a) $3,000
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- 2-23-74: George C. Scipione, Ordination
- 4-23-74: Richard G. Mitchell, Ordination
- 5-31-74: George C. Scipione, Ordination
- 9-28-74: John Davies, Removed
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## PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

Stated Meetings — Spring and Fall

The Rev. Richard J. Wirth, Stated Clerk

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William E. Warren, from Presbytery of the South, 9-27-74
Richard C. Miller, from Presbytery of New Jersey, 11-14-74

Minister Removed from Roll: Thomas S. Champness, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of the South, 1-31-74

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (6):
Robert D. Abbot
Henry W. Coray
Robert H. Graham
Gerald G. Latal
Robert D. Raglin
Arthur G. Riffel

Total Number of Ministers — 14
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Stated Meetings — Fourth Friday and Saturday of January, April and September
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Samuel van Houte, from Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 9-28-74

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Robert Scott, dismissed to Presbytery of Rocky Mountains, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, 4-1-74  
David A. Hitt, erased, 4-27-74

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (5):  
D. Robert Lindberg  
David J. Miller  
Alan R. Moak  
George Y. Uomoto  
Eugene B. Williams

Total Number of Ministers — 11  
Total Number of Churches — 6  
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### PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

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Calvin K. Cummings, dismissed to Presbytery of the South, 11-22-74 (effective 1-1-75) (in transit)

Changes in Congregation: Faith, Marietta, in process of dissolution
OP Chapel, Alliance received as a particular church, Christ Reformed, Alliance, 6-2-74
Marven O. Bowman, Jr. Arnold S. Kress
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (4):
John M. Frame

Total Number of Ministers — 11

Total Number of Churches — 8

Total Number of Chapels — 0
PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

Stated Meetings — Third Monday of September, January and May;
Third Saturday of November and March
The Rev. H. Leverne Rosenberger, Stated Clerk

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**Service Times**
- **Oxford, Bethany**, US 1, south of Oxford: 11:00
- **Philadelphia, Church of the City**, 4207 Baltimore Ave.: 4:00
- **Philadelphia, Emmanuel Chapel**, 1162 S. 15th St.: 11:45

**Licenses:**
- Stuart R. Jones, 3-16-74
- George M. Kirkwood, Jr., 3-16-74
- Thomas M. Corey, 5-6-74
- Richard E. Fisher, 5-16-74
- Chester H. Lanius, 9-16-74
- Jack L. Smith, 11-16-74

**Ordinations:**
- Jonathan F. Peters, 1-26-74
- John S. Mason, 8-4-74
- Stuart R. Jones, 3-16-74
- George M. Kirkwood, Jr., 3-16-74
- Thomas M. Corey, 5-6-74
- Richard E. Fisher, 5-16-74
- Chestsh H. Lanious, 9-16-74
- Jack L. Smith, 11-16-74

**Minister Received:**
- Andrew E. Wikholm, from Presbytery of Ohio, 1-12-74

**Ministers Removed from Roll:**
- Rollin P. Keller, dismissed to Presbytery of Northern California, 9-27-74

**Changes in Congregations:**
- Collegiate relationship between *Community, Center Square*, Blue Bell, Pa., and *Church of the City*, Philadelphia, Pa., dissolved, 9-16-74
- *New Life OPC*, Jenkintown, Pa., received 3-16-74

**Roll of Licentiates:**
- Kenneth N. Campbell, 3-16-74
- David W. Clowney, 3-16-74
- Thomas M. Corey, 5-6-74
- Richard E. Fisher, 5-16-74
- Stuart R. Jones, 9-16-74
- George M. Kirkwood, Jr., 9-16-74

**Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (26):**
- Egbert W. Andrews
- Lester R. Bachman
- John W. Betzold
- Herbert S. Bird
- D. Clair Davis
- F. Clarke Evans
- Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
- John P. Galbraith
- John D. Johnston
- Robley J. Johnston
- Robert D. Knudsen
- Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
- John S. Mason
- R. Heber McIlwaine
- C. John Miller
- Jolhu J. Mitchell
- Robert E. Nicholas
- H. Leverne Rosenberger
- Norman Shepherd
- Leslie W. Sloat
- Young J. Son
- Arthur J. Stelter
- Robert B. Strimple
- Cornelius Van Til
- Andrew E. Wikholm
- Paul Woolley

