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The Forty-sixth General Assembly was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by the Rev. Larry D. Conard, Moderator of the Forty-fifth General Assembly. Mr. Conard constituted the meeting with a worship service and delivered a sermon on the subject, “Proclaim What God Has Done,” based on Psalm 9.

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by the Rev. W. Benson Male and the Rev. Robert L. Atwell, assisted by elders John S. Atwell (Artesia), Philip R. Conard, Sr. (Santee), Richard L. Hake (Burtonsville), William A. Haldeman (Wilmington), Arthur B. Hansen (Fair Lawn), Edward A. Haug (Neptune), James E. Karns (Harrisville), Russell S. Lodge (Bridgeton), Clarence Roskamp (Cedar Falls), William J. Vandenburg (Lark), and Daniel Y. Yahuso (Garden Grove).

The Assembly recessed, following the pronouncement of the benediction by Mr. Conard, at 9:40 p.m.

Following a devotional service led by the Rev. Roger Wagner, the Assembly reconvened at 8:07 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, “How sweet and awful is the place.”

The Roll of Commissioners follows. (Commissioners represent presbyteries. Locations of ruling elders are for reference only. The roll includes those enrolled at this and all later points in the Assembly.)

**Presbytery of the Dakotas**


Ruling Elders: Arthur F. Johnson (Denver), Cyril T. Nightengale (Denver), Ronald E. Vandenburg (Lark), William J. Vandenburg (Lark)

**Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**

Ministers: George W. Hall, Jr., Allen H. Harris, Jr., Leonard N. Stewart, Edwin C. Urban, Laurence N. Vail
Ruling Elders: Marvin J. Dobson (Silver Spring), Richard L. Hake (Burtonsville), Richard E. Lauxtermann (Vienna), Jules C. Rist (Vienna)

Presbytery of the Midwest
Ruling Elders: Henry Buikema (Gowen), Erwin Claerbaut (Cedar Grove), Clarence Roskamp (Cedar Falls), LaMont Ten Haken (Ootsburg)

Presbytery of New Jersey
Ruling Elders: Arthur B. Hansen (Fair Lawn), Edward A. Haug (Neptune), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Fair Lawn), Russell S. Lodge (Bridgeton), Robert W. Orr (Neptune), Samuel G. Parker (West Collingswood), Herbert D. Plummer (West Collingswood), Jonathan W. Stevenson (Wildwood)

Presbytery of New York and New England
Ruling Elders: William H. Bacon (Hamden), Stephen A. MacDonald (Portland), Herbert R. Muether (Franklin Square)

Presbytery of Northern California
Ministers: Rollin P. Keller, Charles A. McIlhenny, Salvador M. Solis, Roger Wagner, Gordon T. Woolard
Ruling Elder: Frank Nieuwsma (Modesto)

Presbytery of the Northwest
Ministers: Harold L. Baurer, Calvin R. Malcor, Ronald J. McKenzie, Donald M. Poundstone

Presbytery of Ohio
Ministers: Mark R. Brown, Leonard J. Coppes, David W. King, Willem A. Van Gemeren
Minister (alternate): Robert L. Atwell
Ruling Elders: Perry G. Boermanns (Pittsburgh), James E. Karns (Harrisville), William H. Kiester (Harrisville)

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Ruling Elders: Barry W. Dorsch (Wilmington), William A. Haldeman (Wilmington), John O. Kinnaird (Oxford), Daniel E. McElwain (Fawn Grove), Edward J. McGovern (SW Phila.), David F. Rundle (Middletown, Pa.), Edward D. Schnitzel, Jr. (Glenside)
Presbytery of the South
Ministers: Thomas S. Champness, Jr., Calvin K. Cummings, David Freeman, Louis Kickasola, Robert L. Vining

Presbytery of Southern California
Ministers: Bruce A. Coie, Stephen D. Doe, Donald J. Duff, Edwards E. Elliott, Dennis E. Johnson, Lewis A. Ruff, Jr.
Ruling Elders: John S. Atwell (Artesia), Philip R. Conard, Sr. (Santee), Daniel Y. Yahuso (Garden Grove)

Ex Officio
Minister: Larry D. Conard (Presbytery of Southern California)
Ruling Elder: Richard A. Barker (Westfield, Presbytery of New Jersey)

Corresponding Members
Ministers: Charles G. Dennison (Ohio), Committee on Arrangements; Roger W. Schmurr (South), Committee on Christian Education
Ruling Elders: F. Kingsley Elder, Jr. (Covenant, Rochester, Presbytery of New York and New England), Committee on Christian Education

Other Presbyteries in Attendance
Ministers: Allen D. Curry (New Jersey), Great Commission Publications; Charles H. Ellis (Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic)
Ruling Elders: Arthur Armour (Harrisville, Presbytery of Ohio); Lloyd L. Bailey (Edinburg, Presbytery of Ohio); Donald C. Copeland (Grove City, Presbytery of Ohio); Peyton H. Gardner (Wilmington, Presbytery of Philadelphia); Robert A. Nisbet (North Canton, Presbytery of Ohio)

RECAPITULATION

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<td>91</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>61</td>
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A survey of the commissioners and corresponding members present yielded the following information as to their dates of ordination:

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<th>Dates of Ordination</th>
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<tr>
<td>Since Jan. 1, 1970</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1950, to Dec. 31, 1959</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1940, to Dec. 31, 1949</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Before Jan. 1, 1940</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>105</strong></td>
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Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Steven E. Work, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the U.S., and the Rev. Clarence Boomsma, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church. On separate motions, Messrs. Work and Boomsma were enrolled as corresponding members.

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

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The Minutes of the 45th General Assembly are presented herewith. They are three pages shorter than the previous year's record 250 pages. The copy for the Minutes was given to the printer on July 17, 1978, less than four weeks after the close of the Assembly. The remaining steps in the publication process resulted in delivery of the Minutes by the printer to the Administration Building for mailing late in November, 1978.

The greater thickness of these Minutes compared to previous Minutes is due to a change in the type of paper used, which in turn was dictated by a change in the printer's method of binding. Briefly, the glue now in use did not take well to the former paper, and pages tended to fall out. Thicker Minutes, with pages that are less prone to fall out, seemed to the Clerk the lesser evil.

Several minor errors have come to the Clerk's attention, the most serious of which appears to be on page 29, second line, where "recommendations 3 and 4" should be "recommendations 4 and 5."

The 45th General Assembly proposed to the presbyteries certain amendments to the Form of Government. All of the amendments requiring an affirmative vote by a majority of the presbyteries were approved by all of the presbyteries, with two exceptions: (1) the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic did not approve the amendment to Chapter XIII, Section 4, and (2) the Presbytery of Ohio did not approve the amendment to Chapter X, Section 1. In accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter XXXII, Section 2, the Moderator should declare that these amendments have been adopted and are in effect.

The three amendments requiring an affirmative vote by two thirds of the presbyteries and a two-thirds vote by this Assembly were each approved by two thirds or more of the presbyteries. The amendment to the third ordination vow was not approved by the Presbyteries of the Mid-Atlantic, New York and New England, and the Northwest. The amendment to Chapter XXIII, Section 12, was not approved by the Presbyteries of New Jersey, and New York and New England. The amendment to Chapter XXIII, Section 14, was not approved by the Presbytery of Ohio. In accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter XXXII, Section 3, these amendments must also be approved by a two thirds vote of this Assembly.

The 45th General Assembly directed the Clerk "to send to the President and Vice President of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the state-
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ment on abortion adopted by the 39th General Assembly and inform them that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church continues to deplore the destruction of unborn human life by voluntary abortion, and that this 45th General Assembly . . . petitions Congress to provide for unborn children that protection of life guaranteed by the constitution of the United States." These communications were acknowledged by the offices of each of these officials, and also by Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, to which it was referred by the Speaker.

The 45th General Assembly directed that the RES member churches in South Africa be informed of certain actions of the Assembly. Those communications have been acknowledged by Die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, Die Gereformeerde Kerk in Suid-Afrika, and the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa.

Copy for the Agenda for the 46th General Assembly was delivered to the printer on March 22, 1979. By virtue of minimal proofreading by the Clerk, the Agenda were delivered to the Administration Building for mailing about April 18, 1979. In accordance with the General Assembly Fund budget adopted last year, the Agenda were mailed to commissioners by first class mail, and to all others by less expensive but slower third class mail.

Despite the action of last year's Assembly with a view to preventing it, at least two presbyteries will have acted on overtures so late that they could not be included even in the Supplementary Agenda. As this is written, the reports of several committees have not yet been received.

The Presbytery of New York and New England has concurred in an overture that the Presbytery of the Midwest adopted and later withdrew. It seems to the Clerk that a concurrence is not the same as a de novo adoption of an overture, and therefore he will not present the overture unless the Assembly so directs.

With regard to amendments to the Standing Rules pending before this Assembly, the Clerk reminds the Assembly that enactment of the amendment deleting Standing Rule Chapter XV, 3, q, will leave the Standing Rules silent on the matter of endorsements for service in the military chaplaincy. The Clerk believes this silence should be remedied. See recommendation (2).

The 45th General Assembly deferred to this Assembly action on a motion to request NAPARC to consider establishing a Study Commission on Christian Ethics in Contemporary Society, and also referred the matter to the Committee on RES Matters. Instead of docketing this matter separately, the Clerk will recommend, at the time of erection of advisory committees, that it be considered by the same advisory committee that will review the report of the Committee on RES Matters, in order that the original motion, and the committee's actions in the matter, can come before the Assembly on the same footing.

The status of the General Assembly Budget Fund is shown in the attached report. The deficit is worse than it might have been because the timing of the report and of this and last year's Assemblies was such that it includes the cost of the Agenda for both Assemblies. Nevertheless the deficit is an embarrassment and should be corrected if the Assembly is not to be chargeable with irresponsibility.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1) That the Moderator declare that the amendments to the Form of Government proposed by the 45th General Assembly and requiring an affirmative vote by a majority of the presbyteries have been adopted and are in effect.

2) That action on the proposed amendment deleting Standing Rule Chapter IV, 3, q, be deferred to the time of the report of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, and that the advisory committee considering that report be requested to formulate an amendment to the Standing Rules taking note of that body and its function as endorsing agent of the church, for consideration by the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET FUND
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979

Balance from previous Assembly ........................................... ($ 2,982.50)*

Receipts

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<td>213.27</td>
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<td>Sale of Form of Government</td>
<td>597.00</td>
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<td>Proceeds from Knollwood Lodge</td>
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<td>Special gift for conference room</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td><strong>Total Accountable</strong></td>
<td><strong>$23,884.87</strong></td>
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Expenditures

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<td>175.00</td>
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<td>Agenda expense, 45th Gen. Assembly</td>
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<td>Postage and misc. office expense</td>
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<td>Misc. (printing Form of Gov't.)</td>
<td>278.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>RES expense reserve</td>
<td>$ 2,600.00</td>
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*This figure does not correspond to final figure of report to the 45th General Assembly due to an error in that report.
The Moderator declared that the amendments to the Form of Government proposed by the 45th General Assembly and requiring an affirmative vote by a majority of the presbyteries had been adopted and were in effect.

On motion recommendation 2 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

Total membership at the end of 1978 exceeded 16,000 for the first time. It was 16,054 comprised of 248 ministers, 10,939 communicant members and 4,867 baptized children. Growth has been level during the past three years as shown below.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

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<th>Increase</th>
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<tr>
<td>1976</td>
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These changes were reflected among the presbyteries in the following manner.

CHANGE IN TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

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<td>Mid-Atlantic</td>
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<td>33</td>
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<td>Midwest</td>
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<td>New Jersey</td>
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<td>Northern California</td>
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<td>55</td>
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<td>Ohio</td>
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<td>South</td>
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<td>16</td>
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<td><strong>264</strong></td>
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Four presbyteries showed a positive result in each of the last three years: Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New York & New England, and Northwest.

MINISTERS

The number of ministers increased to 248 at the end of 1978 from 237 the year before. This figure has increased consistently year by year at an average gain of eight per year over the past 10 years. During 1978, there were eight ordinations, nine men were received from other denominations and six men were removed from the roll.
CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

During 1978, the number of churches increased from 133 to 136 and the number of chapels from 30 to 34.

Grace Church of San Antonio, Texas, with 62 members was received in June, 1978; particular congregations were created from within by four presbyteries; and two churches were dissolved.

Collegiate churches were formed in Oregon and Ohio. Southern Oregon OPC has congregations in Grants Pass and Medford with one session. A similar arrangement exists in Alliance and North Canton.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
(Tithes and Offerings, All Organizations)

Total contributions for 1978 were $5,243,093, an increase of almost $800,000 or 18% over contributions for 1977. Both the dollar and percentage increases are the largest in OPC history. The components of total contributions showed the following patterns for the past years.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

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<th>Year</th>
<th>General and Special Contributions</th>
<th>Benevolence Contributions</th>
<th>Total Contributions</th>
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<tr>
<td>1978</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>1977</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>1976</td>
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The well-received Founders Day Offering contributed to the favorable increase in benevolence giving without adversely affecting giving to all other local and denominational giving.

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS PER COMMUNICANT MEMBER

Continuing increases, particularly in 1978, may be seen in this aspect of giving over the period 1972-1978.

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<td>305</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>293</td>
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School attendance figures continue in the same general range as in prior years.

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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<th>During November</th>
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<td>1977</td>
<td>7,583</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>7,833</td>
<td>7,962</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>7,692</td>
<td>8,247</td>
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**DIACONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

To secure a better understanding of benevolence contributions for the relief of the poor and needy, churches and chapels were asked to list the dollar amounts of such giving as indicated below. These contributions were defined to be Deacons' Funds, but were to include any contributions for relief or other diaconal purposes, both locally and elsewhere.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED BY 101 OR 75% OF THE CHURCHES**

1. For congregation and local community needs $83,486
2. For needs in other OP churches (sent direct) 13,497
3. For the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the OPC 29,104
   sub-total $126,087
4. For other relief or diaconal causes 43,139
   Total $169,226

It was not possible to determine the extent to which Founders Day Offering gifts were or were not included in Item 4. above.

Eleven chapels reported diaconal contributions of $4,849.

Respectfully submitted
Edward A. Haug, Statistician
Mr. Mitchell, Secretary 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-fifth General Assembly. The following officers were elected to serve until the first meeting of the Trustees following the Forty-sixth General Assembly: President, Robert W. Eckardt; Vice-president, Willard E. Neel; Secretary, John J. Mitchell; Treasurer, Bert L. Roeber.

The Trustees respectfully nominate Mr. Richard A. Barker to be the Stated Clerk of the Forty-sixth General Assembly and further recommend that his remuneration be $3600, and further recommend that his duties be those listed in the Standing Rules, Chapter IV, Section 3, except items h, i, j, and k.

The Secretary of the Trustees 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. This group ruling gives tax exempt status to all the local congregations and other agencies listed in the current Directory of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The reference number to be used in any correspondence concerning tax exempt matters is 23-7001990.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following trustees expire at this Assembly: Minister, Robert W. Eckardt; Ruling Elder, Bert L. Roeber.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

The Trustees estimate their costs for the next year will be $50.00 for miscellaneous expenses, such expenses to be paid from the General Assembly Budget Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Eckardt, President

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Trustees of the General Assembly. The following were nominated: Minister—Oliver; Ruling Elder—Bert L. Roeber (Westfield). There being no further nominations the Moderator declared Messrs. Oliver and Roeber elected to the class of 1982.

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

On motion the recommendation of the Trustees concerning the Stated Clerk was adopted.

The Clerk announced that in accordance with Standing Rule Chapter IV, Section 2.a., he had asked Mr. S. L. Phillips to serve as Assistant Clerk, and that Mr. Bosgraf would serve in the position for this day only, due to Mr. Phillips’ delayed arrival necessitated by the need to conduct a funeral.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Statistician. Mr. Haug was nominated. There being no further nominations the Moderator declared Mr. Haug elected.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Tyson, Stonehouse, Haney, and J. S. Atwell were nominated. The Moderator declared nominations closed.
Mr. D. E. Johnson presented a preliminary report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, noting a balance from last year of $12,441, and approximately $36,000 available for the 1979 Assembly.

On motion the offering received Thursday evening was designated for the Travel Fund.

On motion Communications 1 and 2, and Complaint 1 were ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud, and Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and Overtures 1-5 and Communications 3-6 and 8 were ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud. The Clerk presented Overtures, Communications, and a Complaint as follows:

OVERTURES

Overture 1

From the Presbytery of the South
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker,

The Presbytery of the South overtures the 46th General Assembly to terminate immediately and completely the membership of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

GROUNDS:

1. The Word of God requires separation from unbelief. (Cf. II Corinthians 6:14ff.)
   a. We are yoked in the RES with churches which in their practice do not hold the Scriptures to be inerrant.
   b. These churches tolerate deviant views of the Word of God (see writings and statements of Kuitert, Wiersinga, Boer, and Verhey).
   c. There is no decisive effort by these churches to expunge error. Examples: the failure of the Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (GKN) to maintain the Reformed confessions; the decision of the Christian Reformed Church to permit ordination of women to church office.

2. The Word of God and our Confession require that “synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical. . . .” (Cf. Luke 12:13,14; John 18:36; Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-7; and Confession Chapter XXXI, Section IV.) The RES violates both mandates by persisting in its effort to be an agency of “political action.”

   Example 1: RES “Resolutions on Race” 1968, revised 1972 (Minutes, General Assembly 1974, p. 112ff.) push social actions which are at least optional for Christians if not forbidden by our Standards (see OPC Committee note at Resolutions 8, 10, 11, 15; also consider whether the whole pattern is indeed Scriptural).

   Example 2: RES “Resolutions” of Regional Conference on Race (Mar. 1971) (see Minutes, GA 1974, p. 116-118) call for member churches (E-5) to promote political and economic “justice,” the provision of legal aid for the poor (H), and involvement in the problems of housing patterns. The OPC committee raises the question: “These may be excellent suggestions for other Christian voluntary associations but may the church engage in these activities?” This presbytery believes that they may not!
Example 3: Acts of the RES, 1976, indicate an inordinate preoccupation which we judge to be contrary to Scripture and our Confession, such as:

a. "Pious advice" (our wording) to the government of South Africa. (Note: no word to the bloodiest regime in Africa—Uganda).

b. Acts, 1976: pp. 34, 102ff. (The Church and its Social Calling) see especially bottom p. 107, V. 1; note also "SALVATION, JUSTICE, AND LIBERATION" p. 111-114; also p. 144 "A message to society" in which it is stated that one of our purposes is to speak "in criticism of the activities and policies of governments..." and, further that this is a matter "not just for race relations, but for the whole gamut of social concerns"...; World Council of Churches involvement p. 100ff.

3. The Word of God requires an undiluted testimony to God's Truth which is not possible in holding "consultations" with unbelieving "church councils."

a. The RES persists in its consultations with the World Council of Churches.

b. Loud protests from member-churches: Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (Acts, 264); also comments regarding GKN dual membership in RES and WCC from other churches (Acts, 1976, Suppl. 11, 14, 16, 21) are largely unheeded.

c. The relationships with World Confessional Families and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches fall in the same order of error (Acts, 36).


Cordially yours,
Thomas S. Champness, Jr., Stated Clerk

Overture 2
From the Presbytery of New Jersey

April 1, 1979

The 46th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Presbytery of New Jersey on February 24, 1979, determined to overture the 46th General Assembly as follows:
"The Presbytery of New Jersey respectfully overtures the 46th General Assembly to request the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to argue, in its negotiations toward union with any other churches, that the highest court of the resulting body be limited to not more than 150 voting commissioners."

When it was presented to the Presbytery the overture contained the following grounds, which have been neither approved nor disapproved by the Presbytery.

1. The privilege and tradition of free debate in the General Assembly has been a strength of the OPC that ought to be preserved in a united body. Free debate cannot be preserved in a deliberative body of more than approximately 150 members, as shown by the history and rules of both larger and smaller ecclesiastical and civil deliberative bodies, and especially by a comparison of the rules of the two houses of the Congress of the United States.

It may also be noted that the largest state senate of the fifty states has but 67 members, and only eight states have lower houses of their legislatures exceeding 150 members. Of these eight, only two are outside the area of the original colonies. Therefore, among the most prominent deliberative bodies in our country, there is a strong pattern for memberships being held to fewer than 150 members.

The alternatives to essentially free debate involve undesirable restrictions that more than offset whatever advantages a larger highest court might offer. Among these restrictions, the following may be anticipated:

a. Limits on the time given to various items of business.

b. Limits on the number of speakers permitted on questions, or the time allotted to each speaker.

c. Limits on the number or character of amendments that may be offered on the floor.

d. Vesting of the moderator with greater power to control, and therefore to influence, debate.

e. Transfer of power from floor debate to committees, which may be less representative than the body itself and more influenced by a few highly articulate advocates.

f. Increased use of the motion to put the previous question (cut off debate). The General Assemblies of the OPC have been conspicuously reluctant to use this motion.

3. The size of the General Assembly of the OPC is already so large that only a handful of congregations are able to contemplate hosting a General Assembly. If the highest court of a united church numbered as many as 200 voting commissioners, it is unlikely that any of the present congregations of the OPC could ever hope to host a General Assembly of the united church.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
Overture 3

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

The 46th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

At its stated meeting on April 24, 1979, the Presbytery of New Jersey determined to overture the General Assembly to grant fifteen minutes to the Presbytery for a presentation of the work of the Boardwalk Chapel, an evangelistic effort of this Presbytery in Wildwood, N.J.

In the event this request is granted, the presentation will be made by Mr. Jon W. Stevenson, who is a commissioner of this Presbytery to the Assembly.

Respectfully,
Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Overture 4

From the Presbytery of the Dakotas

April 26, 1979

Mr. Richard A. Barker
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Barker:

At its Stated Spring Meeting the Presbytery of the Dakotas determined to overture the 46th General Assembly as follows:

"That the Presbytery of the Dakotas overture the Forty-Sixth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to amend its Standing Rules, Chapter X, Section 2, paragraph 6, concerning the constituency of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to the following: 'The committee of Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations shall consist of Nine voting members, all ordained officers of the church at least four but not more than five shall be ruling elders.'

Grounds:

A. The Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations should be increased in size to a 9 man committee of the General Assembly because it is one of great importance and can greatly influence the character of the church and its future as it guides our General Assembly in matters concerning church union and our fraternal relations with other reformed bodies. It is also of the utmost importance that this committee have close contact with the pulse of the church at the grass roots and one way to accomplish this is to stipulate ruling elder membership on the committee.
B. The present Standing Rule does not provide for regular ruling elder representative on the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch relations and thus:

1. Contradicts the analogy of church government as found in the Scriptures. The Scriptures teach us that elders, both ruling and teaching, are together charged with the care and the government of the church (I Timothy 5:17). These elders are not only to care for the flock of God but they are together to guard the flock (Acts 20:28-31). And these elders, ruling and teaching, are together seen to meet in deliberative assemblies (Acts 15:2 & 22).

The need for both ruling elder and teaching elder representation in deliberative bodies has been well put by Thornwell: ‘The Ministers are a check upon the Elders, and the Elders are a check upon the Ministers . . . The object of the check is to promote the discovery of truth by bringing different views and different modes of thought into collision, by securing the certainty of a full and free discussion, and diminishing the probability that party interest or temporary prejudices shall predominate in the result’ (The Collected Writings of James Henry Thornwell, Vol. 4, pp. 93-94). A standing committee of the General Assembly on which there is no provision for regular ruling elder representation contradicts the analogy of church government as found in Scripture and thus fails to provide for a full range of discussion on that committee.

2. Contradicts the analogy of our Form of Government.

In full accord with the Scriptures, our Form of Government states, ‘Christ who has instituted government in his church has furnished some men, beside the ministers of the Word, with gifts for government in his church, and with commission to execute the same when called thereunto. Such officers, chosen by the people from among their number, are to join with the ministers in the government of the church, and are ruling elders’ (Form of Government X, 1). These ruling elders are to ‘have particular concern for the doctrine and conduct of the minister of the Word and help him in his labor’ (Form of Government X, 3). Again we see the system of checks built into our Form of Government. Commenting on this Thornwell says, ‘A government exclusively in the hands of the ministry is fraught with dangers to them and to the people, against which all ecclesiastical history is a solemn warning; and although as long as the Ministers were truly chosen their assemblies would be enough to give the Church the form of a Commonwealth, the spirit of liberty would soon depart. The possession of power would produce its natural effects, the ministry would aspire to be a privileged class, and the people would soon lose the significance and importance which the legitimate operation of our system attaches to them’ (Ibid . . . p. 64). A standing committee of the General Assembly on which there is no provision for regular ruling elder representation contradicts the analogy of our Form of Government and places that committee solely in the hands of ministers who in a large measure may be removed from the ‘grass roots’ of the church.


Chapter X, section 2, of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly outlines the composition of the seven Standing Committees of the assembly. On each of these committees except two, the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and the Committee on General Assembly Date, Place, and Travel, ruling elder representation is stipulated. Thus the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations contradicts this analogy.

Sincerely in Christ,
James L. Bosgraf, Stated Clerk
Overture 5
From the Presbytery of Ohio

The 46th General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Brethren:

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery Of Ohio respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:
That the 46th General Assembly erect a special committee of five (5) to study the relationship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to para-ecclesiastical organizations, so that,
1. the Church might be aided in determining the legitimacy, authority and boundaries of such organizations;
2. the Church might provide Biblical guidelines for understanding and interacting with these organizations;
3. the Church might be united in proper ecumenical zeal in this day of fragmentation within Protestantism;
and that this committee report to the 47th General Assembly.

May the blessing of our covenant God be upon all deliberations.

Cordially in Christ,
John C. Smith, Stated Clerk

Overture 6
From the Presbytery of the Northwest

The Forty-sixth General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

At its stated meeting of April 28, 1979, the Presbytery of the Northwest of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church determined to overture the Forty-sixth General Assembly as follows:

Whereas the name “Orthodox,” doubtless, is intended to convey the lofty stance for truth to which our denomination has been and is now committed, it, nevertheless, provokes a different image in the minds of vast multitudes of Western people that serves as an impedance and, perhaps, even a barrier for some, to a normal and natural communication of the gospel;

And whereas there are some Presbyterians in more theologically liberal denominations whose curiosity is aroused by the name, those few are greatly outnumbered by many in those churches and multitudes among the lost for whom the name engenders confusion and suspicion;

And whereas for so many, the name calls forth an image which has been born, shaped and embedded in the world through the influence of the ancient and powerful Eastern church;
And whereas our comparatively recent and tiny denomination is not likely to indent, let alone transform, that image, nor is it called by our God to do so;

And whereas the term used for the name has no special theological uniqueness among the churches of the Reformation, nor is it derived particularly from the Bible, nor does it convey a particular Biblical truth that could not be otherwise conveyed (as does, for example, the word “Trinity”);

And whereas the name “orthodox” is often associated with “dead orthodoxy” and in no manner adds to our effectiveness in proclaiming “Christ and him crucified” but serves to create ambiguity;

And whereas not having that name would in no way diminish the effectiveness of our proclamation, but, likely, will remove an unnecessary ambiguity;

And whereas it must be possible, semantically, to find another name by which to state who we are;

Therefore, the Presbytery of the Northwest, in the interest of greater evangelical effectiveness, overtures the 46th General Assembly to elect a special committee to recommend to the 47th General Assembly a new name for the denomination.

Respectfully yours,

Donald M. Poundstone, Stated Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1 (in part, without attachments)

From the Reformed Ecumenical Synod

March 6, 1979

To the RES Member Churches,
Esteemed Brethren,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. By means of this letter we wish to convey to you our sincere best wishes throughout this year of our Lord 1979. “He who has blessed us hitherto will guide us all our journey through.” May our working and fellowship together be to the praise of God’s name and the building of His church.

In this letter we bring several matters to your attention. Kindly note the following points and if you yourself are not authorized to act on our requests, please refer them to the appropriate persons in your church.


Enclosed is our report concerning RES finances in 1978. It has three parts: 1) Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance; 2) Secretariat Office Financial Report; 3) Receipts From Member Churches.

In 1978 we have sought to put into effect a new procedure for transferring funds from Southern Africa. South Africa has imposed restrictions on exporting money so that for each transaction involving money, export permission has to be obtained from the authorities. In order that each church not be required to obtain this request for the purpose of paying its assessments, Dr. Frans O’Brien Geldenhuys has erected a special RES Fund to which the member churches in Southern Africa can pay their annual assessments. He can then obtain permission to transfer the money in one lump sum and will do so on a quarterly basis. He has also paid a number of expenses incurred in South Africa by the Interim Committee and General Secretary. The system has not worked smoothly as yet, but it promises to be a real help. Unfortunately no report on the Pretoria Fund is available at this date. We hope to distribute it at a later time.
2. Associate to General Secretary

The Reformed Ecumenical Synod Cape Town 1976 agreed in principle that an associate to the General Secretary be appointed, but made the appointment conditional upon the willingness of the member churches to provide the necessary funding. The Interim Committee in its first meeting after the Cape Town Synod decided that if three churches — the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, and the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa — would agree to pay the full assessment which the employing of an associate would require, the appointment could be tendered. However, although the first two churches agreed to meet their assessment and have already done so, the Dutch Reformed Church decided in October 1978 to pay an amount smaller than the lower budget. It is estimated that, based on the higher budget figure, by 1980 the Dutch Reformed Church will be about $35,000 short (including arrears from 1972-1976).

The Interim Committee therefore has not been able to make the appointment. To make matters worse, the part-time assistant we had, Mr. Harry der Nederlanden, left our employ in August 1978 to work full-time for Paideia Press. At the present time the only assistance we have (translation and composition of RES News Exchange) is on an hourly basis (average of four hours a week). The result is that not all the projects we had undertaken have been completed and the mailings are sometimes late. The situation will become worse as the preparations for the 1980 Synod require more attention. Fortunately we do have adequate clerical help in the Secretariat.

The Interim Committee is scheduled to meet in July 1979 and may make recommendations to the RES Nimes 1980 regarding an associate to the General Secretary and other matters pertaining to finance.

3. No 7% Increase in 1979 Assessments

Because it is not possible to appoint an Associate General Secretary, the Interim Committee had decided not to increase the 1979 assessments by 7%, as authorized by the Cape Town Synod. It would not appear to be fair to ask churches now contributing their full share to the higher budget to increase it still more so long as no addition to the staff can be made.

Your church is assessed 4%, or $3,209.40 of the 1979 budget. We look forward to receiving this amount in the near future. Kindly make payment to the Treasurer, Mr. Lester Ippel, 1452 Cornell Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA 49506.

4. Reformed Ecumenical Synod Nimes 1980

The RES Nimes 1980 will be held from July 14-25 at the University of Nimes. The National Union of Independent Reformed Evangelical Churches of France will be the calling church. Invitations will be sent to the member churches to send delegates after the Interim Committee holds its meeting in July and arrangements have been completed with the calling church.

The week prior to the Synod will be occupied with a missions conference, a theological conference, and, perhaps, a meeting of youth leaders. During the Synod one day will likely be devoted to the work of broadcasting. Details of all these meetings should be completed this coming fall.
5. Materials for the Agenda

Materials for the printed agenda for the RES Nimes 1980 should reach the Secretariat not later than September 15, 1979. Materials received later than that will be distributed in April 1980 in a mimeographed agenda supplement. Kindly send in all communications on time.

We would call your attention to the reports distributed by the Interim Committee last year: “A Report of the RES Interpretative Commission to the South Africa Churches of the RES,” April 1978, “A Report of the RES Interim Committee to the RES Member Churches on a Consultation with the moderamen of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands,” and “A Report of the RES Interim Committee to the RES Member Churches on a Consultation with the Four RES Member Churches in Indonesia.”

The Interim Committee at its July meeting will take under advisement all responses to these reports which the churches may want to send to the Committee and to the 1980 RES. Therefore, if your church desires to communicate with the Interim Committee and the RES Nimes 1980, kindly send your communication to the General Secretary.

6. Report on Abortion

At the request of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we are sending you a copy of a “Report of the Committee to Study the Matter of Abortion.” We send it to you for your information and study.

7. Incorporation of RES

During 1978 the Reformed Ecumenical Synod was incorporated as a Michigan ecclesiastical corporation (see report June 8, 1978). Three of the North American member churches served as the original incorporators. The Interim Committee constitutes the Board of Trustees. After the Interim Committee meets in July, provision will be made for all churches to join the incorporated RES and information will be given in regard to the meaning of the new setup for the churches and the Secretariat. In the meantime it is 'business as usual' — and the Lord is faithful!

Sincerely in Christ,
Paul G. Schrotenboer
General Secretary

Enclosures:
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balance (not printed in Agenda)
Secretariat Office Financial Report (not printed in Agenda)
Receipts from Member Churches (not printed in Agenda)

Communication 2 (in part)

From the Committee on Foreign Missions

March 8, 1979

The 46th General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker,

The Committee on Foreign Missions took the following actions in response to requests from the Forty-Fifth General Assembly:
In response to the request that the Committee "explore the possibility of more aggressively providing opportunities for fully or partially supported unordained people who express a desire to serve as supportive workers on the foreign field," the Committee on Foreign Missions decided to:

(1) Thank the Assembly for its encouragement to seek greater use of our church's personnel resources;

(2) Inform the Assembly that while the Committee has such pressing needs as at present for ordained workers in evangelism and receives no assistance from the General Assembly to do this additional work, it is difficult for the committee to undertake the employment of unordained workers either full or part time unless they will relieve the Committee of other expenses; and

(3) Further inform the Assembly that the Committee is considering ways of expanding the scope of the Missionary Associate program so as to give opportunity to business and professional people to serve in foreign countries as Christian witnesses with our missions and/or the national churches.

The Committee on Foreign Missions concurred in the action of the Committee on Christian Education requesting the General Assembly to adjust the requirement in the Standing Rules, Chapter VI, 8 for submitting reports to the Stated Clerk from "two and one half months" to "two months" for those years when the date set for the General Assembly comes before June 1.

Yours in the Lord,
Laurence N. Vail
General Secretary

Communication 3

From the Presbytery of the Midwest

The 46th General Assembly
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

At the 1979 stated spring meeting of the Presbytery of the Midwest, action was taken regarding Ruling Elder Henry Buikema, who pastors Griggs Street Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As a man under care of the Presbytery of the Midwest, Mr. Buikema has been pursuing licensure in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has successfully completed his exams in English Bible, theological paper, sermon and theology.

In view of Mr. Buikema's lack of formal liberal arts and theological education, and in view of Mr. Buikema's years, the presbytery requests that the licensure requirements in the original languages be waived.

Presbytery also seeks the advice of the 46th General Assembly concerning the advisability of proceeding toward Mr. Buikema's licensure and ordination.

Testimonies from Spencer Mills Orthodox Presbyterian Church regarding Mr. Buikema's gifts for ministry will be sent to you under separate cover and should be appended to this letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David A. George, Stated Clerk
Communication 4 (in part)

From the Presbytery of Philadelphia

April 4, 1979

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

Dear Mr. Barker:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia at its stated meeting on March 24, 1979, took the following action in regards to the complaint lodged against it by the Rev. Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.:

"The Rev. James R. Payton read a proposed answer from the Committee to Answer the Complaint of the Rev. Arthur W. Kuschke.

"It was moved and seconded that Presbytery adopt the answer as its response to the complaint of Mr. Kuschke.

"In response to a point of order the Moderator ruled that Presbytery was dealing only with the narrow issue of the historical accuracy of the answer to the complaint and that any discussion of the substance of the complaint was out of order.

"The Moderator's ruling was challenged.

"The Moderator was sustained in his ruling.

"Messrs. Bachman, Knudsen, and Kuschke requested that their negative votes be recorded.

"The main motion was put to the vote and it carried.

"Messrs. Bachman, Knudsen, and Kuschke requested that their negative votes be recorded.

"The adopted response reads as follows:

To the 46th General Assembly, Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

On November 18, 1978, the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church denied the complaint of the Rev. Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr., against its decision of March 18, 1978, not to admit either the paper, "The Relation of Good Works to Justification in the Westminster Standards," by the Rev. Norman Shepherd or any testimony based on that paper, as evidence in a judicial process.

The ground of the Presbytery's decision was that it adjudged the paper to be the private property of Mr. Shepherd, the use of which he had carefully restricted, and consequently a paper to which the Presbytery had no right except at Mr. Shepherd's approval."

Sincerely yours in Christ,
A. LeRoy Greer, Stated Clerk
Communication 5

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

April 27, 1979

The 46th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

At its stated meeting on April 24, 1979, the Presbytery of New Jersey determined (1) to grant permission for candidate George S. Kostas to begin trials for licensure, although Mr. Kostas does not have a bachelor of arts degree, and (2) to seek the advice of the General Assembly regarding licensing him in the event of his successful completion of those trials.

Mr. Kostas is presently completing studies for a degree at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. He plans to undertake college studies, but his age and family responsibilities are such that to delay his possible licensure until he achieves a bachelor of arts degree would impose a personal hardship and would also deny to the church for many years the fuller use of his gifts and experience.

Members of this Presbytery who are commissioners to the Assembly will be prepared to present testimony concerning Mr. Kostas' experience in evangelism, counseling, and his other qualifications for the gospel ministry.

We thank you for your advice in this matter.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Communication 6

From the Rev. Norman Shepherd

April 28, 1979

The Forty-Sixth General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Rev. Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr., has notified the Presbytery of Philadelphia of his intention to carry his Complaint against an action of that presbytery to the Forty-sixth General Assembly. The Complaint contains a factual and seriously misleading error which I feel constrained to point out and correct.
The Complaint rightly notes that the majority of the Faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary came to the conclusion that the position of the Rev. Professor Norman Shepherd concerning the doctrine of justification did not contradict the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture and was within the bounds of the Westminster Standards. By a vote of eight to three, the Faculty determined on April 25, 1978, 'that Mr. Shepherd's position does not contradict the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture and summarized in the Westminster Standards.' The Faculty subsequently communicated this action to the Seminary's Board of Trustees.

The Complaint is in error, however, in stating "that this conclusion of the report of the majority of the faculty was rejected by the Board of Trustees on May 23, 1978."

On May 23, 1978, the board had before it a motion to "receive the Report of the Faculty to the Board on Faith and Justification (April 25, 1978) and concur 'that Mr. Shepherd's position, properly understood, does not undermine the unique role of faith in justification nor obscure the proper distinction between justification and sanctification, and is within the bounds of the Westminster Standards.'" (The citation in the motion is drawn from the Report of the Faculty.) This motion was lost.

According to the rules of order under which both the Seminary's Board and the judicatories of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church operate, the failure to pass a motion is not the equivalent of the adoption of a contrary motion. Specifically, in the case under consideration, the loss of a motion to concur with the judgment of the Faculty may not be construed as a "rejection" of the Faculty's conclusion. Moreover, the Board expressly stated its position in a motion that was adopted the following day: that

1. The Board of Trustees receive the faculty report on justification (April 25, 1978) and express its appreciation for the arduous labor that has been performed by the faculty;

2. The Board reaffirm its wholehearted commitment to the doctrine of justification by faith as taught in Scripture and as presented in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms;

3. The board thanks Mr. Shepherd for his research and desire to harmonize the teaching of Scripture on justification and living faith and that he be urged to continue his study in this area for the purpose of clarification and understanding and that Mr. Shepherd share the results of his studies generated during his proposed leave of absence with the board not later than six months following the end of his leave.

Further, at its meeting on Nov. 14, 1978, the Board defeated a motion to find "that the formulation of Mr. Shepherd on the doctrine of justification as received to this point is not acceptable to the Board." At its meeting of Feb. 8, 1979, the Board voted to terminate its inquiries into the views of Professor Norman Shepherd.

At no point throughout the lengthy discussion of the views of the undersigned on justification in relation to faith, repentance, and obedience did either the Faculty or Board of Westminster Theological Seminary "reject" those views or declare them to be out of harmony with the Scripture or Westminster Standards.

Respectfully,

Norman Shepherd
Associate Professor of
Systematic Theology
Communication 7

From the Rev. Robert B. Strimple  

May 1, 1979

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

The General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Dear Dick:

In view of my planned move to Escondido, California to take up my assignment as Dean of the California campus of Westminster Theological Seminary, I hereby resign from the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards. The committee has nearly completed its work on the Confession of Faith, with perhaps only one more meeting to be scheduled in the fall. I do not think it justified, however, to burden the Assembly’s budget for even one trip from California at this point in the project.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on this committee and hope that the final product will prove useful in the teaching ministry of our Presbyterian churches.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Robert B. Strimple

Communication 8

From the Committee on Christian Education

May 12, 1979

The 46th General Assembly

Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Dear Mr. Barker:

The Committee on Christian Education presents the following supplementary information in order to bring to the Assembly’s attention actions taken subsequent to December 31, 1978.