**Total Number of Ministers — 38**
**Total Number of Churches — 14**
**Total Number of Chapels — 1**
## PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH
Stated Meetings — Third Tuesday/Wednesday, April and October
The Rev. Thomas S. Champness, Jr., Stated Clerk

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| COCOA, Emmanuel A. Boyce Spooner | 11:00 | 25 | 21 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 14 | $6,000 | $2,430 | $1,300 | $9,730 | $41,
| Fort Lauderdale, Bethel, V. 1551 N.W. 47th Ave. | 8:30 | 156 | 140 | 88 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 50 | 50 | 23,000 | 3,800 | 400 | 27,200 | 309,
| Hialeah, Sharon 675 W. 68th St. Roger W. Schmurr | 11:00 | 218 | 205 | 128 | 77 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 117 | 112 | 50,799 | 8,279 | 0 | 65,078 | 508,
| Miami, Galloway 9775 S.W. 87th Ave. James K. Workman | 11:00 | 125 | 138 | 94 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 25 | 5,829 | 162 | 500 | 6,491 | 590,
| OCALA, OPC 415 NE 41 Ave. John H. Thompson, Jr. | 11:00 | 35 | 41 | 30 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 27 | 10,729 | 2,955 | 0 | 17,684 | 589,
| ORLANDO, Lake Sherwood N. of Highway 50, off Good Homes Rd. Larry G. Mininger | 11:00 | 82 | 90 | 62 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 63 | 22,051 | 3,664 | 525 | 26,280 | 424,
| TALLAHASSEE, OPC, V. | 11:00 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 25 | 5,829 | 162 | 500 | 6,491 | 590,

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| VALDOSTA, Westminster, V. 1002 Williams St. | 11:00 | 170 | 139 | 100 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 30 | 20,020 | 6,388 | 1,907 | 28,315 | 283,

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member

Ordinations: Stephen Voorwinde, 5-5-74; James K. Workman, 6-19-74

Minister Received: Thomas S. Champness, Jr., from Presbytery of Northern California, 4-15-74

Ministers Removed from Roll: Elmer M. Dortzbach, dismissed to Presbytery of the Dakotas, 7-23-74
William E. Warren, dismissed to Presbytery of Northern California, 9-27-74
Robert K. Churchill, dismissed to Presbytery of the Dakotas, 10-15-74 (in transit)
Cornelius Tolsma, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 11-1-74
Stephen Voorwinde, dismissed to Classis New South Wales, Reformed Churches in Australia, 11-5-74

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges: (5):
- Clarence W. Duff
- Robert A. Gramp
- Hendrik Krabbendam
- Robert L. Vining
- Donald H. Taws

Total Number of Ministers — 14

Total Number of Churches — 11

Total Number of Chapels — 0

* includes one man in transit (Churchill)
## PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

First Friday and Saturday of February; Third Friday and Saturday of April, June and October

Mr. James A. Bates, 244 San Miguel Drive, Chula Vista, Calif. 92011, Stated Clerk

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- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 55
- **Comm. Mem. 12-31-74**: 33
- **Bapt. Child. 12-31-74**: 22
- **Adults**: 1
- **Bapt. Child.**: 0
- **Real. Faith**: 0
- **Transfer**: 0
- **Death**: 0
- **Dismissal**: 6
- **Exempt or Discipline**: 5
- **Gain or Loss**: -9
- **Bapt. Child**: 0
- **Children**: 0
- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**: 33
- **May 1974**: $12,400
- **Nov. 1974**: $900
- **General Receipts**: $700
- **Total Receipts**: $14,000

**Manhattan Beach, First**

500 Manhattan Beach Blvd.
Michael D. Stingley
Calvin R. Malcor

- **Service Times**: 11:00, 6:30
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 357
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- **Comm. Mem. 12-31-74**: 239
- **Bapt. Child. 12-31-74**: 120
- **Adults**: 3
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- **Real. Faith**: 2
- **Transfer**: 3
- **Death**: 2
- **Dismissal**: 3
- **Exempt or Discipline**: 2
- **Gain or Loss**: -1
- **Bapt. Child**: 1
- **Children**: 0
- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**: 139
- **May 1974**: $45,137
- **Nov. 1974**: $14,066
- **General Receipts**: $6,580
- **Total Receipts**: $65,783