1. Goals of the Educational Ministry of the Church

At the regular winter meeting of the Committee, held on February 26 and 27, 1979, the Committee adopted the following summary of Goals of the Educational Ministry of the Church:

The purpose of the church’s educational ministry is to glorify the Triune God by equipping the church for its ministry of worship, teaching, fellowship, evangelism and service (see Ephesians 4:7-16).

GOALS

Worship. To encourage and guide the individual, family and congregational praise of God, engaging the intellect, will and emotions of his people in the varied ministry of Word and sacraments, music and prayer (Confession of Faith, Chapter XXI).

Teaching. To assist the church in learning, applying and obeying in all of its life the whole counsel of God as revealed in Scripture and summarized in our doctrinal standards (see Matthew 38:20; Acts 20:20 ff, 28), with an understanding of God’s past leading of the church and his promises for the future.
Fellowship. To promote the communion of saints for spiritual edification in the love of Christ and ministry in outward things, both within and without our denomination (see Galatians 6:2; II Corinthians 8:1-7; Confession of Faith, Chapter XXVI).

Evangelism. To mobilize the church for its mission to make disciples of all nations (see Matthew 28:18 ff).

Service. To equip and inspire the people of God for their ministry of compassion, mercy and good deeds to a needy world (see Galatians 6:10; Luke 10:29-37).

2. General Secretary

At the same meeting the Committee determined by a strong affirmative vote, with no dissent, to call the Rev. Roger W. Schmurr to be its General Secretary, effective July 1, 1979. The call was extended in accordance with the requirements of the new Form of Government, approved by the Presbytery of the South (of which he is a member), concurred in by his congregation, and has been accepted by Mr. Schmurr. It will be noted that the resignation of Mr. Johnston as General Secretary was announced to the 45th General Assembly (Minutes, 45th GA, p. 91), and that on January 2, 1979, the Committee sent a letter to the Ministers and Sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church concerning the status of its ministry and stating that “The Committee is actively seeking to appoint a General Secretary who will be able to devote at least half of his time to administering and coordinating the work of the Committee, and to visiting in the churches and presbyteries to strengthen the ministry of Christian education.”

Mr. Schmurr takes on this new set of responsibilities fresh from eight and one half years in the pastorate, bringing with him a sensitivity to the problems and a vision for the ministry at the local level. He has served for four years also as an active member of the Committee on Christian Education, has been chairman of its subcommittee on adult education, and he organized and directed the Wheaton, Illinois, conference on adult education sponsored by the Committee in October, 1977.

Mr. Schmurr has served for the past year as a trustee of Great Commission Publications, and has a good knowledge of and appreciation for the needs and the opportunities of this joint venture in Christian education with the Presbyterian Church in America. As General Secretary, he will continue as a trustee of Great Commission Publications, now as an ex officio, non-voting member of the board. The PCA is similarly represented on the GCP board in an advisory capacity by the Rev. Charles Dunahoo, who serves their Committee for Christian Education and Publications as Coordinator (equivalent to our General Secretary).

3. Election

Mr. Schmurr has submitted his resignation from the membership of the Committee on Christian Education, to take effect at the close of the 46th General Assembly. To the elections there should be added this ministerial vacancy in the class of 1981.

4. Great Commission Publications—Trinity Hymnal

The trustees of Great Commission Publications, meeting on March 23, 1979, approved the reprinting of the blue edition of Trinity Hymnal, with the Westminster Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism included. The Catechism will take the place of the now somewhat outdated Orthodox Presbyterian forms, at minimal additional publication expense. The Committee on Christian Education is investigating the possibility of printing an updated set of OPC subscription forms to be inserted at the back of the hymnal. The GCP trustees also, at the request of the Committee on Christian Education, have authorized a cost survey for a paperback hymn supplement of Trinity Hymnal.
5. Proof Texts for the Shorter Catechism

The 45th General Assembly (Minutes, 45th GA, p. 142) “determined that the list of proof texts prepared for publication by the Committee on Proof Texts for the Catechisms be forwarded to the Committee on Christian Education, and that the Committee on Christian Education be requested to give consideration to their publication in an edition of the Shorter Catechism.” The list of proof texts for the Shorter Catechism was not received by the Christian Education Committee until April, 1979. The Committee, through its acting General Secretary, Mr. Michael G. Smith, has made these proof texts available to the GCP staff and director, and expects that a publication of them will be forthcoming in a form suitable for study use.

5. Proposed Amendment to the Standing Rules of the General Assembly

Because of logistic problems encountered by the Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension in complying with the deadline requirements for printing reports to the 46th General Assembly, the Committee on Christian Education voted to request the Assembly to modify Standing Rule, Chapter VI, Section 8, by substituting “two months” for “two and one half months” for those years when the date set for the General Assembly comes before June 1. The rule could be amended by changing the final period to a comma, and adding the words “except that if the date set for the General Assembly comes before June 1 in any year, the requirement for that year shall be two months prior to the Assembly.”

Sincerely in Christ,
F. Kingsley Elder, President
Michael G. Smith,
Acting General Secretary

Communication 9

From the Presbytery of Philadelphia

The General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Brethren:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia on May 14, 1979, determined to request the advice of the 46th General Assembly as to making an exception to the required years of theological study, in relation to the proposed ordination of Mr. Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.

A. LeRoy Greer, Stated Clerk

May 18, 1979
Communication 10

From the Rev. Dennis J. Prutow

May 18, 1979

The 46th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Fathers and Brethren:

The undersigned wishes to inform you of three matters regarding reports on the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

1. That he has presented his arguments, as contained in his minority report, concerning the basic organization and proper conception of the PRCCMP, to that body for its consideration in the formulation of a constitution and bylaws.

2. That he has informed the other OPC member of the PRCCMP, Dr. Elmer Dortzbach, and the Executive Secretary of the PRCCMP, Mr. William Leonard, that he was submitting a minority report to this General Assembly.

3. That he was not consulted concerning the content of nor did he see the "Report of the Orthodox Presbyterian Members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel" prior to its being printed in the Supplementary Agenda, and to which his name is affixed.

Respectfully,
Dennis J. Prutow

Communication 11

From the Committee on Christian Education

May 19, 1979

The 46th General Assembly
Fathers and Brethren:

The Committee on Christian Education in a duly called special meeting held on Friday, May 18, 1979, voted to present the following recommendations to the 46th General Assembly:

1. The Committee on Christian Education concurs in the recommendation of the Committee to Propose a Publication.

2. The Committee on Christian Education recommends that the 46th General Assembly instruct the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee on Ministerial Training to develop a proposal that would pass the responsibility for ministerial training from the Committee on Ministerial Training to the Committee on Christian Education, and that this proposal be submitted to the 47th General Assembly for approval.

F. Kingsley Elder, President
Communication 12

From the Taiwan Mission of the OPC

The 46th General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Fathers and Brethren:

The Taiwan Mission sends its heartfelt greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ as you convene the 46th General Assembly. Please be assured that we will be interceding on your behalf before the throne of grace as you seek to determine and implement the will of almighty God concerning the life and work of the church.

We also urgently call upon you to stand with us in the fellowship of prayer as we endeavor to carry out the great commission in the face of many obstacles here in Taiwan. The sudden and unexpected forced retirement of the Egbert Andrews due to critical health considerations at the beginning of this year has left the Mission with a staff of largely inexperienced and untried missionaries. The sudden announcement of President Carter on December 16th of normalization of relations with Communist China and the severing of relations with Taiwan has plunged us into an abyss of political uncertainties here that has greatly alarmed everyone.

Nevertheless, our God and his Christ have triumphed gloriously and in that we can all take much comfort and encouragement. King Jesus is, indeed, subduing all his and our enemies!

May the Lord grant you all wisdom and grace in all your deliberations.

Cordially in Christ,
Robert L. Marshall, Chairman pro tem

Communication 13

From the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel

Fathers and Brethren:

As I come to the first report of the newly formed "PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL," it is with thanksgiving to God for the progress made by your commission and the prospects for the future in His sovereign grace and mercy.

Since our last General Assemblies/General Synod meetings in Grand Rapids in June, 1978, authorizing the establishment of this commission, we have met twice, at St. Louis on the campus, Covenant Theological Seminary, September 21, 1978, and again on January 10, 1979, at Reformed Theological Seminary at Jackson, Mississippi. Representing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church were E. M. Dortzbach and D. J. Prutow; the Presbyterian Church in America, Thomas G. Birr, D. K. Clements, and J. C. Pakala; the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, R. A. Bonner, W. B. Leonard, Jr., and John M. MacGregor.
Minutes of our two meetings are attached to this report. J. M. MacGregor was elected Chairman, and W. B. Leonard, Jr., Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Your Commission immediately applied for recognition as the endorsing agent for our three denominations and has now been officially recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, Washington, D.C. We have been excellently received, and for this we rejoice! Chairman MacGregor represented us in Washington at the meetings of all denominational endorsing agents with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board and the Chiefs of Chaplains in October 1978, and Executive Secretary Leonard attended the March 1979 meetings. Two new chaplains have been endorsed for active duty, Russ Barrett and David Dare, both Army, and from the RPCES, and they have reported for active duty. This brings our total of active duty chaplains represented to twenty-one, including two from the OPC, six from the PCA, and thirteen from the RPCES. (Roster attached). The Commission represents a combined membership of 113,650.

A major accomplishment in our two meetings has been the preparation of a Constitution and By-laws, also attached to this report and awaiting approval at our 1979 meetings of our respective denominations. The next meeting of the Commission is set for July 31, 1979 at the Park Hill OPC, Denver, Colorado, James Bosgraf, host pastor. It is anticipated that your Executive Secretary will then become an employee of the Commission with a modest stipend covering expenses at least beginning possibly in the Fall of 1979 or Winter of 1980. I will then be serving as Executive Director and will be replaced by another member representing the RPCES on the Commission. By the summer of 1980 my schedule is expected to allow at least half-time for the Commission.

Denominational Nominating Committees are requested to provide for the election or re-election of three members from each denomination to represent that denomination on the Commission.

All Chaplains, Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly Stated Clerks are urged to keep your commission informed of all current data: addresses, changes of station, promotions, etc., for all chaplains represented by the Commission.

Finances: Denominational Budgeting for 1979-1980 is asked to include in its planning the guidelines outlined in Article VI in the proposed constitution, and Article III of the By-Laws, and the Minutes of the January 10, 1979 meeting of the Commission: $150 per year per active duty chaplain contributed by the respective denomination represented by that chaplain; $10 per month contribution from every active duty chaplain and $5 per month from every reserve chaplain in a pay billet. Funds for the support of the Commission from the denomination and from individual chaplains may be forwarded to the Commission in any way approved by the member denominations. The Commission is being incorporated in the State of Colorado as a non-profit, religious corporation, representing our three denominations, and will be able to provide tax-exempt receipts as necessary. If your Commission is to serve effectively it must be financed by its member denominations.

Your Commission and its Executive Secretary are working to provide services in the following areas:

(1) provide guidelines and information for ministers and theological students applying to the chaplaincy, whether military, hospital, police, industrial, educational, prison, Veteran Administration, National Parks, Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes, Campus/College, Merchant Marines, etc.

(2) sharpen our procedures for endorsement to the chaplaincy by including in addition to presbytery endorsement, personal interviews with the Commission or its delegated representatives, and on-the-field visits of applicants with active duty chaplains.
(3) regular and informed representation in Washington to the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, the Chiefs of Chaplains, and the Veterans Administration.
(4) personal visits of the Executive Secretary with our chaplains in the field, both in the continental United States and overseas when required or feasible.
(5) a regular newsletter from the Commission.
(6) coordinate contacts with and support of all our people serving in the armed forces and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Leonard, Jr., Executive Secretary
PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
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Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Phone 303-599-9795
After July 15, 1979,
33625 Wapiti Circle,
Buena Vista, CO 81211

Enc: (1) Current Roster of Military Chaplains
(2) Minutes of two meetings of the Commission (not printed in Agenda)
(3) Constitution and By-Laws (for approval)
(4) Sample Form DD 2088 (Required Information to Accompany Ecclesiastical Endorsement/Approval) (not printed in Agenda)

MOTIONS FOR ADOPTION:
(1) That the General Assembly/General Synod approve and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Commission as presented.
(2) That the proposed funding of the Commission by the respective denominations be approved, and individual chaplains be encouraged to follow the proposed support guidelines.

ROSTER OF ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, AND RETIRED MILITARY CHAPLAINS

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Active Duty:
Charles T. Lee, Thomas A. Foh (Army)

Reserves:
H. Leverne Rosenberger, CAP
Bernard J. Stonehouse, Air Force
Roger Wagner, National Guard
**Presbyterian Church in America**

**Active Duty**:
- (Army) W. I. Phillips, III.
- David F. Roberts
- David E. Crocker
- (Air Force) Don K. Clements
- John Register
- Wayne Good

**Reserves**:
- (Army National Guard) David Jussely
- Douglas McCullough
- James C. Pakala
- Theodore Kline
- (Air Guard) J. Phillip Clark
- William Whitwer
- (Naval Reserve) Fred D. Thompson

**Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod**

**Active Duty Chaplains**: (Army)
- Robert H. Ackley
- Hubert R. Baker
- Russell Barrett
- David Dare
- Bill C. Greenwalt
- Howard T. Cross
- David P. Peterson
- Robert A. Wildeman, Jr.

- (Air Force) Beryl T. Hubbard
- J. Robert Fiol
- Arthur E. Hegeman
- Robert Needham
- Thomas E. Sidebotham

**Active Reserves**: (Army)
- W. Ronald Case
- Stephen W. Leonard
- James E. Singleton
- Doug Lee

- (Civil Air Patrol) Daniel Fannon

- (Navy) A. Kenneth Austin

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSES

The Commission is an agent of its member denominations (not an ecclesiastical commission in the technical sense), created by them to assist in carrying out their ministries to members of the Armed Forces and other institutions. Since the primary structure for such ministries is through formal chaplaincies, the principal activity and concern of the Commission shall be involved with chaplains.

In carrying out its mission, the Commission functions in the following ways:

1. Maintain liaison with the appropriate contact point of each member denomination, and through their various presbyteries, to:
   (a) provide current information regarding criteria, policies and procedures for the appointment of ministers as chaplains.
   (b) process applications for ecclesiastical endorsement when applicant is approved by his presbytery and by this Commission for appointment to the chaplaincy.

2. Maintain cooperative relationships with the Armed Forces Chaplain Board and the leadership of military and other institutional chaplaincies by:
   (a) certifying to the proper agencies the ecclesiastical endorsements and approvals granted by the member denominations through their various presbyteries.
   (b) serving as a representative and counseling body for problems referred by or concerning chaplains, both individually and collectively.

3. Maintain contact and liaison with individual chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and other institutions through regular reports, newsletters, written correspondence and personal visits.

4. Establish and maintain methods of liaison with individual congregations of the member denominations to assist them in providing adequate ministry to their members while they are separated from the particular church during periods in the Armed Forces and other institutions.

5. Keep member denominations informed on significant developments, trends, issues and problems concerning chaplains and members of the Armed Forces and other institutions, and to report annually on the activity of the Commission to each member denomination.

6. Promote the testimony of the Reformed faith to and through the chaplaincy.

7. Promote the ministry of the chaplaincy to the member denominations and their particular churches.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is made up of the following member denominations:

1. Orthodox Presbyterian Church
2. Presbyterian Church in America
3. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod
Any member denomination may withdraw from the commission by act of its General Assembly/Synod. Any denomination seeking membership in the Commission shall:

1. Submit a letter application for membership to the Commission no later than 1 January of the year in which it desires membership.
2. Be approved by vote of all current member denominations at their General Assembly/Synod.

Each member denomination shall elect three representatives to serve as voting members of the Commission, with qualifications and terms to be set by the member denominations.

ARTICLE IV—INCORPORATION

The Commission shall be incorporated under the Corporation laws of the State of Colorado relating to non-profit, religious corporations.

ARTICLE V—AUTHORITY

The Commission shall have the authority to

2. To elect necessary officers and staff personnel, to remove them for cause, and to fill all vacancies.
3. To constitute such departments and such standing and special committees as are provided for in the By-Laws, or as may be necessary or convenient for carrying out the work of the Commission.
4. To buy, acquire, and receive by gift, demise, or bequest property, real, personal and mixed.
5. To hold, sell, and dispose of property, real and personal.
6. To secure, appropriate and administer funds for its work.
7. To make By-Laws in harmony with its Articles of Incorporation and Constitution.

ARTICLE VI—FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support of the Commission shall be primarily the responsibility of the member denominations, and shall be on a fair share basis, as recommended by the Commission. Each denomination will be responsible for all expenses incurred by its representatives at any meetings of the Commission or its sub-committees. Each denomination shall be asked to contribute a set amount per year per full time/active duty chaplain endorsed by the Commission. Each chaplain endorsed, both full and part-time, active duty and reserve, shall be asked to contribute an appropriate amount per year, if able. Amounts of contributions will be recommended by the Commission for the approval of the member denominations annually. In addition, the Commission shall be free to receive donations from individuals and churches, both within and without the member denominations.

ARTICLE VII—STAFF

The Commission shall have as its chief operating officer an Executive Secretary, and may hire such other personnel as it may determine.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended only by written submission of proposed amendment by the Commission to each of the member denominations and by subsequent approval of each member denomination at their annual General Assembly/Synod.
DRAFT BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—THE OFFICERS

The Commission shall have the following officers to be elected annually: chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

ARTICLE II—MEETINGS

There shall be two meetings of the Commission each year at a time fixed by the Commission. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the chairman or by petition of at least one third of the membership, representing at least two member denominations.

ARTICLE III—FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The financial policy and procedures shall be proposed by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Commission. The fiscal year for the Commission shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE IV—ELECTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

The executive staff of the Commission shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such other members as the Commission may from time to time authorize. Members of the executive staff shall normally be elected for a term of one year. Should the Commission desire, for cause, to terminate the services of such staff, or such staff desire to resign, six days notice shall be given, unless waived by mutual agreement. Non-executive personnel shall be employed by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the personnel policy approved by the Commission.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary shall function as the chief employed executive of the Commission and shall give supervision to all other employed personnel. He shall have responsibility and authority for the general direction and oversight of the total program of the Commission. He shall be responsive and accountable to the policies and actions of the Commission at all times. He shall function as the treasurer for the Commission.

ARTICLE VI—QUORUM

For either regular or special meetings of the Commission, a quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the representative members of the Commission, with at least one representative from each member denomination present.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Commission may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a two-thirds vote of the voting representatives present, provided that written notice of such action shall have been sent out in connection with the notice of the meeting at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.
Complaint 1

From the Rev. Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.

The Forty-sixth General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk

Fathers and Brethren:

The enclosed complaint, dated June 15, 1978, charging the Presbytery of Philadelphia with delinquency and error in an action taken March 18, 1978, was presented to that presbytery, but that presbytery has rejected the complaint by an action taken November 18, 1978. Therefore as complainant I am carrying the complaint to the General Assembly, and I have given the Presbytery of Philadelphia notice of my intention to do so, in accord with the Book of Discipline, chapter X, section 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.

To the Rev. Arthur J. Steltzer, Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this fifteenth day of June, 1978, comes Arthur W. Kuschke and complains against the following action of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of March 18, 1978, taken in connection with the Presbytery's preliminary investigation to determine whether judicial process should be instituted against the Rev. Norman Shepherd:

That the Presbytery of Philadelphia determine that the paper, "The Relation of Good Works to Justification in the Westminster Standards", and any testimony based upon it, not be admitted as evidence without Mr. Shepherd's consent.

The contention of the complaint is that by this action the Presbytery has prevented itself, contrary to its duty, from considering a doctrinal issue vital to the Church's testimony; and the amends sought are to free the evidence, so that the Presbytery can deal with that doctrinal issue.

The following reasons are set forth for the complaint:

1. The paper entitled "The Relation of Good Works to Justification in the Westminster Standards" (hereinafter referred to as the paper of October, 1976) bears on its cover the statement:

This is not a published work. It may not be used for any purpose other than to serve as a basis for discussion within the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary on October 1 and 2, 1976.
When the Presbytery adopted the action complained against, this statement was raised as a barrier to the admission of the paper as evidence. But events long after October 1 and 2, 1976 have shown that the statement should no longer be regarded as binding. If it was binding at any time, it ceased to be binding when the paper of October, 1976 became a statement of a definite position widely known. The continuing controversy has not brought any repudiation of the paper of October, 1976, which continues to be the key document. It was circulated not only to the faculty but also to the trustees and administrative officers of the Seminary and gave rise to a succession of other documents and reports. The doctrinal issues have become a cause of concern within the Presbytery of Philadelphia and within other presbyteries, and among people of other denominations. In the Presbytery meeting of March 18, 1978 it was urged by some that the position of the paper of October, 1976 was not a settled position but a working theory which was open to modification; and also that it was in process of being considered and evaluated by the faculty of Westminster Seminary, a process for the end of which the Presbytery should wait. But by April 25, 1978 a majority of the faculty had come to the judgment, in a report to the Board of Trustees, that the position of the minister who is the author of the paper of October, 1976 was a position which had not been substantially changed. Moreover the report of the majority of the faculty came to the conclusion that that position did not contradict the system of doctrine taught in Holy Scripture and was within the bounds of the Westminster Standards. It is significant that this conclusion of the report of the majority of the faculty was rejected by the Board of Trustees on May 23, 1978. The controversy continues in the Seminary. But now there are members of the Presbytery who have become increasingly committed to that position, which the complainer considers erroneous, but which the Presbytery itself has not evaluated. The Presbytery's action of March 18, 1978, in blocking its own access to the paper of October, 1976, which it has never seen and never evaluated, has prevented the Presbytery from dealing with the preservation of the Church's testimony to the truth.

2. It is especially the words "and any testimony based upon it" (that is, upon the paper of October, 1976) which rule out all evidence in the entire issue, for as long as the issue continues. There have been many documents and discussions since the paper of October, 1976, both in favor of and against the position of that paper, but all presuppose that paper and may thus be considered as "testimony based upon it". All this subsequent testimony relates to the position at issue. But it is especially important to note that the Presbytery's action of March 18, 1978 deprives the Presbytery of any subsequent testimony on the issue, including any future testimony that has yet to appear.

3. Westminster Seminary exists to serve the Church. Although the Seminary is independent of ecclesiastical control its testimony is intended to be in agreement with that of the Church. Its faculty members are members of the Church and under the jurisdiction of the Church in respect to their doctrinal testimony, wherever they serve. Those faculty members who are members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church are under the jurisdiction of that Presbytery. In the present controversy there are ministers of that Presbytery who are deeply committed to opposite sides. Yet the Presbytery, by its action of March 18, 1978, has prevented itself from giving consideration to the doctrinal controversy which exists between members of the Presbytery. It has also prevented itself, and The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, from expressing the Church's testimony concerning doctrines held at Westminster Seminary, to which the Church looks for the training of its ministers.

4. It is the responsibility of every minister of the Presbytery to be open and candid in his testimony to the doctrines of the Word of God. For more than three years it has been held by some ministers of the Presbytery that a position taken by other
ministers is contrary to the Bible and the Westminster standards, and indeed contrary to the heart of the gospel. Yet many efforts by personal conferences, and by group study and reports within the Seminary have resulted not in a repudiation of errors but in a consolidation of support for that position which the complainant considers erroneous. The Presbytery has a duty to exercise proper discipline, and to resolve questions of doctrine seriously proposed. Every minister of the Presbytery is subject to its jurisdiction and discipline, and the Presbytery cannot grant immunity to any minister from that open expression, required of all, of the doctrinal positions he embraces or endorses. Nor can the Presbytery grant a minister the privilege of withholding from the Presbytery the doctrinal positions he has taken.

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For the above reasons, the amends sought are to reverse the action complained against in order to free the evidence, so that the Presbytery can deal with the doctrinal issue.

Arthur W. Kuschke, Complainant

Date: June 15, 1978.

On 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 opened with the singing of a hymn or psalm version.
Recess Friday after item 21 to permit temporary committees to meet, reconvening Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.
No session Saturday evening or all day Sunday.

Mr. Haney was elected Moderator on the third ballot. Mr. L. D. Conard welcomed Mr. Haney to the chair.

On amended motion the docket was adopted in the form prepared by the Clerk except that the report of the Committee to Propose a Publication would be considered following the report of the Committee on Christian Education, the report of the Committee on General Assembly Budget Fund Management would be considered following the report of the Committee on Pensions, and except for the substitution of dissolution of the Assembly not later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, for dissolution of the Assembly with a projected terminus of noon, Friday, May 25.

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. The Moderator led in prayer.

In accordance with Chapter XXXII, Section 3, of the Form of Government, the Assembly considered those amendments to the Form of Government proposed by the 45th General Assembly involving changes in the ordination vows (cf. Minutes, 45th General Assembly, pp. 128, 129).

On separate motions the amendments were adopted.

The Moderator declared that the amendments had been adopted and were in effect.
On separate motions the following amendments to the Standing Rules proposed by the 45th General Assembly were adopted:

a. Chapter VI, add the following: 9. Each standing or special committee that depends upon the General Assembly Budget Fund for its expenses shall include in its reports to the Assembly an estimate of its expenses for the ensuing year.

b. Chapter XII, amend as follows: Insert the word "Ordinarily" followed by a comma, before the words "travel compensation" at the beginning of the first sentence, and identify the resulting paragraph as Section 1. Add a new Section 2 to read as follows: "Commissioners who incur a loss of regular income in order to attend the General Assembly shall be given full travel compensation if they are in attendance on any five full days of Assembly business. Men in this category who attend for less than five full days shall lose travel compensation at the rate of 25% per day."

On motion it was determined that the following advisory and temporary committees be erected, that reports, overtures, communications, and a complaint 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**
Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and Communication 2, (except for the last paragraph).
Messrs. R. E. Vanden Burg, Bacon, Coie, Dobson, Dortzbach, Kickasola, S. F. Miller, and Parker.

**Advisory Committee #2**

**Advisory Committee #3**
Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.
Messrs. Claerbaut, Boermans, Jones, Stevenson, Stewart, Ten Haken, Watson, and Woolard.

**Advisory Committee #4**

**Advisory Committee #5**
Complaint 1, Communications 4 and 6, and Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.
Messrs. Jerrell, DeMaster, Edwards, Elliott, Freeman, Hall, King, MacDonald, and Solis.

**Advisory Committee #6 (not used)**

**Advisory Committee #7**
Messrs. Steever, Buikema, Dorsch, Morrison, and Morse.
Advisory Committee #8
Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, Report of the Committee on RES Matters (parts IV and V only), and Overtures 2, 4, and 5.

Advisory Committee #9

Advisory Committee #10
Messrs. Olson, Atallah, Commeret, Coppes, Gaffin, Haug, Rist, and Schnitzel.

Advisory Committee #11 (not used)

Advisory Committee #12
Recommendation 2 of the Committee on Overtures and Communications to the 45th G.A., Report of the Committee on Race, Report of the Committee on RES Matters (except parts IV and V), Report of the Missions Correspondent for the RES, Overture 1, and Communication 1.
Messrs. Greer, McGovern, McKenzie, Peterson, Plummer, Rogers, Stonehouse, and Tolsma.

Committee on Overtures and Communications
Report of the Orthodox Presbyterian Members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel, Overture 6, Communication 2 (last paragraph only), Communication 8 (part 6 only), Communication 13, and Stated Clerk’s recommendation 2.

Committee on Presbyterial Records

Committee on Standing Committee Records
Messrs. N. J. Lodge, Doe, Dorman, Eppinger, Hubenthal, and McIlhenny.

Committee on General Assembly Fund Review
Messrs. L. D. Conard and Mitchell.

Committee on Date, Place and Travel
Messrs. D. E. Johnson (regular member), and McElwain and Vandenbroek (temporary members).

Overture 3 was to be acted upon following erection of advisory committees and Communication 7 was to be acted upon at the time of the Report of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards.

Mr. Boomsma, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church, addressed the Assembly.

Concerning Overture 3, it was moved and carried to grant fifteen minutes to the Presbytery of New Jersey, at a point selected by the Moderator, to present the work of the Boardwalk Chapel.

The Assembly recessed at 11:15 a.m. following prayer led by Mr. Jones.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19

The Assembly reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Wondrous King, all-glorious." Mr. Edwards led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18, were approved as corrected.

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Eric K. Perrin, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. On motion, Mr. Perrin was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Dr. Elder introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Thomas R. Patete, Acting Executive Director of Great Commission Publications.

Mr. D. E. Johnson presented a further report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL

Requests for excuse from sessions after 3 p.m. Thursday, May 24, are rendered unnecessary by the Assembly's action to set its latest time of dissolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. The Committee recommends that the following commissioners be excused for absence, as indicated, without loss of travel compensation:
   a. The Rev. David Cummings from Thursday and Friday morning, May 17-18, due to pressing pastoral needs.
   c. The Rev. Victor B. Atallah, from Saturday afternoon, May 19, to be conference speaker at the Ohio Presbyterial Missions Conference.
   d. Elder Jon W. Stevenson, Thursday, May 24, to meet obligations as director of the Boardwalk Chapel.
2. The Committee recommends that commissioners who have submitted valid travel vouchers by the noon recess on Monday, May 21, be reimbursed for travel according to the following schedule:
   a. Those traveling by public transportation be reimbursed the full cost of their fare, as reported, to the nearest dollar.
   b. Those traveling by car as passengers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.02 per mile to the nearest dollar.
   c. Those traveling by car as drivers be reimbursed to the nearest dollar at the rate of $0.125 per mile, plus $0.02 per mile for each passenger in his vehicle who is eligible to receive travel compensation, provided that the driver shall not receive an amount greater than the combined cost of standard, round-trip tourist air fare for himself and his passengers, or for himself, if traveling alone, unless the committee approves the reason(s) for the use of the car in travel.
3. The Committee recommends that commissioners who apply for it be reimbursed up to $5 per day for expenses incurred at the Assembly; and that commissioners staying at the college beyond the duration of the Assembly in order to maintain economy air fare arrangements be reimbursed $5 for each additional day indicated on their travel vouchers.

No Invitations Have Been Received for the 47th General Assembly.

On separate motions recommendations 1. a., b., c., d., 2; and 3 were adopted.

The Moderator requested Mr. Mitchell to serve as parliamentarian.

Mr. Stonehouse, 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 following were on the foreign missionary rolls of the church at the end of the year:

ACTIVE

Egypt
The Rev. and Mrs. George R. Cottenden

Japan
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. Young J. Son

Lebanon
The Rev. and Mrs. Victor B. Atallah
The Rev. John S. Mason

Pakistan
Grietje S. Rietkerk, M.D.
Cornelia J. Van Galen, R.N.

Taiwan
The Rev. and Mrs. Egbert W. Andrews
The Rev. and Mrs. Steven R. Hake
The Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Marshall
The Rev. and Mrs. Lendall H. Smith

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Sandra M. Campbell, R.N.
The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Steltzer, Jr.

EMERITUS
The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff
The Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt
The Rev. and Mrs. R. Heber McI1waine

The Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male completed a special part-time assignment in Egypt in March, 1978.
The Rev. John P. Galbraith completed thirty years of service as the General Secretary of the Committee and retired at the end of the year. He was made General Secretary Emeritus and was appointed to serve as Representative-at-Large. A retirement dinner was held in his honor on February 27, 1979 and he was presented with a plaque which reads:

To John P. Galbraith
General Secretary 1948-1978

Presented by the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church upon his retirement as General Secretary, to express its appreciation and thanks to God for the faithful service and dedication of this servant John P. Galbraith as General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions from October, 1948 to December, 1978 and to acknowledge his contributions and leadership to the worldwide propagation of the Reformed Faith.

The Rev. Laurence N. Vail served the entire year as Assistant General Secretary, was called by the Committee on Foreign Missions to be the General Secretary, and began his service on January 1, 1979.

The Rev. and Mrs. Atallah returned to the United States from Beirut, Lebanon, because of unsettled political conditions, Mrs. Atallah’s pregnancy, and the need for Mr. Atallah to be present in person in order to make final application for his United States citizenship. They arrived in this country on October 26, 1978 and are residing in Urbana, Illinois. The Committee decided not to send the Atallahs back to Lebanon until conditions are more settled there, and to seek an experienced man to work in Lebanon with Mr. Atallah when political conditions permit.

The Committee also decided to withdraw the Rev. Mr. Mason from Lebanon and to decide at a future time when and where he would be sent to serve. He arrived back in the United States on January 13, 1979, and is residing temporarily in Willow Grove, Pa.

The Committee appointed Dr. Rietkerk and Miss VanGalen to serve for one year at a Conservative Baptist Hospital in Shikarpur, Pakistan, as replacements for missionaries on furlough. They returned to the United States on February 23, 1979, and with Miss Campbell await the decision of the Committee whether to send them to Pakistan to work with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, or to Kenya to work with the Kenya Mission, of World Presbyterian Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

The Rev. and Mrs. Smith and their children arrived in this country from Taiwan on July 2, 1978 for a one-year furlough. They plan to return to Taiwan at the end of June. The Rev. and Mrs. English and their children are scheduled to come home in July for a one-year furlough.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews suffered a stroke on January 11, 1979 which paralyzed his right side. He has made good progress in recovering, but is planning to retire this spring from missionary service on Taiwan. He had planned to retire in 1980.
Egypt

During the first quarter of 1978 there were two families working in Egypt, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male and the Rev. and Mrs. George R. Cottenden and their children, David and Susan. The Males returned to the United States from their special part-time ministry in Egypt on March 28.

The Males were originally given a two-year temporary appointment to serve in Lebanon, and arrived in Beirut on September 21, 1974. They returned to the United States in July 1975, intending to go back to Lebanon in October. But when the political situation made that impossible, they were sent instead to Egypt in December. They have been serving in Egypt until this year, while spending their summers in the United States.

The Committee adopted the following resolution of thanks to God for the missionary service of the Males:

WHEREAS after being retired from a lifetime of service to the Lord in home missions, pastorates, and Christian school teaching, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Benson Male were given grace by God to respond to the call of Christ through The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to serve as missionaries first in Lebanon and then in Egypt,

AND WHEREAS while serving Christ in Lebanon for one year, Mr. Male was instrumental both in organizing the Middle East Reformed Fellowship for the propagation of the Reformed faith and for strengthening the Reformed witness in the Middle East, and in forming the first congregation of the Reformed Church of Lebanon; and made many personal contacts for the gospel with Christians and non-Christians;

AND WHEREAS when it became impossible to return to Lebanon, the Males went instead to Egypt, and while there were used greatly by God to strengthen the Evangelical Churches and pastors, oversee the translation and publication of Reformed literature, train students in the Reformed faith and minister to a congregation in Alexandria;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this the twenty-seventh day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen-hundred and seventy-eight that the Committee on Foreign Missions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church hereby give thanks to our faithful covenant God for blessing the church of the Lord Jesus Christ with the inspiring example and fruitful labors of these His servants to the praise of the glory of His grace.

While both missionaries were present on the field, Mr. Cottenden carried on the ministry of the Alexandria Community Church and Mr. Male the Christian Fellowship Center. During the rest of the year Mr. Cottenden was responsible for all meetings of both ministries. In none of these activities does the Mission function in its own name, but always as the guest of the various churches and organizations with which it works. The ministries in which the missionaries were involved are as follows:
Alexandria Community Church

This is one of the two churches serving the relatively small foreign English-speaking community in Alexandria. The other is Anglican. The work was undertaken by Mr. Male at the invitation of the church, and continued by Mr. Cottenden. He serves as pastor for an indefinite period of time, subject to the wishes of the congregation and church council. During the year the church paid a portion of his salary, amounting to an average of approximately $215 a month, thus reducing the cost to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Early in the year Mr. Cottenden prepared for the Mission a set of goals and plans for the church. These have been partially implemented. The membership roll has been reconstituted and several amendments to the Constitution have been effected, particularly in the area of doctrinal commitment. The church now uses the Trinity Hymnal in its worship. There has been a generally good response to the preaching and teaching ministry. The Sunday school consists of an adult class taught by Mr. Cottenden and a youth class taught jointly by Mrs. Cottenden and a teacher from the Schutz School. Two of the Schutz school teachers who are a part of the congregation lead a youth meeting for Schutz high school students on Tuesday nights, but it is very poorly attended. A Vacation Bible School was held for one week during the summer with an average of 15 students and 5 teachers in attendance.

The work has lacked the effectiveness which it might have had because Mr. Cottenden has been able to devote little time to pastoral work. He teaches an adult Bible class, leads a mid-week Bible study, and preaches each week, but is unable to do much visiting or counselling. This church is the only regular evangelical witness to the English-speaking foreign community in Alexandria. The abandonment of this work would probably lead to its assumption by non-Reformed or even non-evangelical groups or individuals. Therefore it seems imperative to maintain this work and to add to the Mission someone whom the church might be willing to accept as pastor, or who could free Mr. Cottenden to devote to the church the amount of time originally agreed upon.

Christian Fellowship Center

The work of the Center consists of a Bible Study and recreation time on Friday evening and a worship service followed by refreshments on Sunday evening. This work has had two goals: to provide opportunity for Christian growth for those university students who will some day be leaders in their home countries (especially Sudan, Nigeria and Sierra Leone), and to open up lines of communication with church leaders in their home countries through the students. Some Egyptians also attend the meetings, but the strategic interest has been in the Africans. Lack of time, communication difficulties, and, during the first part of the year, visa restrictions on entering Sudan, kept the Mission from fruitful contact with African church leaders. With the exception of one student from Sierra Leone, only Sudanese students now attend. Some of the students who have stopped coming are from Roman Catholic background; and have indicated that they did not think they should attend Protestant services. Some students simply plead too heavy an academic schedule. (University students in Egypt have school on Sunday.)

Ragib Basha Bible Institute

Classes are held every Tuesday evening in the Church of God in Ragib Basha. While Mr. Male was in Egypt, he taught a class in the Westminster Shorter Catechism and Mr. Cottenden taught an introductory course in Biblical theology. With Mr. Male's departure Mr. Cottenden completed his course and then took over the catechism course. A Canadian Christian taught a class in the Epistle to the Galatians. When he finished, a believer from Sweden taught a course in the Epistle to the Hebrews. The
pastor teaches the third course which is related to evangelistic follow-up and children's work. All of the students come from outside of the Evangelical (i.e. Presbyterian) Church. Attendance has dropped from its high point early in the year, but has leveled off at approximately fifteen committed students. Except for occasional preaching engagements, this constitutes our main ministry to the non-Presbyterian Arabic-speaking community, and it is enthusiastically received. There is evident an increasing grasp of the Reformed faith.

**Cairo Bible Study**

During the first half of the year Mr. Cottenden taught a class on the “High Priesthood of Christ in the Epistle to the Hebrews” to a small group of university students in the Ezbekia Evangelical Church (Cairo) two Thursday evenings a month. The press of responsibilities in Alexandria, coupled with the small size of the class in Cairo, dictated the discontinuation of this class at mid-year.

**Ibrahimieh Evangelical Church, Alexandria**

In the Autumn Mr. Cottenden began a class in the Shorter Catechism twice a month. This class is held during the preliminary portion of the university youth meeting. This is the most active youth meeting among the Evangelical Churches in Alexandria, and is the only one with a vision for reaching out with the gospel beyond the borders of Coptic Christianity.

**Fairhaven Bible Institute**

In October a small Bible school was started at Fairhaven, the Conference Center of the Palais Evangelical Church, and Mr. Cottenden was invited to teach. It is hoped that some day this will have standing as a branch of the evening school of the Evangelical Seminary in Cairo. It has quasiofficial status in that the coordinator serves on the Seminary Board and the Dean of the Seminary teaches a New Testament survey course. Mr. Cottenden teaches Old Testament Survey. The students, numbering about 15, come for three hours each Friday morning. This group is drawn from both the Evangelical Church and the non-Presbyterian churches. This work may ultimately allow access to the theological education process of the Evangelical Church and give an opportunity to influence that process.