**San Diego, OPC (Point Loma)**

4425 Vale St.
Edward L. Kellogg

- **Service Times**: 6:00
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 140
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 138
- **Comm. Mem. 12-31-74**: 108
- **Bapt. Child. 12-31-74**: 30
- **Adults**: 6
- **Bapt. Child.**: 2
- **Real. Faith**: 0
- **Transfer**: 2
- **Death**: 4
- **Dismissal**: 2
- **Exempt or Discipline**: -2
- **Gain or Loss**: 58
- **Bapt. Child**: 1
- **Children**: 0
- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**: 58
- **May 1974**: $30,012
- **Nov. 1974**: $13,773
- **General Receipts**: $1,737
- **Total Receipts**: $45,522

**San Diego, Paradise Hills, V. Santer, Valley**

1033 Mast Blvd.
Bruce M. Brawdy

- **Service Times**: 9:30
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 35
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 35
- **Comm. Mem. 12-31-74**: 23
- **Bapt. Child. 12-31-74**: 12
- **Adults**: 0
- **Bapt. Child.**: 1
- **Real. Faith**: 0
- **Transfer**: 0
- **Death**: 0
- **Dismissal**: 0
- **Exempt or Discipline**: 0
- **Gain or Loss**: -1
- **Bapt. Child**: 44
- **Children**: 47
- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**: 10,367
- **May 1974**: 626
- **Nov. 1974**: 204
- **General Receipts**: 11,197
- **Total Receipts**: 487

**TOTALS**

- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 1,803
- **Total Mem. 12-31-74**: 1,829
- **Comm. Mem. 12-31-74**: 1,252
- **Bapt. Child. 12-31-74**: 577
- **Adults**: 43
- **Bapt. Child.**: 13
- **Real. Faith**: 41
- **Transfer**: 24
- **Death**: 10
- **Dismissal**: 37
- **Exempt or Discipline**: 46
- **Gain or Loss**: -2
- **Bapt. Child**: 1,243
- **Children**: 1,347
- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**: $335,198
- **May 1974**: $93,997
- **Nov. 1974**: $46,571
- **General Receipts**: $475,766
- **Total Receipts**: $376

**Average Contribution per Communicant Member**

- **$265**
- **$74**
- **$37**
- **$376**

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**a** Included with OPC, Garden Grove  
**b** Based on 100 communicant members  
**c** Does not include bequest of $400

**Licensure:** Thomas Foh, 6-15-74; Craig R. Rowe, 6-15-74

**Minister Received:** Sidney W. Van Camp, previously ordained and member of Bayview, Chula Vista

**Minister Removed from Roll:** Ralph E. Clough, deceased 1-18-74

**Roll of Licentiates:** Greg Bahnsen  
Thomas Foh  
Craig R. Rowe  
George W. Marston
William E. Welmers  
Sidney W. Van Camp

**Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (8):**
Thomas M. Cooper  
Bruce F. Hunt  
Wilson H. Rinker  
Louis E. Knowles  
Daniel van Houte

**Total Number of Ministers — 23**  
**Total Number of Churches — 14**  
**Total Number of Chapels — 1**
## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

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- **Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1974a**: $226, $69, $32, $327
- **Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1973b**: $207, $67, $31, $305
- **Average Contribution per Communicant Member—1972c**: $204, $62, $27, $293

Does not include bequests received in the amount of approx. a) $25,710 b) $62,725 c) $16,965
### SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 1964-1974

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Note: Total membership in each year, 1964-1973, was revised in the following year’s report and the revised figures are shown above. Figures for communicant members and baptized children were not revised so that their totals differ slightly from the revised total membership.

* Ministers included in Total Membership beginning in 1972.
KNOWN CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICS
SINCE DECEMBER 31, 1974
as of October, 1975

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Minister received:
    Robert K. Churchill from P. of the South, 3-25-75
Ministers dismissed:
    Russell D. Piper to P. of the Northwest, 10-31-74, received 1-25-75
    Lionel F. S. Brown to P. of Northern California, 9-26-75
Ordinations:
    Richard G. Mitchell, 4-10-75
    Huibert J. Vandenbroek, 4-13-75
Licentiate received:
    Richard Wynja from P. of the South, 3-25-75
Installations:
    Richard G. Mitchell at Faith, Lincoln, Neb., 4-10-75
    Huibert J. Vandenbroek, associate pastor at Park Hill, Denver, Colo., to labor in Aurora Chapel, 4-13-75

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
No report received

Presbytery of the Midwest
Minister dismissed:
    William A. Shell to P. of the Rocky Mountains, RPCES, 9-15-75
Ordination:
    David B. Cummings, 9-30-75
Licentiate received:
    David B. Cummings from P. of Ohio, 9-15-75
Installation:
    David B. Cummings at Grace, Hanover Park, Ill., 9-30-75
Church without pastor:
    Old Stockbridge, Gresham, Wis., 6-30-75
Churches organized:
    Green Bay, Green Bay, Wis., 3-3-75
    Christ, Janesville, Wis., 9-30-75
Chapel officially received:
    Grandville Gospel Fellowship, Grand Rapids, Mich., 3-3-75
Chapel dissolved:
    Rockford, Ill., 2-1-75

Presbytery of New Jersey
Minister received:
    Albert G. Edwards, III, from P. of the Northwest, 7-7-75
Ministers dismissed:
    Robert L. Atwell to P. of Northern California, 2-23-75
    Douglas W. Kittredge to P. of the Mid-Atlantic, 7-9-75
Ordination:
    Roy L. Kerns, 5-17-75
Presbytery of New Jersey (continued)

Roy L. Kerns at Faith, Pittsgrove, N. J., 5-17-75
Albert G. Edwards, III, at Grace, Westfield, N. J., 7-7-75

Installations:
Churches without pastors:
  Grace, Westfield, N. J., 2-23-75
  Grace, Trenton, N. J., 7-9-75

Church received:
Westminster Bible, Succasunna, N. J., 10-24-75

Presbytery of New York and New England
No report received

Presbytery of Northern California
No report received

Presbytery of the Northwest

Minister received:
  Patrick H. Morison from P. of the Pacific Northwest, RPCES, 9-27-75
  Russell D. Piper from P. of the Dakotas, 1-25-75

Minister dismissed:
  Albert G. Edwards, III, to P. of New Jersey, 4-26-75

Churches without pastors:
  First, Portland, Ore., 7-1-75
  Trinity, Bothell, Wash., 11-20-75

Presbytery of Ohio
No report received

Presbytery of Philadelphia
No report received

Presbytery of the South

Minister received:
  Calvin K. Cummings from P. of Ohio, 2-4-75

Minister dismissed:
  Robert G. Valentine to P. of North Georgia, PCA, 4-18-75

Installations:
  Calvin K. Cummings at OPC, Tallahassee, Fla., 2-4-75
  Donald H. Taws at Bethel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 5-22-75

Church without pastor:
  OPC, Greenville, Tenn., 4-18-75

Churches dismissed:
  Westminster, Valdosta, Ga., to P. of Central Georgia, PCA, 1-14-75
  West Hills, Harriman, Tenn., to P. of the Tennessee Valley, PCA, 6-25-75

Presbytery of Southern California

Ministers received:
  Henry W. Coray from P. of Northern California, 5-3-75
  Robert H. Graham from P. of Northern California, 5-3-75

Minister erased:
  Bruce M. Brawdy, 5-3-75
Presbytery of Southern California (continued)

Ordination:
  Gregory L. Bahnsen, 7-20-75

Installations:
  Henry W. Coray, associate pastor at El Camino, Goleta, Calif., 6-22-75
  Daniel H. Overduin at First, Long Beach, Calif., 11-2-75

Licentiate removed:
  Craig R. Rowe, 3-8-75

Churches without pastors:
  Valley, Santee, Calif., 2-16-75
  First, Long Beach, Calif., 3-30-75
  Beverly, Los Angeles, Calif., 10-31-75