**Publishing Work**

This year saw significant progress in publishing. A joint publishing agreement was established with the publishing house of the Evangelical Church. A committee composed of four men from this church and Mr. Cottenden was formed to oversee the selection, translation and printing of books. A committee of three men from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was established in the United States to give suggestions, help decide what books should be published, and publicize the work. During the year the following books have been printed in Arabic: *Do You Believe?*, E. J. Young; *The Sovereignty of God*, John Murray; Catechism for Young Children; Westminster Confession of Faith; and *The Shorter Catechism*, Vol. II, G. I. Williamson. At year's end work was under way on *Baptism and Fulness* by John Stott, and *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos. The publishing projects are a key factor in our total work in Egypt. They represent our greatest opportunity for long-term impact. It is encouraging, therefore, to see this work established on a more permanent basis.

**Language Study**

Although the Committee had not decided to enter Egypt as a permanent field for mission work, and therefore did not expect the missionaries there to become proficient
in Arabic, nevertheless an ability to converse in the national language is almost a necessity. For most of the year Mr. Cottenden found time for only two hours of language study per week. Mrs. Cottenden has not taken any class work for most of this time.

**Other Activities**

Mr. Cottenden has spoken in various churches in Alexandria and Cairo, and at the hospital in Tanta. Mrs. Cottenden, in addition to household duties, teaches the youth Sunday School class, carries on extensive correspondence with the churches, and conducts an arts and crafts class at their apartment on Tuesday afternoons.

**Evaluation**

Since its inception the Mission has sought to explore the various possibilities open to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for service in Egypt. Certain things have become clear about the advisability of expanding the work there:

1. Numerous opportunities are available.
2. Our presence and work have been well received by the churches.
3. There is a unique role which the O.P.C. can play.
4. There is an opportunity to work in Egypt now which may not be present in the future.

Egypt is the largest Arab country. That in itself would make it significant as a place in which to work. But it also has the largest Christian population. Presbyterians make up the largest protestant group, and the Presbyterian or Evangelical Church is fairly conservative theologically. There are numerous openings for working with these and other churches. The type of witness borne by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is welcome among most of the Evangelical pastors in Egypt.

Many parachurch groups are beginning work or expanding existing work in Egypt. Some of these are doing an excellent job, while the work of others is of questionable value. However, no other group is deliberately trying to strengthen the Reformed character of the Evangelical Church or to move any of the other churches in a Reformed direction. Our goal must be broader than that, but that will provide a foundation which is lacking in other groups. With the increasing militancy of Islam, and with the inherent instability of government in this part of the world, we cannot assume an indefinite open door. Although there are complications to working in Egypt such as the work permit problem, the best opportunity for a long time may be right now. At present the door is open.

**JAPAN**

The most populous and most needy of our Orient mission fields has the fewest missionaries. Two families served in Japan for part of the year, and only one for the whole year. The Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto lived and worked in the Sendai area for the entire year, while the Rev. and Mrs. David M. Moore with their children were in the United States on furlough until June. They arrived back in Japan on July 7 after attending the Inter-Mission Conference on Taiwan. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Senter from the Omaha Orthodox Presbyterian Church served as missionary associates in Yamagata during the latter part of the year where they were engaged in teaching the older four Moore children. Mark Rist from the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Va. served as a missionary assistant in Sendai for the first part of the year.
Yamagata

During the furlough of the Moore family, the Rev. and Mrs. Kuzuhiko Yaegashi conducted the Yamagata Chapel work. Mr. Yaegashi is a minister of the Presbyterian Church in America. Mrs. Yaegashi is Mr. Moore's sister. The chapel work flourished under the ministry of Mr. Yaegashi with large increases in attendance, membership and giving. Now with the Moores back in Yamagata the work has been strengthened. However, near the end of the year two serious internal problems developed in the chapel. Mr. Moore and Mr. Yaegashi are seeking to minister to those involved and bring about reconciliation. Plans are being formed for starting another chapel work in an outlying area of Yamagata.

Sendai

The primary work is centered in the Nakayama Chapel which meets in the Uomoto home. A regular schedule of worship services, mid-week Bible study and Sunday school is carried on. There has been little growth in attendance or membership.

A new children's work has been started in the new community center of the Sakuragaoka (Cherry Hill) section. But restrictions on advertising and occasional cancellations due to other groups having preference for the meeting place have been barriers to growth. A Bible class is held twice a month in the home of one of the families. It appears that the wife has now become a Christian while her husband remains an interested listener.

The Uomotos use Christian hospitality as an effective means for gathering in contacts and getting Bible studies started. Mr. Uomoto has a growing ministry of conducting Bible studies in the home of families. Mr. Uomoto also engages in teaching cooperative Bible studies with other chapels of the Reformed Church in Japan. Cooperative tract distribution is conducted regularly with pastors and evangelists of the Reformed Church in Japan, as well as individually by the Uomotos in several sections of Nakayama.

Ishinomaki

Attendance and membership increased slightly at this chapel partially supported by the Japan Mission. Finances manage to keep fairly even. Mr. Shiratsu, the pastor, participates in the radio broadcast of the Christian Reformed Church Japan Mission, and a favorable response has been received.

Fukushima

The chapel here, which is also partially supported by our Mission, continues to struggle to make an impact on the community but with little success. There are 11 adults and 5 children in the membership and average attendance at worship services was 10. A Sunday school was started during the year. The pastor, Mr. Inui, is also assisting in the formation of another chapel work in Koriyama.

Diaconal Aid

During the year diaconal assistance was given to churches that suffered damage, one from a fire and the other from an earthquake. The Japan Mission was able to render much assistance to individual Christians who were affected by severe earthquakes in the Sendai area.

Evaluation

Although growth is generally slow in our mission work as well as in the Reformed Church in Japan, nevertheless there are encouraging signs especially in the Yamagata area and also in Shogen and Tsurugaya where evangelistic efforts are conducted regularly. The Japan Mission sees much work to be done, and has urged the Committee to send out more workers.
KOREA

The Korea Mission is composed of three families, the Englishes with four children, the Hards, and the Sons with six children. All were on the field for the whole year, although the Hards were in the United States for about six weeks during their summer vacation, and while Mr. Hard attended meetings in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Englishes and Hards live and work in the Pusan area, while the Sons are located in Seoul. In obedience to the great commission the Korea Mission has sought to conduct a full and well-rounded ministry including preaching, teaching, audio-visual work, literature ministries and diaconal involvement, all aimed at planting the church of the Lord Jesus by means of evangelism and discipling.

Preaching

All of the missionaries carried on an active and varied ministry of the Word through preaching. The content of sermons, though largely evangelistic, was varied to meet the needs of particular audiences. A wide variety of locations, occasions and spiritual needs required each missionary to exercise much spiritual wisdom in the selection of texts and development of themes. Locations were varied with greater concentration in the north and northeast regions, and in the southeast of the Korean peninsula. A long-term effort was made by Mr. Son in Ue Sa Ri toward the establishment of a new church where none existed, but most preaching was done in a relatively short time, with a few four or five-day campaigns during school vacations. Circumstances ranged from large city churches to small country ones, army bases, student rallies, remote leper patient villages and schools. To such varied audiences Mr. English preached 113 times (85% in Korean). Mr. Hard preached and spoke a combined total of 113 times (93% in Korean); and Mr. Son preached 73 times. Mr. Son's available time was decreased by an illness which required surgery, and by a time-consuming household move in May from Taejon to Seoul.

Audio-Visual Ministries

Audio-visuals are usually employed as an adjunct to preaching. Mr. English has worked hard to build up supplies of audio-visual materials, and is striving to make films, filmstrips, flannelgraphs and projectors readily available to Korean churches from a central location. He is also training workers to help with this ministry. Mr. English reports 146 film showings (34 of them by a student assistant) and Mr. Hard a total of 69 film and filmstrip showings. A total audience of over 40,000 is projected from available figures. Each person received a message with a gospel thrust along with a presentation of God's power, love and providential care.

Teaching

Through teaching in institutions designed to train people for ministering, the missionaries in Korea are multiplying their evangelism and discipling functions. Mr. Hard taught a total of 22 hours for the year, Mr. English 16 hours and Mr. Son 16 hours. Each taught in two or three different institutions, including seminaries and Bible institutes, located in Pusan and Seoul, serving both the Kosin and Hapdong Presbyterian churches. Mrs. Hard taught a three-hour course on education (in English) at the Koryu graduate school in Pusan. Each one sought to make a unique contribution in an area of subject matter not being covered by others.

Literature

Publication of literature in the Korean language and book sales ministries give our missionaries a wide, ongoing and effective ministry of the Word. Publication is carried on through the Korea Society for Reformed Faith and Action. Mr. Hard is deeply involved in this ministry and has labored for 10 years to complete the publication of a
Dictionary of Theology which was received from the press at year’s end. Mr. English supervised the printing of The Shorter Catechism by G. I. Williamson. Three other books were also published in 1978. Mr. Son is working on a translation of Broadus’s Preparation and delivery of Sermons, and also translated and printed a portion of Bavinck’s Introduction to the Science of Missions.

Mr. English’s CLASP ministry (Christian Literature Asia Service Project) selling English language theological books to students and professors had a total sale of $27,000 at wholesale prices.

Mr. Hard has also been engaged in library work, beginning and augmenting small libraries in two seminary branches, three Bible institutes, 17 churches, and two military bases. In addition he continued to oversee the library at the Korea Theological Seminary in Pusan adding 1700 volumes in 1978. He also moved the Christian Reading Room to a new location and arranged with a Korean church to take on greater responsibility for it.

Mr. Hard had five articles published in various periodicals, and Mr. English worked on revisions of two of his study guides.

Relief Work

Although the need for such assistance continues to diminish, nevertheless the Korea Mission’s diaconal ministries did serve in a helpful way during 1978. Monthly rations of food were distributed to eleemosynary institutions, visits and surveys were made at orphanages and leprosaria, and funds from the Diaconal Ministries Committee were disbursed. This work is centered in the southern part of the country, and was done mostly by Messrs. English and Hard.

Other Activities

Mrs. English continued to teach her four sons their full school curriculum with her husband helping her in science. All of the missionary wives were frequently engaged in showing hospitality to international and local visitors. They also helped with mission record keeping. All of the Korea Mission members attended the Inter-Mission Conference on Taiwan for which Mr. Hard prepared a paper.

Evaluation

Although the Korea Mission is reluctant to make a critical evaluation of the work of the individual missionaries, nevertheless each of the men did engage in a careful and lengthy self-evaluation, seeking to measure his ministry in the light of the Mission’s stated objectives of evangelism, discipling, church planting and church strengthening. The Mission discerned a need for one or more unordained workers to give assistance in library, literature, and secretarial work, freeing the ordained missionaries for more evangelistic work. Unordained workers were sought but as yet none suited for Korea have been found. One of the missionaries has also expressed a need for more missionaries to help train Korean candidates for foreign missions service.

LEBANON

This small nation with its strategic location for missions in the Middle East, especially to the Arabic-speaking Muslims, experienced a destructive renewal of its civil war during 1978. After the Atallahs found it necessary to return to the United States in October, the Committee decided in December to suspend its work in Lebanon temporarily and to request Mr. Mason to return also to the United States.
During the year, before his return to this country, Mr. Atallah was engaged in an evangelistic ministry of personal witness and Bible studies looking toward the formation of an indigenous church. Mrs. Atallah was active in teaching, witnessing and providing hospitality. The Lord was granting some fruit as a result of this combined ministry and a worship service in Arabic was started. However, most of Mr. Atallah's evangelistic contacts and Bible studies where in the area of Beirut that was surrounded, isolated and partly destroyed. Therefore, Mr. Atallah found himself largely cut off from contact with and ministry to these people.

Although Mr. Mason was primarily occupied with the study of Arabic, he did find time to carry on a ministry with students and conduct the English language worship services. Attendance at these services built up to an average of 28 a week early in the year but as fighting intensified, most of the English speaking community left Beirut, travel within the city became very difficult and attendance dropped. Mr. Mason finally stopped holding services in October.

Even though the Committee has found it necessary to suspend the Church's work in Lebanon for now, it has expressed its intention to resume mission work there when circumstances permit it, and is seeking an experienced man to joint with Mr. Atallah in that ministry.

PAKISTAN

On February 14, 1978 the Committee appointed Grietje S. Rietkerk, M.D. and Cornelia J. Van Galen, R.N. to serve for a year at the Shikarpur Christian Hospital in Pakistan operated by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society. The hospital limits its ministry to women and children and specializes in the care of women with difficulties in giving birth to children. Ample opportunity was provided to the missionaries for a personal witness to the patients through English-speaking national nurses. Some fruits from the hospital's evangelism efforts were apparent during the time that our missionaries served there.

In addition to their missionary medical work, Dr. Rietkerk and Miss Van Galen had an opportunity to survey the mission work of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Pakistan as a possibility for a cooperative mission endeavor. For several reasons, the medical missionaries, with the assistance of the General Secretary who visited them in August, concluded that a cooperative work with the Kenya Mission of World Presbyterian Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, would be preferable. The medical missionaries looked over the Kenya field on their return to the United States in February, 1979.

Glowing tributes and commendations have been received from the General Secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society and from the Shikarpur Christian Hospital staff for the work of the medical missionaries in Pakistan.

TAIWAN

During 1978 economic and industrial development continued on the island with its consequent urbanization and population movement. Then the blow fell leaving Taiwan in a state of shock. On December 15 President Carter announced the switch in relations from the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the People's Republic of China (the communist Chinese mainland) to take place on January 1, 1979, and the abrogation of the mutual defense treaty between the United States and Taiwan to become effective January 1, 1980.
The people of Taiwan are calm but in a state of shock and foreboding. Most have followed their government's example of being friendly to individual Americans while protesting the American government's action. The building boom has temporarily stopped, and the stock market which cascaded during the first few days after the announcement has been put under control. What the permanent effects of the change will be for the prosperity and peace of the island, and the prospects for continued freedom to preach the gospel, await the action of the American legislature.

**Personnel and Ministries**

There are five missionary families in our Taiwan Mission. Four were on the field throughout the year. The Rev. and Mrs. Lendall Smith were there for the first half of the year before their furlough. During that time Mr. Smith's primary responsibility continued to be in the Chung Ming congregation in Taichung. He preached there monthly, met twice a week with the pastor, Mr. P'an, for discussion, study and prayer. He also did some evangelistic calling, and helped the young people with their neighborhood evangelistic meetings for children. He instructed a communicant's class of six young people and baptized them upon their profession of faith. Altogether Mr. Smith preached 17 times in Taiwanese to six different congregations of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and delivered four messages in English to various types of audiences. In addition to their normal activities and getting ready for furlough, the Smiths were very busy preparing for the Inter-Mission Conference in June.

Three of the families continued during the year to have as their primary responsibility the study of the Taiwanese dialect. The Mission is pleased with the progress all have made, and with the use they have made with what they are learning. Both the Rev. Robert L. Marshall and the Rev. Steven R. Hake have preached for the first time in Taiwanese, and very acceptably according to report. Mr. Marshall has visited most of the congregations in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He has also stayed overnight in the homes of most of the Taiwanese-speaking pastors with a view to establishing a close relationship with them and becoming acquainted with their needs. Mr. Hake has started meeting regularly with Mr. P'an of the Chung Ming church for study and prayer and also goes with him for neighborhood evangelism. He has given a number of talks in Taiwanese to young people.

The Rev. and Mrs. Egbert Andrews were engaged in a ministry in connection with the two Kaohsiung chapels during the first half of the year. Mr. Andrews was primarily concerned with preaching, teaching and leadership training, while Mrs. Andrews assisted in visitation. Health problems brought some of their activities to an end at mid-year. Throughout the year Mr. Andrews taught systematic theology at the Reformed Theological College in Taipei. In the second quarter he was heavily involved in preparing for the Inter-Mission Conference, writing a paper for the conference and carrying on much correspondence.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. William Oppelaar are associate missionaries from Australia sent by the Reformed Churches of New Zealand to work with our Taiwan Mission. Mr. Oppelaar, who served a previous term on Taiwan working in the Mandarin dialect, is now studying Taiwanese. He took charge of the administration of the Reformed Gospel Bookroom at midyear.

Miss Wilma Siebenga, a member of our Pittsburgh, Pa. church, came to Taiwan in August and began her service as the first regular Missionary Associate there. She has been teaching in the Hsinchu branch of the Morrison Christian Academy. In addition, she has been taking two hours of study each week in the national Chinese language. She worships with one of the Reformed Presbyterian congregations in Hsinchu where she conducts a weekly English Bible study with young people. She is able to witness regularly to individuals and also to the weekly women's English class which she teaches.
Language

The Mission has continued, during the year, to implement its longstanding objective of having its members do their basic work in the Taiwanese dialect. The purpose of this policy is to enable the missionaries to minister to the congregations with which they are most closely affiliated, all of which use Taiwanese, and also to enable them to have the most effective rapport with 98% of the Minnan Chinese who are without Christ. It continues to be the policy of the Mission to have its members gain use eventually of the National Chinese language also, but not until each member has a good control of Taiwanese.

Chapels and Churches Affiliated with the Taiwan Mission

1. Hsin-Ai Chapel (Kaohsiung)
   Attendance at the Hsin-Ai chapel has continued to decline over the past two years largely due to the pastor’s announced intention to emigrate to the United States, and using a large part of his time to prepare for it. The congregation has requested and was granted a postponement until July, 1979 to begin repayment on the capital and interest of a $16,000 building loan from the Committee on Foreign Missions.

2. Hsin-Hsing Chapel (Kaohsiung)
   Attendance at this chapel is about the same as last year. Offerings, however, have increased by about one half. The Rev. Yap Sin-yi, the pastor, has continued to suffer from ulcers and has avoided surgery. He runs a taxi and witnesses to the passengers. Another taxi driver was converted and burned his idols. He now witnesses to his passengers and has brought a number to church. Four taxi drivers are now affiliated with the Chapel. Mr. Yap plans to start another chapel in the Ta She industrial area.

3. Chung Ming Church (Taichung)
   Attendance at all meetings of the Church remained about the same as last year. The Church has maintained regular monthly repayments on its building loan received from the Committee on Foreign Missions.

4. Hsin-Sheng Church (San Chung)
   Attendance has averaged about the same as last year with the exception of the evening service which has grown significantly. A new loan was granted to this church last year to enable the church to enlarge its auditorium which is now filled beyond capacity.

5. Hsin-Hsin Church (San Chung)
   The church has fully paid off the first loan from the Committee on Foreign Missions and is making regular payments on the second. A kindergarten of 350 children is conducted by the pastor’s family using the church’s facilities.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Taiwan

The Mission has continued to have as one of its goals the reconciliation of the two presbyteries of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, with which it works. Encouragement for the attainment of such reconciliation came during the year as members of both presbyteries, in increasing numbers, have been meeting together monthly for prayer, confessing their sins and seeking forgiveness. A set back came, however, when members of the Second Presbytery were dissatisfied with the speakers at the joint youth conference and decided to have their own next year.
Another matter for distress has been the loss of five ministers during the year who left the denomination, one from the original presbytery and four from the second presbytery. Two were gained from outside the denomination during the year. Only one student is presently studying in seminary.

Cooperation

The Fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed Missionaries on Taiwan held four meetings during the year. Presbyterian Church in America missionaries attended the last three meetings. Discussions were held on how to cooperate in the production and distribution of Reformed literature, and also cooperation in theological education.

Inter-Mission Conference

A conference was conducted near Taipei for one week in June with all Orthodox Presbyterian missionaries from Taiwan, Korea and Japan present, and the General Secretary, Mr. Galbraith. Missionaries from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, Christian Reformed Church, Presbyterian Church in America and Korean Presbyterian Church were also present and participated. Several papers were presented and discussed. During one session all the missionaries from each country met together and formed plans for cooperation and joint meetings. One day of the conference, the pastors of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Taiwan were invited to come and participate. A similar conference was requested to meet in Japan in 1981.

MANUAL

A missions manual has finally been produced, adopted, printed, and put into operation. The manual has chapters on historical background and purpose, operating principles, the Committee, the missionary, the mission, candidates and miscellaneous policies. It also has a lengthy supplement giving full information on our mission fields, missionary salaries, allowances and terms, personnel, and cooperative agreements with other bodies, along with other items.

Many changes have been instituted, because new policies became effective when the manual was adopted. Administrative structure has been altered with an executive committee now in operation, and with more authority and autonomy for subcommittees. Greater detail has been provided in all policies, and the missionaries and candidates will have ready guidance in a concise and available form. It is expected that the manual will also prove useful for recruiting purposes, and for aiding the churches in missions education.