Chapel organized:
  Oxnard, Oxnard, Calif., 6- • -75
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*RULING ELDER:* John E. Dowling

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*LAYMAN:* Paul Kent
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Class of 1977—James A. Bates
Class of 1976—Garret A. Hoogerhyde

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John P. Galbraith

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APPORTIONMENT OF 43RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

COLORADO
6 Denver, Park Hill—Arthur F. Johnson, 415 S. Gaylord St., Denver 80209
1 Grand Junction, Bethel—John A. Crosby, 184 Sunlight Dr., Grand Junction 81501
1 Thornton, Immanuel—Geritt C. Vandenberge, 9251 Ciancio St., Denver 80229

KANSAS
3 Caney, OPC—Robert L. Ayres, R.D. 2, Box 19, Wann, OK 74083

NEBRASKA
5 Lincoln, Faith—Richard Brady, 909 W. Stockwell, Lincoln 68522
3 Omaha, OPC—Donald Voorhees, 7523 Ontario St., Omaha 68124

NORTH DAKOTA
2 Carson, Bethel—Ernest J. Danzeisen, Box 273, Carson 58529
4 Lark, First—Burton Havens, Flasher 58535

OKLAHOMA
1 Bartlesville, Westminster—W. L. Price, 422 N.E. Fenway, Bartlesville 74003
4 Oklahoma City, Knox—E. Myers Bearden, 2104 Churchill Way, Oklahoma City 73120
1 Tulsa, Grace—Frank M. Thomas, 1325 E. 35th Pl., Tulsa 74105
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2  Fair Lawn, Grace—Garret A. Hoogerhyde, 326 Squaw Brook Rd., N. Haledon 07508
2  Garfield, Community—Orrie Den Bleyker, 442 Banta Ave., Garfield 07026
3  Neptune, Good Shepherd—Jerome C. van de Sande, 714 Wayside Rd., Neptune 07753
6  Phillipsburg, Calvary Community—Richard G. Vincent, 500 Barrymore St., Phillipsburg 08865
3  Pittsgrove, Faith—Sanford C. Garrison, R.D. 2, Monroeville 08343
3  Ringoes, Calvary of Amwell—c/o Rev. W. L. Benson, R.D. 1, Box 266, Ringoes 08551
2  Stratford, OPC—James G. MacDonald, 13 Elinor Ave., Stratford 08084
4  Trenton, Grace—George A. Hurley, 83 Reeder Ave., Trenton 08638
9  Vineland, Covenant—Paul S. Patterson, 1889 Roosevelt Blvd., Vineland 08360
4  W. Collingswood, Immanuel—Willard E. Neel, 311 Sloan Ave., W. Collingswood 08107
6  Westfield, Grace—Richard A. Barker, Acting Clerk, 639 Shadowlawn Dr., Westfield 07090
5  Whippany, Emmanuel—Alfred J. Hanks, 27 Olmstead Rd., Morristown 07960
2  Wildwood, Calvary—Thomas A. Jorgensen, 136 W. Lavender Rd., Wildwood 08260

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

CONNECTICUT
3  Hamden, Westminster—Frank Emley, 79 Squire Lane, Hamden 06518

MAINE
3  Bangor, Pilgrim—Paul S. MacDonald, R.F.D. 1, Box 45, Carmel 04419
1  Cornville, OPC—Myron C. Moody, R.D. 2, Skowhegan 04976
3  Houlton, Bethel—Allen Moody, R.F.D. 1, Houlton 04730
1  Lewiston, Trinity—Charles R. Greenwood, 414 Lisbon St., Lewiston 04240
7  Portland, Second Parish—Wm. A. MacDonald, R.D. 4, Gorham 04038

MASSACHUSETTS
3  Cape Cod, Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod—Fred Buhler, 78 Webbers Path, W. Yarmouth 02673
2  Fall River, Grace—
4  Hamilton, First—Ralph S. Pearson, 10 Puritan Rd., Wenham 01984