FINANCES

During 1978 contributions to the Committee’s General Fund were $407,624 of which $286,612 (70.4%) was attributable to Orthodox Presbyterian sources. These amounts compare with 1977 contributions as follows:

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The Committee calls attention to the fact that the percentage of the total budget which has been contributed by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has declined over the last three years and is lower now than in 1973. Even though receipts from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church have increased from 1973 to 1978 for which we praise the Lord, nevertheless the percentage has declined from 72.0% to 70.4% of the total budget.

The Committee received 111.1% of the amount allotted to it by the General Assembly in the Combined Budget for 1978. In addition, $7,350 was received from the Presbytery of New Jersey for the support of the Marshalls on Taiwan. The Committee also received large amounts for missionary support from sources outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as follows (to the nearest thousand dollars):

Classis Eureka, Reformed Church in the U.S. .................... $20,000
Missions Homefront Foundation of Holland ...................... 3,000
Several local churches from other denominations .............. 37,000

Expenditures of $414,459 from the General Fund for 1978 exceeded the budget of $388,646 by $25,813 (6.6%). Additional expenses may be accounted for as follows:
- Dollar devaluation with consequent unfavorable currency exchange rates especially in Japan, 1977 travel expenses carried over to 1978, unplanned travel expenses in 1978, and 1979 educational expenses paid in 1978. Although the Committee had planned for a General Fund deficit of $35,000 for 1978, both receipts and expenses exceeded expectations, resulting in a net deficit of $12,104.

Three special funds had net increases for 1978 as follows:
- Capital Fund ................................ $25,177
- Price Literature Fund .......................... 2,105
- Missionary Memorial Fund .................... 2,012

These additions increased the Committee's net worth from $595,535 in 1977 to $611,933 at the end of 1978.

SCHEDULE OF MISSIONARY TERMS, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES

The Committee made changes in its schedule for missionaries' terms, salaries and allowances during 1978. The complete schedule with changes is presented below:

Terms
- Married—Option of four or five years on field
  - Furlough after four-year term—eleven months
  - Furlough after five-year term—thirteen months
  - Four-year term requires two years' advance notice to the Committee
- Single—Three years on field, six months furlough

Salaries—Monthly

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A missionary is entitled to full salary and allowances whether or not he receives Social Security retirement benefits. The Controller will investigate how such a person may receive maximum income.
Salary Supplements

1. Cost of Living and Dollar Exchange
   On recommendation of a Mission the Committee may supplement missionaries' salaries on the field to offset the adverse effects of rises in the cost of living and dollar exchange rates.

2. Furlough Supplement—50% of base salary and child allowances

3. Housing and Utilities—100%

4. Medical Costs—100%

5. Dental Costs—50%

6. Optical Costs—50% (excluding contact lenses except in case of removal of cataracts)

7. Field Vacation Allowance—annually during term on field. Toward expenses of vacation if away from area of residence.
   a. Married missionaries—$300 per family
      Single missionaries—$150
   b. The Committee will also be responsible for protection of the missionary's residence during such vacation, the necessity and amount of such expense to be determined by the Mission.
   c. Vacation allowances shall be prorated for such vacations of less than one month. The Committee regards the free time given to a missionary during a one-year furlough as providing the necessary break from missionary routine to satisfy the vacation policy concerning time and allowance for missionaries who travel to and from the field during each of the summers in which such travel takes place.

8. Travel on Field—All except personal.

9. Travel To and From Field—All (also, see Child Allowance).


11. Social Security Tax—50% if elected. Otherwise, an equivalent amount will be invested in the Retirement Equity Fund of the Pension Plan.

12. Income Tax on Field—100%

13. Dependent Children—Allowances
   a. Ages up to 12, $360 annually; ages 13-17, $480 annually; ages 18-21, $600 annually.
   b. A child shall be regarded as dependent until the 19th birthday, and thereafter only if he is engaged in an educational program, but not after the 22nd birthday or four years of college, whichever comes first; or if not in such a program he shall be regarded as dependent only for medically-certified disability/medical reasons. A child shall not be regarded as dependent if married.
   c. Allowances and expenses for children in excess of five shall be limited to a maximum of $100 per child annually and furlough travel to and from the field.
   d. Children in military service are not to be regarded as dependent, and therefore are not eligible for child allowance. Restoration of child allowance for those who have completed the initial period of military service shall be considered on an individual basis on application of the parents.

14. Education for Dependent Children
   a. Allowance shall be only for dependent children (e.g., not for married children).
   b. Allowance shall be limited to five children.
c. Allowance shall extend from kindergarten through four years of college.
d. Eligibility for allowance in college shall terminate no later than the 22nd birthday, except that eligibility for sons of missionaries shall be extended by the length of the initial term of his military service. Thus eligibility shall not extend beyond age 25.
e. Allowance shall be paid only while the child is regularly enrolled and attending a full-time course at a school approved by the Committee. A full-time college course shall be at least 13 hours per semester or the equivalent. If a child fails to complete a term for which allowances have been paid, for reasons other than illness or contrary to the wishes of the parents, the allowance paid for that term by the Committee shall be refunded to the Committee.
f. The amount of the allowance to be paid by the Committee shall be:
   (1) For each eligible child taught by parents at home—$500 per year plus cost of books and supplies.
   (2) Tuition as follows:
       Kindergarten through grade 12—all in excess of $100 per child at a school approved by the Committee.
       College—
       (a) Every effort to obtain scholarship for tuition, room and board (including “G.I.” assistance) shall be made by the student and the parents before applying for an allowance.
       (b) 50% of the percentage of tuition-room-board which would be his parents’ responsibility after scholarships.
   (3) Room at boarding school, through high school.
   (4) Board at boarding school, through high school, in whatever amount is in excess of 60% of the child allowance.
   (5) Travel
       (a) To a school in a foreign country through high school—all trips necessitated by school policy.
       (b) To a school or college in the United States—one way from the mission field to the school, by the most direct route and minimum fare available.

BUDGETS

The budgets which were adopted by the Committee for 1980, 1981 and 1982 reflect the following personnel goals and priorities which have been set by the Committee:

1979
One new ordained missionary to Egypt
One new ordained missionary to Japan

1980
One new ordained missionary to Japan
One replacement ordained missionary to Taiwan

1981
One new ordained missionary to Korea

1982
One new ordained missionary to Egypt
In addition to the above, the Committee plans to send three unordained medical missionaries to Kenya in 1979 in cooperation with World Presbyterian Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. These missionaries do not appear in the budgets, and funding for them will come mostly from outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Also, it does not appear at present whether or when the Committee may be able to reopen its work in Lebanon with a team of two ordained missionaries. This possibility is not included in the budgets.

Another prospective work is being explored by the Committee but does not appear in the budgets. The Rev. John S. Mason is being sent to make a survey of Eritrean refugees in Kenya and the Sudan to determine needs for relief and evangelism among them.

The budgets do reflect an approximate 10% increase in the base salary scale for missionaries, an annual increase across the board of 10% for inflation, the employment of a Representative at Large to work on a part-time basis in promotion work both within and outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, a Retired Missionary Housing Fund, and a teaching ministry on and off the field.

It should be noted that the budgets being presented show a definite decline in the portion allotted to Administration. The Committee plans to reach and maintain an administrative cost of less than 20% of the total budget.

The budgets presented to the Stewardship Committee are as follows:

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Receipts
Orthodox Presbyterian contributions 330,000 369,300 415,300
Other Contributions 140,000 175,000 215,000
Other Income 30,000 35,000 40,000

500,000 579,300 670,300

Reserve withdrawals 28,804 32,000 28,000

$528,804 $611,300 $698,300

THE COMMITTEE

Those serving as officers of the Committee at the end of the year were President, Bernard J. Stonehouse; Vice-President, Leslie A. Dunn; Secretary, Newman deHaas; Treasurer, Willard E. Neel.

Committees for the year were as follows:

Executive Committee
Chairman, B. J. Stonehouse; Secretary, N. deHaas; L. A. Dunn, R. B. Gaffin, Jr., T. J. Georgian, W. A. Haldeman

Standing Committees (first named is chairman)
Ethiopia/Lebanon/Egypt—D. J. Duff, L. J. Grotenhuis
Japan—B. F. Hunt, T. J. Georgian
Korea—L. A. Dunn, N. deHaas
Taiwan—N. E. Byer, B. J. Stonehouse
Candidates—R. B. Gaffin, Jr., H. M. Conn, R. G. List
New Fields—D. G. Buchanan, Jr., G. A. Van DerHeide
Finance—W. E. Neel, W. A. Haldeman
Conference—H. M. Conn

Special Committees
Operational Structure—W. A. Haldeman, N. deHaas, R. G. List
Reformed Bulletin of Missions—L. A. Dunn, L. N. Vail
Inter-Committee Publication—L. J. Grotenhuis

Elections

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

 Ministers: Theodore J. Georgian, Lewis J. Grotenhuis, Bruce F. Hunt
 Ruling Elders: Newman deHaas, Willard E. Neel

The Rev. Donald G. Buchanan, Jr. has resigned in order to accept the Committee's call to missionary service in Egypt, leaving a vacancy in the class of 1980.
The report of the Treasurer, as audited by Main Lafrentz and Co., Certified Public Accountants, is as follows:

To 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 of The Committee on Foreign Missions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances (reserve accounts) 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 examine evidence of ownership of foreign properties of the Capital Fund (stated at $263,704). The nature of these assets does not permit the application of adequate alternative procedures regarding such real estate.

As described in Note 1, the Committee's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

Main Lafrentz & Co.

January 19, 1979
# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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## ASSETS

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## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (RESERVE ACCOUNTS)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1978

1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis except
that interest not paid on the anniversary date of 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.

2. CASH

Capital fund cash in the amount of $3,321 equal to 25% of the demand notes
payable is restricted by agreement (see note 5).

3. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Title to the administration building property, 7401 Old York Road, Melrose Park,
Pennsylvania, is equally vested in The Committee on Home Missions and Church
Extension, The Committee on Foreign Missions, and The Committee on Christian
Education of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. The property is carried at the
Committee's one-third share of its cost. The operating expenses of the property are
shared by the three Committees and Great Commission Publications, Inc., an affiliate.

The Committee on Foreign Missions also owns the Furlough House, a residential
property in Abington, Pennsylvania.

4. REAL ESTATE

The hospital and other properties in Ethiopia were vacated by all Orthodox Presby-
terian Church mission personnel in 1976 because of political conditions in that Country.
The Committee intends to re-enter this mission field, if and at such time, as the political
problems are resolved. These properties are carried at a cost of $117,952 at December

5. NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable, with interest at rates from 5% to 6%, have been issued at various
dates to finance Capital Fund needs. At December 31, 1978, the following notes were
outstanding:

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<th>Balance</th>
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<td>5 years</td>
<td>20,244</td>
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<td>7 years</td>
<td>23,636</td>
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<td>10 years</td>
<td>6,436</td>
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Of the long-term notes $4,025, $5,703 and $21,004 become due in the years 1979,
1980 and 1981, respectively.

6. PENSION PLAN

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has a pension and life insurance plan for
ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid
entirely by the Committee. The cost of this plan to The Committee on Foreign Missions
for 1978 was $12,391. Benefits are not guaranteed, but are based on participant's equity
in the retirement fund.
7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year, $12,000 was transferred to the Capital Fund from the General Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ACCOUNTANTS' OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our examination of the basic 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 of the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Foreign Missions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., and revenues collected and expenditures made and 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.

MAIN LAFRENTZ & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 19, 1979

DECEMBER 31, 1978

NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

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MISSION ADVANCES

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INVESTMENTS

General Fund

53 shares—Ward Foods, common  
55 shares—Gulf & Western Industries, common  

Capital Fund

$1,000—U.S. Treasury Bond, 3 3/4%, due 1978-83  
100 shares—Duke Power Co., common  

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  

Annuity Fund

4 shares—General Motors, $5.00 pfd.  

Missionary Memorial Fund

$12,000 General Electric Debentures, due March 15, 1996  

Combined total

ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, at cost

Administration building and improvements—Melrose Park, Pennsylvania (1/2 interest)
Abington, Pennsylvania, Furlough House

REAL ESTATE, at cost

Capital Fund—Missionary Properties

Pusan, Korea  
#1
#2
#3

Seoul, Korea

Taichung, Taiwan

Nakayama New Town, Japan

Ghinda, Ethiopia

#1
#2
Women’s residence
Hospital

Yamagata, Japan

Total

Anna Moore Fund

Wilmington Delaware

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# SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

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|                                | $219,625                                      | $51,204                                      | $15,783                                       |
|                                | 25,632                                        | 366                                          | 65,793                                        |
|                                | $245,257                                      | $51,570                                      | $81,576                                       |

# SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

**Missionary support**

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### Other supportive expenses

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### Office and administrative expense

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Mr. Smith, on furlough from mission work in Taiwan, addressed the Assembly. On motion Mr. Atallah was invited to address the Assembly at the call of the Moderator.

Mr. Dortzbach presented the report of Advisory Committee #1.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #1

Advisory Committee #1 commends the Foreign Missions Committee for its earnest labors in fulfilling the Great Commission and especially for its:
1. Marked growth in improving communication between missions and churches especially through the Telenews and prayer letter.
2. Continuing its drive to establish and maintain priorities and goals in our mission work.
3. Attempt to operate within the severe limitations of the budget.
4. Progressive goals and vision given in an oral report to our committee of the General Secretary.
5. Judicious use of other Reformed support personnel in our mission endeavors.
6. Producing and adopting a missions manual (the product of many years of work).

Advisory Committee #1 further encourages the new General Secretary in his excellent personal objectives and goals and suggests that he publish those personal goals in the Worldwide Challenge or other denominational publications. We believe such publication would motivate and encourage pastors, sessions and people to pray and be more responsive in stewardship to the Foreign Missions Committee.

Advisory Committee #1 recommends to the Foreign Missions Committee:
1. That the Committee publish the objectives, goals and self-evaluation of each mission two times a year. (The current annual F. M. C. report is not generally available and includes only a sketch of the activities of each mission.)
2. That the Committee publish the objectives, goals and self-evaluation of the committee per se in its annual report. There is little that the present report communicates regarding the goals of the committee, e.g., regarding promotion of missions in the churches, providing literature, obtaining finances, stimulating missionaries in their work or recruitment of candidates.
3. That the Committee pursue the formulation of policy and principles governing the Missionary Associate program and recruit associates not supported by the F.M.C. as delineated in paragraph (3) of communication 2.

4. That the Committee organize and arrange itineraries for furloughing missionaries through Presbytery representatives and that the Manual be made more specific regarding the requirements for a furloughing missionary.

5. That in 1981 when several missionaries will be furloughing the F.M.C. shall make each missionary primarily responsible to minister to only a limited number of our presbyteries, and arranging housing within the bounds of those presbyteries for which the missionary will be responsible.

6. That the F.M.C. update and expand its slide tape presentation of its various fields.

No recommendations are made for the assembly.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions. The following were nominated: Ministers—Dortzbach, David A. George, Theodore J. Georgian, Hendrik Krabbendam, Steever, and Urban; Ruling Elders—Newman de Haas (Silver Spring), John L. Kortenhoven (Artesia), Muether, and Willard E. Neel (West Collingswood). The request presented on behalf of Mr. Neel to have his name withdrawn was granted.

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Messrs. George, Georgian, and Urban, and Ruling Elders de Haas and Muether to the class of 1982, and the Rev. Mr. Dortzbach to the class of 1980.

Dr. Elder, President of the Committee on Christian Education, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Two events are largely responsible for the present status of the Committee on Christian Education, and an appreciation of their significance is essential to a clear understanding of both the present status and the future direction of the Committee. The first is the formation, in October 1975, of Great Commission Publications (GCP) as a joint ministry in Christian education shared by the Presbyterian Church in America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The second is the resignation of the Reverend Robley J. Johnston as General Secretary of the Committee, after twenty-three years of service, in September 1978.

The terms and status of the joint venture have been reported in detail to the immediately preceding assemblies, and are now well-known and appreciated in both the PCA and the OPC. This report will review activities of 1978 and current plans of GCP. The future direction of the Committee on Christian Education, in the broader scope of its ministry beyond the publication effort, is still in process of determination. One of the highest priorities of the Committee has been the appointment of a new General Secretary who will be able to administer and coordinate the work of the Committee and to visit the churches and presbyteries in order to strengthen the ministry of Christian education throughout the church.

THE BROADER MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Committee is confident that the 1980's will offer opportunities for the Committee to support and help develop the church's educational ministry in ways that up to now have neither been attempted nor in some instances even contemplated. Because the ministry of publication is no longer the immediate responsibility of the whole Committee, it will now be possible for the Committee to direct its efforts toward other important aspects of the broader ministry of Christian education as well. Publications
will, however, continue to be the first priority of the Committee's work, because of the magnitude of the task and because of our common commitment with the PCA in this ministry which extends so far beyond our own borders in its influence.

**The General Secretary**

As one might expect, the loss of a General Secretary, particularly one whose fine leadership over many years gave form and substance to the Committee's work in Christian education, leaves the Committee with a pressing need. The new General Secretary will be of considerable importance to the Committee as it determines the direction it will take in the 1980's. "Direction" is a very significant term for the Committee at the present time. Only six of its members (the OPC trustees of GCP) are directly involved in the publication ministry, leaving the remaining nine members opportunity for undertaking significant additional tasks. The whole Committee must now determine how most effectively to serve the church. The General Secretary will play a key role both in this determination and in its implementation. His choice is a momentous decision, which the Committee has faced with faith, but with great care, from the time of the Forty-fifth General Assembly when Mr. Johnston announced his forthcoming resignation to a special meeting of the Committee. A search committee consisting of James Bosgraf, Edmund P. Clowney, and Peyton Gardner has been actively seeking the man we believe the Lord would have us call to this ministry. His ministry in the local churches and presbyteries will be no small part of our future outreach as a Committee, as we seek to be more responsive to recognized needs.

**Goals and Priorities**

Through its subcommittees the Committee has been seeking to redefine its goals and priorities in the context of its broader opportunities which have emerged as a consequence of consolidating the publication effort into the joint venture. This study is still in progress, but already it is clear that the nurturing of adults and the ministry to youth are concerns that will emerge high on the priority list. The subcommittee on adult education has already begun planning ways of disseminating throughout the church ideas and possible resources concerning the nurture of adults.

**Regional Conferences**

The regional conferences already reported, on "Youth Ministry" (Silver Spring, Maryland, in October 1976), "Priorities in Christian Education" (jointly, with the PCA, Atlanta, Georgia, in January 1977), and "Adult Education" (Wheaton, Illinois, in October 1977) were well received, helpful in enlarging the vision of the Committee members themselves, and may well serve as prototypes for leadership training conferences for the future.

On the 29th and 30th of September 1978, the Committee sponsored a Reformed Conference on Church Music at Westminster Theological Seminary. The conference was ably organized and directed by the Reverend Kenneth Meilahn and attracted approximately one hundred participants. In addition to a number of special-interest seminars on various aspects of the church's music program, two general sessions on "Selecting Music in the Church" and "Music in Worship" were presented. Two mini-concerts also comprised a part of the program. The speakers, seminar leaders, and performers were church musicians from the greater Philadelphia and Middle Atlantic regions.

Cassette tapes of the church music conference are available and so is "A Selected List of Publishers and Anthems," prepared by Jean Clowney. Anyone desiring information on these items should write to the Committee on Christian Education, 7401 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19126.
Cooperative Efforts with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod

As reported to the Forty-fifth General Assembly, the Committee in 1977 arranged for a meeting in May 1978 between its Executive Committee and the corresponding committee of Christian Training, Inc., the Christian education arm of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (see Minutes, 44th GA, p. 48; Minutes, 45th GA, p. 85). The meeting was held, as scheduled, at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on May 4, 1978. Staff members for the two denominations' ministry of Christian education gave presentations of the philosophies and programs of their respective Christian education efforts. After excusing the staff personnel the CTI and CEC executive committee members discussed at some length each other's programs and approaches, and areas of possible cooperation in a joint ministry. It was agreed to report to the respective Christian education committees, recommending further contact of this sort. A similar meeting to explore areas for possible joint efforts, particularly in such activities as training conferences and in exchanging information about our activities, is to be scheduled for later in 1979.

Recognition of Robley Johnston's Twenty-three Years of Service

At his final meeting as General Secretary, on September 29, 1978, the Committee adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Johnston, which is excerpted below:

"The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to God for Mr. Johnston's dedicated service over the span of 23 years.

"When Mr. Johnston began his work with the Committee in 1955 the publication of Sunday school materials was only a dream. Today, under Mr. Johnston's direction, Great Commission Publications has developed material for grades 1 through 12 together with studies for adult classes. In addition, vacation Bible school materials have been revised and written, church bulletins have been developed. Trinity Hymnal has gone through twelve editions with a circulation of some 123,000 copies, and the annual gross sales of GCP have reached $266,000. More than 750 churches are now served by the Sunday school materials alone.

"In leading and guiding this growing ministry, Mr. Johnston has served in an astonishing number of capacities. His skills in editing and in publishing and his taste in typographical design have secured for GCP publications the respect and esteem of others in the field and have given the materials great impact in their ministry for the cause of the gospel.

"He has been no less effective in developing cooperative relations with other churches. The joint venture that has been established between the Presbyterian Church in America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is in large measure the result of his vision and his leadership.

"As this long relationship comes to an end we wish to assure Mr. Johnston of our continuing prayers for him that God's hand may be upon him in direction and blessing and that his future service may be to the glory of the Savior. We give him this assurance out of deep gratitude and affection."

Committee Staff

The Committee does not presently have any full-time staff members under its employ. It has since October 1975, contracted the occasional services of members of the GCP staff in order to maintain some administrative supervision of its affairs. During 1978, in addition to the time available from the Rev. Robley Johnston, General Secretary, the Committee drew also upon the part-time services of the Rev. Allen Curry who had been appointed Associate General Secretary in February of 1976. At the
1978 fall meeting of the Committee Mr. Curry asked not to be continued as Associate General Secretary due to the commitments he has to Great Commission Publications and because of the demands of his doctoral work at Temple University.

In order to provide the Committee with a staff person to serve until a new General Secretary can be secured, the Committee appointed Mr. Michael Smith, Managing Editor of GCP, as Acting General Secretary (also part time). Mr. Smith, who holds the B.D. degree from Westminster Seminary and has done graduate work in Education and Administration at the University of Pennsylvania, is intimately acquainted with the work of the Committee and was considered to be well qualified to serve the Committee for the interim.

Committee Officers and OPC Trustees of GCP

The following officers were elected at the September 28 and 29, 1978 meeting: F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., President; Leonard J. Coppes, Vice President; Charles G. Dennison, Secretary; Peyton H. Gardner, Treasurer.

These officers plus Robert B. Ashlock and Kenneth A. Ironside constitute the Executive Committee.

Two of the six GCP trustees are elected each year to serve three-year terms. The current trustees are Messrs. Ashlock, Clowney, Elder, Gardner, Poundstone and Schmurr.

GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

In October of 1978 GCP observed the third anniversary of its having become a joint publications' ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. During these three years GCP has been able to begin building its staff and developing publications' programs to adequately meet the needs and desires of the two churches. The past three years has been a time to identify and only to begin to solve the problems that naturally arise when two churches with good intentions undertake to cooperate in a ministry such as GCP. But solutions to many of the problems that have been identified in the past few years seem to be coming. The major challenges still to be faced are the securing of additional writers and editors to undertake the projected writing projects and the adequate funding of the projects to be undertaken.

Executive Director

The resignation of the Rev. Robley Johnston also as Executive Director, effective December 30, 1978, left GCP without a chief administrator and editor-in-chief.

The Rev. Thomas R. Patete, a PCA pastor in Marks, Mississippi and President of the GCP Board of Trustees accepted the call offered to him in the summer of 1978 to become the Associate Executive Director. Mr. Patete assumed full administrative leadership of GCP as acting Executive Director in November 1978. With the coming of Mr. Patete, it became more evident that GCP is in every way a joint ministry of two Reformed churches. In God's providence a man with strong administrative gifts was thus quickly found to give leadership to GCP and to continue strengthening the relationship between the OPC and the PCA.

GCP Staff

Since December 1978, the full editorial responsibility vacated by Mr. Johnston has been assumed by the Managing Editor, Mr. Michael Smith. During 1978 the writing staff continued without any additions or subtractions. The Rev. Joseph A. Pipa and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson continued as full-time writers and Mrs. Robert Godfrey, half-time. In late 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Felch contracted with GCP to write one
quarter of Senior High curriculum materials during 1979 while they continue to carry on their respective pastoral and school-teaching responsibilities in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Art Director, Mr. John Tolsma, suffered a heart attack in July of 1978 and was required to recuperate, first in the hospital and then at home, for three months following. His assistant, Mrs. Kathy Vail, assumed his responsibilities in addition to her own and kept the flow of work moving exceptionally well. Not only because of Mr. Tolsma's absence, but also because of the increased work load in the art department, a second art assistant, Miss Brenda Virgo, was added to the staff at the end of the year.

There were a few changes in the office staff during 1978. Mrs. Kathy Adams replaced Mrs. Linda Boda as bookkeeper, Miss Lisa Schoppe replaced Mrs. Betty Oberholtzer as secretary and Mr. Sam Ferro replaced Mr. Peter Anderson as shipping clerk.

**Senior High Course**

The first quarter of the new Senior High course "Taking My Place in God's World" was published in the fall of 1978 and put to use in over 300 churches in the winter quarter, 1978-79. The second quarter of this course went to the printer in December to be ready for use in the spring.

Writing of the subsequent quarters of the new Senior High course is proceeding on schedule so that, barring any unforeseen problems, this completely new three-year curriculum can be completed on schedule. "Taking My Place in God's World" is designed to help lead young people in grades 10-12 develop maturity in the Christian faith through a study of certain key topics of Christian doctrine and life.

**The Senior High Course Outline**

**1979-1980**

Fall—Coming to Terms with the World—prepares the senior high student to see the world for what it is and to convey the life of Christ into that world.

Winter—Worshiping God Today—unfolds the meaning and purpose of worship in order to help young people develop healthy patterns and practices for worshiping God.

Spring—Finding My Purpose as a Creature of God—study of Genesis 1-3 motivates senior highs to seek fulfillment of God's original purpose in creation.

**1980-1981**

Fall—Understanding God's Word—helps maturing senior highs discover what the Bible is and how they must approach it in order to be nourished by the word of life.

Winter—Seeing the Son of God—in John chapters 1-12 the young person will come to see Jesus the Son as he reveals himself in word and deed.

Spring—Following the Lord of Glory—in John chapters 13-21 the young person will come to understand what it is to be a disciple of the Lord.

**1981-82**

Fall—Knowing the God Who Is—brings the maturing young person face to face with the fundamental questions concerning God and his relation to men.

Winter—Coming to Terms with God—studying Romans senior highs learn how God has made possible a relationship between them and himself.

Spring—Living as a Member of Christ’s Body—encourages and directs young people toward experiencing life in the church as their basic calling and their incomparable gift.
The summer quarter in each of the three years has been left open for an elective study on a topic deemed relevant by the local church and/or the particular teachers. GCP will provide some elective options for each summer quarter.

A questionnaire has been developed and sent to a random sample of churches using the new Senior High course. Great Commission Publications hopes to learn from these questionnaires and from the expressed opinions of any other users of the new course just what its relative strengths and weaknesses are. In subsequent years improvements in the course materials will be made wherever it is feasible to do so.

Adult Study Guides

Two new publications for adults were made available in 1978; *Discovering the Fullness of Worship* by Paul Engle and *Leader’s Guide for John Sanderson’s The Fruit of the Spirit* written by the Rev. Allen Curry. While much planning and some writing has progressed on additional publications for adults, it will be approximately eighteen months before these projects can be brought to completion.

Because no new Senior High writers could be found during 1977 and 1978, it became necessary to put the two adult staff writers, Mr. Pipa and Mrs. Anderson, to work on the Senior High course. This meant that progress on adult study books and leader’s guides will have to be halted until the Senior High course has been completed.

Vacation Bible School

The revised vacation Bible school program entitled “Summer Adventures in Learning” (SAIL) saw its first year of publication in the summer of 1978. It was eagerly awaited and well-received when it was published. 368 churches used SAIL in its first year of publication. By the fall of 1978 Dorothy Anderson, who has been supervising the revision of VBS, and Becky Johnston, who has been assisting her in developing crafts and editing the materials, completed their work on the second year of SAIL. A winter mailing of a brochure describing the program invited requests for VBS examination kits to churches wishing to review the materials.

As work on the third and final year of the VBS cycle (Summer 1980) continues through 1979, plans will also be made to develop a few supplementary materials for 1981 including a planning and program manual.

Trinity Hymnal

GCP’s most successful publication, *Trinity Hymnal*, continued to sell very well during 1978. The supply of the blue edition which includes the OPC forms and the Westminster Confession of Faith had dropped to less than 3,000 copies by the end of 1978. The green edition (not including OPC forms and WCF) numbered approximately 9000 copies as of that date.

At their fall meeting the Board of Trustees of GCP determined to defer reprinting of the blue edition of the hymnal despite the dwindling supply. The deferral was necessary because the extremely large capital outlay of $40,000 for a printing of 15,000 hymnals was not available at this time. Although the supply of blue hymnals will be exhausted sometime in 1979, there will continue to be hymnals available in the form of the green edition.

Consideration has been given to reprinting the *Trinity Hymnal* in a new form, one which would supersede both the present blue and green editions. The new hymnal would include the common doctrinal standards of the OPC and the PCA, but would omit both the OPC and PCA forms for membership, baptism and ordination. Such an edition might possibly be available by the end of 1979 or the beginning of 1980.
Advertising

Because of the very tight financial situation for GCP during 1979, the annual catalog was not published. The 1977 catalog, despite its being out of date, was used through 1978 to acquaint potential customers with GCP's publications. In addition to the catalog, brochures describing the Sunday school program, the Summer Adventures in Learning Program, Bible Doctrine, Old Testament Survey, and the Trinity Hymnal were mailed at various times during the year. Announcements of the new study material for adults also went out to the GCP mailing list.

Lack of funds likewise curtailed the magazine advertising efforts of GCP during the latter half of 1978. A special effort will be made in 1979 to advertise and promote the many new publications of GCP as well as those that have been in print for the past few years. A new catalog is planned for late Spring in 1979 in order to feature the many new publications of GCP written under the auspices of the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Joint PCA-OPC Policy on Publications

In the interest of coordinating production of publications for the two constituent churches of Great Commission Publications, the trustees adopted the following policy at their meeting of September 8, 1978:

"In view of the joint nature of the publishing venture, it is agreed that normal operating procedure for planning and publication of all Christian education materials (other than those intended for exclusive use within one denomination) include proposals for publication projects which come from either the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the PCA or the Committee on Christian Education of the OPC, such proposals to be received and considered by the Board of Trustees of Great Commission Publications or its designated subcommittee, which will set publication priorities and, through the GCP staff, supervise the planning, editing, and publication of such projects. It is further agreed that both the Committee for Christian Education and Publications of the PCA and the Committee on Christian Education of the OPC be asked to affirm support of this operating procedure."

By means of the procedure described in the above statement the trustees of GCP hope to be able to serve both churches well and make GCP responsive to the publication needs of both churches. This operating procedure has now been endorsed by each church's Committee on Christian Education.

Future Ministry of GCP

As the 1980s have been approaching, Great Commission Publications has been building, slowly to be sure, a base upon which it can properly serve its two supporting churches and the many other churches that depend upon it for biblical and Reformed teaching materials. As it enters the next decade, GCP will be able to offer a full range of resources to assist the church to carry on its various ministries. These will include curriculum materials for preschool through high school age, adult study materials, catechetical materials, other study materials for young people, a hymnal and other worship resources, officer training materials, and a variety of booklets and tracts for various purposes. The church must help GCP achieve the goal of providing this full range of materials by means of faithful financial support and assistance in recruiting writers and editors needed to get the job done.

In the past two dozen years the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has developed a publications ministry of considerable merit. Pray God's blessing as this ministry continues to serve not only the OPC and her partner in ministry, the PCA, but also the many other churches around the world that look to GCP for biblical teaching resources.
FINANCES AND BUDGET PROJECTION

Because of a full explanation of the relation between budget and program accompanied the Financial Report of the Committee to the Forty-fifth General Assembly (Minutes, pp. 85-87), that information will not be repeated here. During the year 1978 OPC contributions to the Committee amounted to $155,008.00 which was only 90% of the General Assembly-approved budget of $170,600.00. The Committee regrets again that its budget could not be fully met. It is their desire to meet responsibly their program commitments in full and to continue to reduce the long-term indebtedness of the Committee, indebtedness that was necessary in order to publish the various Sunday school courses in previous years.

Three-Year Budget Projection
February 27, 1979

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<td>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</td>
<td>190,744</td>
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|                      |         |           |         |             |             |             |             |             |
| INCOME               |         |           |         |             |             |             |             |             |
| Repayment of loan—GCP| 17,800  | 17,800    | 17,800  | 17,800      | 17,800      |             |             |             |
| Interest Payment—GCP | 8,280   | 7,200     | 7,000   | 6,000       | 5,000       |             |             |             |
| Interest (Savings)   | 466     | 200       | 200     | 100         | 100         |             |             |             |
| Contributions—OPC    | 155,008 | 185,000*  | 203,500 | 223,850     | 246,200     |             |             |             |
| Other                | 1,560   | 2,000     | 2,000   | 2,000       | 2,000       |             |             |             |
|                      |         |           |         |             |             |             |             |             |
| TOTAL INCOME         | 183,114 | 212,200   | 230,500 | 249,750     | 271,100     |             |             |             |

|                      |         |           |         |             |             |             |             |             |
| INCOME               | 183,114 | 212,200   | 230,500 | 249,750     | 271,100     |             |             |             |
| EXPENSE              | 190,744 | 212,200   | 230,500 | 249,750     | 271,100     |             |             |             |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH   | (7,630) | -0-       | -0-     | -0-         | -0-         |             |             |             |

*$185,000 approved by 45th GA

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly:
Ministers: Wilson Cummings, Charles Dennison, Kenneth Ironside
Elders: Peyton Gardner, William Wilson
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

The Committee on Christian Education of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Christian Education of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, 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.

As described in Note 1, the Committee's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Christian Education of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, and the revenues collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

MAIN LAFRENTZ & CO.

January 19, 1979

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<th>ASSETS</th>
<th>Combined</th>
<th>General</th>
<th>Contingency</th>
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<td>Cash, including savings accounts $23,434</td>
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<td>Notes receivable:</td>
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<td>General Fund, 4%</td>
<td>21,900</td>
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<td>Great Commission Publications, Inc., 6%</td>
<td>129,100</td>
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<td>Administration building</td>
<td>29,221</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$204,713</strong></td>
<td><strong>$168,361</strong></td>
<td><strong>$36,352</strong></td>
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| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | |
| Notes payable | | |
| Sunday School Publication Fund | $98,004 | $98,004 | |
| The Committee on Home Missions, 5 1/2 %, due on demand | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| Contingency Fund, 4% | 21,900 | 21,900 | |
| Other, 7 1/2 %, due April, 1981 | 3,048 | 3,048 | |
| Fund balance | 76,761 | 40,409 | **$36,352** |
| **Total Liabilities and Fund Balances** | **$204,713** | **$168,361** | **$36,352** |
These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

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<td><strong>Revenues collected</strong></td>
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<td>Orthodox Presbyterian Churches</td>
<td>$155,008</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>1,559</td>
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<td>Interest income</td>
<td>10,462</td>
<td>8,746</td>
<td>$1,716</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>167,029</td>
<td>165,313</td>
<td>1,716</td>
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| **Expenditures made** |               |                |             |
| Contributions to Great Commission Publications, Inc. | 136,500 | 136,500 |           |
| General Fund expenditures (Schedule) | 30,292 | 30,292 |           |
| **Total**      | 166,792       | 166,792        |             |

| **Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures** | 237 | (1,479) | 1,716 |

| **Fund balances** |               |                |             |
| January 1, 1978  | 76,524         | 41,888         | 34,636      |
| December 31, 1978 | $76,761        | $40,409        | $36,352    |

These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.

**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

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<td>S. S. publication fund loans</td>
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<td>Other loans</td>
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<td>760</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>2,341</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$30,292</td>
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1978

1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis except that interest not paid on the anniversary date of certain notes payable is added to the note balances. The administration building is not depreciated.

2. CASH

General Fund cash in the amount of $7,095, equal to 25% of its demand notes payable is restricted by agreement (see note 5).

3. NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable from Great Commission Publications, Inc. (an organization publishing curriculum for The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America) in the original amount of $178,046, is being repaid in monthly installments of $1,484 plus 6% interest.

4. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Title to the administration building property, 7401 Old York Road, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania, is equally vested in The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, The Committee on Foreign Missions, and The Committee on Christian Education of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. The property is carried at the Committee’s one-third share of its cost. Expenses of operating the property are shared by the three Committees and Great Commission Publications, Inc.

5. NOTES PAYABLE

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, 1978, the following notes were outstanding:

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<th>Original term of notes</th>
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<td>Demand</td>
<td>$29,560</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>2 and 4 years</td>
<td>45,354</td>
<td>5½% to 7%</td>
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<td>10 years</td>
<td>23,090</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$98,004</strong></td>
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Of the total, including the demand notes, $49,237 becomes due in the year 1979.

Dr. Elder introduced to the Assembly Mr. Lee Benner, Controller, and Mr. Michael G. Smith, acting General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education.

Dr. Elder read Communication 11.

Mr. J. S. Atwell presented the report of Advisory Committee #2.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #2

The committee concerned itself with the report of the Committee on Christian Education, that portion of the report of the Committee on Stewardship which related to the Committee on Christian Education, and the report of the Committee to Propose a Publication. The committee met with representatives from the above committees and in addition with men from Great Commission Publications.
The committee, with regard to Communication 8 “Goals,” requested that the Committee on Christian Education, in addition to the five goals presented, seek ways and means to inform the church families of their responsibilities in providing truly Christian schools for their children. The committee also expressed its concurrence with the Committee to Propose a Publication in its recommendation (cf. p. 87). Further, the committee concurred with the recent action of the Committee on Christian Education in a special meeting of May 17, 1979, to recommend that the 46th General Assembly instruct the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee on Ministerial Training to develop a proposal that would pass the responsibility for ministerial training from the Committee on Ministerial Training to the Committee on Christian Education and that this proposal be submitted to the 47th General Assembly for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Mr. Michael G. Smith, Acting General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education be introduced to the 46th General Assembly and that he be granted the privileges of the floor during the course of the Christian Education Committee's report.

2. That Mr. Thomas R. Patete, Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, Inc., be introduced to the 46th General Assembly and that he be permitted up to 15 minutes of General Assembly's time to make some remarks about his relationship to Great Commission Publications.

3. That the Committee on Christian Education, as stewards of a portion of the Lord's work, be requested to report annually to the General Assembly, beginning with the 47th General Assembly the following information:

   I. For the calendar year immediately prior to the General Assembly:
      a. The budgets of both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America for support of Great Commission Publications; and
      b. The contributions of both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America to Great Commission Publications.

   II. For the fiscal year of Great Commission Publications immediately prior to the General Assembly:
      a. The total dollar sales of Great Commission Publications listed by category of product sold;
      b. The number of congregations served during the year in each identified denomination; and
      c. The number of congregations served during the year with each of the three principal products (Trinity Hymnal, VBS materials, S.S. materials) listed by product and by identified denominations.

   III. For the current calendar year, the budgets of both the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America for support of Great Commission Publications.

On separate motions recommendations 1 and 2 of Advisory Committee #2 were adopted.

Mr. Patete addressed the Assembly.

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

On amended motion it was determined that the report of the Committee on Ministerial Training be considered at this time.

Mr. Hake, Secretary of the Committee on Ministerial Training, presented its report. On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The instructions given to this Committee by the 45th General Assembly first called upon the Committee to continue its efforts to fulfill its mandate. In response, your Committee has conducted seminars and communicated with presbyteries and sessions.

Four seminars were conducted at Westminster Theological Seminary—first, a planning seminar; second, a seminar on involving seminarians in the life and work of the local church; third, a seminar on opportunities for service in the Orthodox Presbyterian denomination; and fourth, the significance of and procedure involved in obtaining licensure and ordination. Pastors living within a 100 mile radius of the seminary were contacted and urged to support the seminars, and the seminary students were invited.