NEW YORK
5  Franklin Square, OPC—Thomas G. Warnock, 437 Madison St., Franklin Square 11010
4  Lisbon, OPC—Delmar Putney, R.D. #2, Lisbon 13658
4  Rochester, Covenant—John Garland, 27 Holmes Rd., Rochester 14626
6  Rochester, Memorial—Arthur J. Taylor, 53 White Hill Dr., Rochester 14625
5  Schenectady, Calvary—Arthur L. Comstock, 11 Berwyn St., Schenectady 12304
PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA
4 Berkeley, Covenant—David L. Neilands, 1601 Cedar St., Berkeley 94703
2 Manteca, First—Nick Roorda, 22415 S. Austin Rd., Ripon 95366
4 Modesto, First—Richard Nielsen, 3324 John Lee Lane, Modesto 95350
0 Novato, OPC—c/o David L. Neilands, 1601 Cedar St., Berkeley 94703
3 San Francisco, First—c/o Roy O. Young, 1350 Lawton St., San Francisco 94122
5 San Jose, Covenant—James Huizenga, 3980 Williams Rd., San Jose 95117
3 Santa Cruz, Westminster—John F. Bentz, 2205 Preakness Ave., Capitola 95010
3 Sonora, Calvary—Harold Bird, 1080 Mono Way, Sonora 95370
1 S. San Francisco, Brentwood—Robert P. Santo, 222 Del Monte Ave., So. San Francisco 94080
1 Sunnyvale, First—Arnold E. Larson, 2949 Jessie Court, San Jose 95124

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OREGON
3 Bend, Westminster—R. E. Jewell, 61839 Dobbin Rd., Bend 97701
3 Eugene, Oak Hill—Gary Brownlee, 522 Ful-Vue Dr., Eugene 97405
1 Gladstone, OPC—Lee Robbins, 2210 S.E. Waldron, Portland 97222
2 Newberg, Trinity—M. Vanden Hoek, 2902 E. 2nd St., Nut Tree Space 110, Newberg 97132
7 Portland, First—Sterling E. Cash, 1824 N.E. 54th Ave., Portland 97213

WASHINGTON
2 Bothell, Trinity—Albert G. Bender, 10433 N.E. 16th Place, Bellevue 98004

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

OHIO
3 Alliance, Christ Reformed—Robert Nisbet, 8472 Sharon Ave., N.W., N. Canton 44720
1 Dayton, Redeemer—William F. Shaw, 826 Doherty Rd., Galloway 43119
0 Marietta, Faith—John C. Smith, 105 Sycamore St. W., Pittsburgh, PA 15211

PENNSYLVANIA
3 Edinburg, Nashua—Wendell Miller, R.D. 1, Edinburg 16116
4 Grove City, Covenant—Donald O. Copeland, R.D. 2, Grove City 16127
6 Harrisville, Calvary—Wm. H. Kiester, R.D. 1, Boyers 16020
8 Pittsburgh, Covenant—John C. Smith, 105 Sycamore St. W., Pittsburgh 15211
1 Sewickley, Grace—D. Leet Shields, 436 Beaver Rd., Edgeworth, Sewickley 15143

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

DELAWARE
3 Middletown, Grace—W. R. Weldon Burge, 11 E. Redding St., Middletown 19709
5 Wilmington, Emmanuel—William A. Haldeman, 119 Hedgeapple Lane, Wilmington 19807

PENNSYLVANIA
2 Blue Bell, Community of Centre Square—Luke E. Brown, Jr., 1585 Dillon Rd., Maple Glen 19002
4 Fawn Grove, Faith—Marvin M. Linkous, R.D., Pylesville, MD 21132
5 Glenside, Calvary—Howard A. Porter, 329 Oak Rd., Glenside 19038
4 Hatboro, Trinity—Robert W. Anderson, 827 Greenwood Ave., Jenkintown 19046
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**MINISTERS OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Abbreviations (as used in parentheses below):

- **Status:**
  - CE—Christian Ed. Staff
  - FM—Foreign Missionary
  - HM—Home Missionary
  - P—Pastor
  - Pl—Pastor, non-Orthodox Pres. Church
  - Prof.—Professor
  - Ret.—Retired
  - Tea.—Teacher
  - SS—Stated Supply
  - P-n—indicates number of churches served

- **Presbyteries:**
  - D—Dakotas
  - MA—Mid-Atlantic
  - MW—Midwest
  - NC—Northern California
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