The communications sent to presbyters and sessions dealt with internship programs for seminary students and continuing education for pastors. Three programs for seminary students were supported—the one month Winterim Internship, the Summer Assistant Program, and the Longer Internship. For the last two of these the Committee has continued to rely on the good services of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and especially the efforts of its General Secretary, the Rev. George Haney.

As for the continuing education for pastors, your Committee communicated with sessions concerning the Winter Counseling Symposium at Westminster Theological Seminary, encouraging them to make possible attendance by their pastors. A second communication was sent to presbyters encouraging them to conduct seminars and suggesting available leaders. A third communication was sent to seminaries of NAPARC churches requesting that they notify Orthodox Presbyterian ministers of seminars and conferences under their direction to which they would welcome our ministers. Finally, there was communication with particular churches concerning the offer of Westminster Theological Seminary to provide speakers free of charge from its faculty for continuing education seminars.

Furthermore, your Committee sent to presbyteries recommendations concerning ways to develop and prove the gifts of persons under care and of licentiates.

The second instruction given by the 45th General Assembly was "that the Committee present to the 46th General Assembly a specific proposal for the Committee's operation as a Standing Committee, including a statement of its functions and responsibilities together with an expense budget and specific proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of the General Assembly." After careful consideration of each mandate which had been assigned, it was the judgment of the Committee that these mandates could most effectively be carried out if it were made a Standing Committee of the denomination.

Your Committee has been very conscious of the financial limitations of our denomination and would urge that we proceed in as frugal a manner as possible. If the Committee were to be a Standing Committee without a paid general secretary, the following budget would seem adequate:

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There is a service that would require the expenditure of more money. It is the service of a seminary chaplain. Such a person could minister effectively to Orthodox Presbyterian students at Westminster Theological Seminary and to their families. He could also acquaint other students with the Orthodox Presbyterian denomination and its opportunities for ministry. We believe that such a service would be very valuable both to students and to our denomination. However, since our Committee has no means of
raising support for such a person, we are appealing to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for help. We hope that arrangements can be made for a part time chaplain ministry which may be conducted by a semi-retired pastor or as a partial assignment for an area missionary.

As for duties that would normally be assigned to this Committee but might be performed by some other Standing Committee, we recommend that the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension continue for the present to promote and supervise the Summer Assistant and Intern Programs, and if possible that it also support the part time services of a seminary chaplain.

The Committee herewith proposes the following amendment to the Standing Rules for consideration at the 47th General Assembly:

Amend Chapter X, Section 2 in the following manner: the words, "There shall be seven Standing Committees," shall be changed to read, "There shall be eight Standing Committees." The words, "The Committee on Ministerial Training" shall be added to the list of Standing Committees. The following paragraph shall be added at the end of the section: "The Committee on Ministerial Training shall consist of six members, at least four of whom shall be ministers and one ruling elder, two members being in each class. Not more than two members shall be officially associated with any one institution offering theological education as a member of the teaching or administrative staffs or the governing board."

"F Duties of the Committee on Ministerial Training

1. Assist the churches in seeking out men with apparent gifts for the gospel ministry and in pressing upon them its urgent claims.

2. Consider means of strengthening the preparation of men for the gospel ministry.

3. Consult with representatives of seminaries or other educational institutions regarding the training of men for the ministry.

4. Recommend to the presbyteries ways in which the gifts of men under their care may be developed and proved, and work with the presbyteries in establishing suitable programs to this end, and

5. Develop means for the continuing education and development of ministers."

Recommendations:

1. That the General Assembly constitute the Committee on Ministerial Training a Standing Committee governed by the rules and mandates in the above proposed amendment to the By-Laws.

2. That the General Assembly approve the following budget for the coming year:

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   **Total:** $1,800.00

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

- Ruling Elders Richard L. Hake and Robert W. Warburton
- Resignation: The Rev. George Scipione (Class of 1981)

Mr. Olson presented the report of Advisory Committee #10 and the report of its minority.
REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #10

A. REGARDING COMMUNICATION 5
Advisory Committee #10 recommends that on the basis of Communication 5 from the Presbytery of New Jersey and testimony from the representative of the Presbytery concerning Mr. George Kostas, and in view of Mr. Kostas' circumstances, the General Assembly advise the Presbytery of New Jersey that it sees no objection to the Presbytery licensing Mr. Kostas, even though he has not received a bachelor of arts degree or its academic equivalent, if in Presbytery's judgment Mr. Kostas is otherwise qualified to be licensed.

B. REGARDING COMMUNICATION 3
Advisory Committee #10 recommends that on the basis of communications from the Presbytery of the Midwest concerning the ministerial gifts of Mr. Henry Buikema, and their exercise over many years, and in view of his age and circumstances, the General Assembly advise the Presbytery that it sees no objection to proceeding toward the licensure and ordination of Mr. Buikema and to waiving the educational requirements and the requirements in the original languages for licensure and ordination in his case.

C. REGARDING COMMUNICATION 9
Advisory Committee #10 recommends that on the basis of information from the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Committee on Foreign Missions, the General Assembly advise the Presbytery of Philadelphia that it sees no objection to making an exception to the required years of theological study in relation to the proposed ordination of licentiate Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.

D. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING
1. a. In place of recommendation 1 of the Committee on Ministerial Training, Advisory Committee #10 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education which would incorporate the work of ministerial training within the responsibilities of the Committee on Christian Education.
   b. Advisory Committee #10 concurs with recommendation 2 of the Committee on Ministerial Training, with an urgent appeal that they continue with the work outlined by the committee.
   c. Advisory Committee #10 recommends that there be no new elections to the Committee on Ministerial Training, and that Mr. Hake be appointed to serve with the committee for another year.
2. Advisory Committee #10 concurs in the recommendation of the Committee on Ministerial Training (ninth paragraph of its report) "that the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension continue for the present to promote and supervise the Summer Assistant and Intern Programs, and if possible it also support the part time services of the seminary chaplain."

REPORT OF THE MINORITY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #10

In view of the important mandate handed to the Committee on Ministerial Training by the 45th General Assembly, and in light of the definite progress made by the committee, and with the awareness of the relevance and urgency of such a work, we, the undersigned, disagree with the majority of Advisory Committee #10 with respect to items D. 1. a. and c. of its report.

We, therefore, concur with the recommendations of the Committee on Ministerial Training.

Victor B. Atallah
Edward D. Schnitzel, Jr.
Jules C. Rist
It was moved to adopt recommendation 1 of the Committee on Ministerial training. It was moved to substitute recommendation 2 of Communication 11 for the pending question.

It was moved to amend the substitute by deleting the words "that would pass the responsibility" and the words "from the Committee on Ministerial Training to the Committee on Christian Education."

The Assembly recessed at 5:34 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Jerrell.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 21

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Atallah, the Assembly reconvened at 8:04 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Not unto us, 0 Lord of heav'n." Mr. Hake led in prayer.

The minutes of the session of Saturday, May 19, were approved as presented.

Discussion of the pending question continued.

The pending amendment to the substitute was carried.

The amended substitute became the main motion and was carried.

It was moved to adopt recommendation 2 of the Committee on Ministerial Training. On motion the pending question was referred to the Committee on General Assembly Fund Review to report later in this Assembly.

It was moved to adopt recommendation D.1.c. of Advisory Committee #10.

The Moderator ruled that the motion was in order. Appeal was taken from the Moderator's ruling, on the ground that the existing structure of the committee may not be altered in this way. The Moderator's ruling was sustained.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ministerial Training. The following were nominated: Ministers—L. D. Conard, Gaffin, Galbraith, Harris, D. W. Kiester, and Morse; Ruling Elders—Hake, Rist, and Robert W. Warburton (Wheaton). The Moderator ruled that the nominations of Messrs. L. D. Conard and Gaffin were out of order due to a restriction on the constituency of the committee (cf. Minutes, 34th G.A., p. 128).

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Mr. Harris and Ruling Elder Hake to the class of 1982, and Ruling Elder Rist to the class of 1981.

The Assembly returned to consideration of the report of the Committee on Christian Education.

On motion recommendation 3 of Advisory Committee #2 was adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education. The following were nominated: Ministers—Dennison, Elmer M. Dortzbach, Harris, Kenneth A. Ironside, D. E. Johnson, Edward L. Kellogg, and Charles G. Schauffele; Ruling Elders—Peyton H. Gardner (Wilmington), and Paul Heidebrecht (Wheaton).

The Moderator declared the two Ruling Elders elected, and later announced the election of the Rev. Messrs. Dennison, Ironside, and Schauffele to the class of 1982, and the Rev. Mr. Kellogg to the class of 1981.

The Assembly recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:23 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "As pants the hart for cooling streams."

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. John H. White, D. Min., fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. On motion Dr. White was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee to Propose a Publication, 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 TO PROPOSE A PUBLICATION

The Committee to Propose a Publication was erected by the General Assembly with the following mandate: "to recommend to the 46th General Assembly a concrete proposal for a publication that will serve the interests of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church including in particular those of the Committees on Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Stewardship and Diaconal Ministries, and including news from the churches, presbyteries, and general assembly; with particular attention to costs, personnel involved, and publication scheduling with reference to the needs of the committees mentioned above." Those who were appointed to this Committee were (with the Committee that appointed them noted): Leonard J. Coppes (Diaconal Ministries), Lewis J. Grotenhuis (Foreign Missions), George E. Haney (Home Missions), Jack J. Peterson (Stewardship), Roger W. Schmurr (Christian Education). Mr. Peterson and Mr. Haney were elected chairman and secretary, respectively. The full committee met three times.

The Committee makes the following recommendation:

1. (a) That the assembly approve a church magazine to begin publication in January, 1980. (b) That the magazine be under the oversight of the Committee on Christian Education, with funding in 1980 from that Committee with assistance from other Committees as follows: Foreign Missions, $5,264; Home Missions, $11,000; Stewardship, $5,000; Diaconal Ministries, $1,500 for a total of $22,764. (c) That the Committee on Stewardship be requested to recommend to the 47th General Assembly (1980) a concrete proposal for future funding of this magazine.

2. That the magazine be published ten times each year using the following suggested guidelines: the inclusion of reports from the Committee on Home Missions (2 pages), the Committee on Foreign Missions (2 pages), the Committee on Christian Education (2 pages), the Committee on Stewardship (1 to 1½ pages), a prayer calendar (2 pages), news of the local, regional, and national church (1 to 1½ pages), a feature article (2 pages), and an instructional and informative article (2 pages).

3. That the magazine operate under the following budget for the year 1980:

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4. That $5,000 be budgeted for use in 1979 for start-up costs to be funded from a seed fund to be solicited through the sessions; and that this committee be authorized to function through 1979 in order to secure the seed fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard J. Coppes
Lewis J. Grotenhuis
George E. Haney
Roger W. Schmurr
Jack J. Peterson, Chairman
The committee's recommendation was adopted with the following amendments:

(a) part 2, following the fifth occurrence of "(2 pages)," was changed to read "an instructional and informative article (2 pages), and provision for an exchange of views expressed in correspondence."

(b) the addition of the following: "5. That the Committee on Christian Education be instructed to confer with the Trustees of the Presbyterian Guardian regarding the possibility of some co-operative arrangement in the publication of a church magazine."

It was moved that if the assistance funding from the other committees plus any contributions for the publication fall short of the budget needs for 1980, the balance needed, less $5,000 from the Committee on Christian Education, shall be funded from undesignated contributions to Worldwide Outreach.

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

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21

The Assembly reconvened at 1:18 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus, thy blood and righteousness." Mr. Woolard led in prayer.

The pending question was carried.

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Wayne E. Stanchfield, fraternal delegate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. On motion Mr. Stanchfield was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Mr. Tyson, 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 Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension gives thanks to God for another year of advance in our attempt, on behalf of the church at large, to proclaim Christ to the nation. Through the instrumentality of faithful servants of the Lord many were brought out of darkness into God's glorious light.

In keeping with previously announced goals, the Committee has sought to work closely with our eleven presbyteries in an attempt to be more effective in reaching people everywhere with the gospel of God's redeeming grace. The task before the Committee is far beyond our limited capabilities; but, in dependence upon the gracious working of the Holy Spirit, a vigorous program of gospel proclamation is being pursued.

In the course of 1978 twenty-one home missionaries, two missionaries-at-large, an urban area missionary, a youth ministry and six interns were undergirded by your prayers and financial support. Fields receiving aid were as follows (listed by presbyteries):

Dakotas—Grand Junction (Donald J. Duff, William J. Bomer); Aurora, Colorado (Sidney VanCamp); Hutchinson, Kansas (J. Anthony Blair); missionary-at-large, Glenn T. Black

Midwest—Grand Rapids, Michigan (Henry Buikema); Gresham and Zoar, Wisconsin (Gordon Peterson)

New Jersey—Ocean City, New Jersey (John J. Johnson)

New York and New England—Augusta, Maine (Roger A. Ramsey); Burlington, Vermont (Raymond E. Commeret); Cape Cod, Massachusetts (Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.)
Northern California—Novato, California (Richard C. Miller); Santa Cruz, California (Gordon Woolard)

Northwest—Billings, Montana (Allen P. Moran); Bothell, Washington (Patrick Morison)

Ohio—Alliance/Canton, Ohio (David King); Columbus, Ohio (Robert Y. Eckardt); Dayton, Ohio (Lawrence R. Eyres); Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania (Mark Brown)

Philadelphia—South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Wilson Cummings); Philadelphia area missionary, part-time Director of Westminster Ministerial Institute, Member of Ministry Team of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (William Krispin)

South—Ocala, Florida (John H. Thompson, Jr.); Tallahassee, Florida (Calvin K. Cummings)

Southern California—Goleta Youth Ministry, Goleta, California (Robert Newsom); Oxnard, California (Stephen Doe); missionary-at-large, Larry D. Conard

The Committee granted financial assistance to First OPC, Portland, Oregon to help move Mr. William Fredericks to Glenwood, Washington to engage in mission work at the Glenwood Chapel that is under the supervision of First Church. Another grant for moving was given to the Presbytery of Southern California to assist in bringing two interns into the area to labor in church planting ministries; Mr. William Rudolph to Mira Mesa, California and Mr. Jack Smith to Irvine, California.

COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 43rd General Assembly requested the Committee to develop guidelines for congregations to follow in discovering, evaluating and calling a pastor. A response was presented to the 45th General Assembly in the Report of the Committee (Minutes, pp. 32-34). Having noted that response, the Assembly determined that the Committee “be directed to develop an evaluation and self-examination form to send to the churches through the presbyteries as part of the present guidelines for discovering evaluating, and calling a pastor.”

A subcommittee studied this request and presented a preliminary report in 1978 with a final report anticipated in the course of 1979.

The 45th General Assembly referred to the Committee an Overture (#5) from the Presbytery of the Northwest asking the Assembly to request this Committee “to consider a regular program for the recruiting at reformed seminaries, of good prospective candidates for the Gospel ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church by establishing an increasing amount in its annual budget for assisting presbytery committees to develop missionary internships; by developing policies for the disbursement of such funds; and by acting as a liaison between those candidates and the presbytery committees.”

The Committee erected a subcommittee to consider this Overture. A report was given to the Committee at the March, 1979 meeting. Following a discussion of the Overture, the Committee determined to request the Presbytery of the Northwest to allow time on the docket of a future meeting for the General Secretary to discuss this matter.
The 45th General Assembly also, upon recommendation of the Committee on RES Matters, renewed a request made to the Committee by the 44th General Assembly “to consider how they (the Committee on Home Missions) may participate in mission work among the Jews, and report their findings and actions to the Committee on RES Matters.”

A subcommittee was erected to study this assignment and presented a preliminary report to the Committee in 1978. At the March, 1979 meeting of the Committee, the final report of the subcommittee was adopted as the Committee's response to the first part of the request that was subsequently conveyed to the Committee on RES Matters. Actions proposed by the subcommittee are under further consideration by the Committee.

**SUMMER WORKER PROGRAM**

In the summer of 1978 the Committee provided $13,001 for partial or full support of a seminarian or other person for summer work in the following chapels or churches:

- Christ Reformed Chapel, Alliance, Ohio—David Inks
- Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia—Terry Traylor
- Immanuel, Bellmawr, New Jersey—Maria Gonzales
- Presbyterian Fellowship, Augusta, Maine—Russell Lane
- Bayview, Chula Vista, California—Tim Sandoval
- Calvary, Harrisville, Pennsylvania—Ralph Shay
- Sharon, Hialeah, Florida—Lehigh Halliwell
- New Life, Abington, Pennsylvania—Richard Kaufmann
- Mechanicsville Chapel, Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania—Samuel Bacon
- Emmanuel Chapel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Dwaine Whitley
- First, Portland, Oregon—William Fredericks
- Westminster, Santa Cruz, California—Victor Gill
- Covenant Chapel, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania—Eric Sigward
- Church of the City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Tom Wagner
- Calvary, Sonora, California—George Sanders
- Grace, Hanover Park, Illinois—Ernest Singh
- Presbytery of Southern California—William Rudolph, Jack Smith

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

As previously announced and reported in some detail to the 39th General Assembly (Minutes, pp. 53, 54), the Committee is committed to an expanding internship program. Six interns were assisted financially during the year; two served in the capacity of organizing pastors.

Mr. J. Anthony Blair served the first part of the year as an intern in a joint-ministry with the Rev. Dennis Prutow, serving Westminster OPC in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and the OPC, Caney, Kansas. Mr. Tim Bero began in May as an intern in the Orthodox Presbyterian Chapel, Lubbock, Texas, under the supervision of the Rev. Glenn T. Black. Mr. Robert Y. Eckardt began to serve in June as an intern (organizing pastor) in Grace Chapel, Columbus, under the direction of the session of Redeemer OPC, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Jay Milojevich began to serve in August as an intern (organizing pastor) in Faith OPC, Grants Pass, Oregon under the direction of the session of Southern Oregon Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stephen Williams began to serve as an intern in June under the supervision of the session of Pilgrim OPC, Bangor, Maine. In September Mr. Jim Elkin began an internship in Tallahassee, Florida under the supervision of the session of Calvary OPC.
It is encouraging to note that other churches have engaged interns without seeking financial assistance from the Committee. The Committee encourages more churches to consider this program as a means of assisting in the preparation of men for ministry, particularly in church planting.

CENTER FOR URBAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

One of the most significant actions taken by the Committee in 1978 was the establishment of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The establishment of CUTS is an outgrowth of the Committee's involvement over the years in developing a strategy for urban ministry.

In 1971 several urban pastors became frustrated with the training they were receiving at the Institute for Black Ministries. The Rev. William Krispin, employed by the Committee on Home Missions as a missionary in South Philadelphia, approached the Committee regarding the need to assist in the training of urban pastors and was advised to pursue this matter with Westminster Theological Seminary. As a result, a series of informal seminar sessions was arranged by Westminster Seminary under the name “Saturday Seminar.” In the first two years over thirty leaders participated in these seminars, with classes held at the Seminary and various professors volunteering their services. Later, the program developed into a full three-year curriculum with classes held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on campus under the name of “Westminster Ministerial Institute.” (WMI)

In 1975 Mr. Krispin urged a long-range development of WMI with the conviction that this ongoing ministry should be at the heart of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's involvement in urban missions. It was at this time that Westminster Seminary appointed Mr. Krispin to be the director of WMI and entered into an agreement with the Committee on Home Missions for the sharing of his services in the development of the Institute.

In early 1978 Mr. Krispin developed a proposal that would involve the Seminary in offering a B.A. program of evening studies for urban church leaders to be offered at an urban location. This proposal proved to be unworkable for two primary reasons: 1) the Seminary's charter and license to operate is only for the graduate level, and 2) limited faculty resources precluded such a development of WMI.

Contact was made with Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and eventually Geneva College agreed to enter into the program on a pilot basis, leaving a full commitment open for at least one year and preferably for two to three years.

In the course of these developments, the question of the basic nature of the institution was faced. One possibility was to establish an institution that would be independent of both Westminster Seminary and Geneva College but in affiliation with both institutions. Another alternative was to structure the institution under the oversight of the Committee on Home Missions in cooperation with Geneva College and Westminster Seminary.

At the July meeting of the Committee, it was determined that CUTS would be sponsored by the Committee on Home Missions and that the Center would be managed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Committee. At the same meeting, a temporary Board of Trustees was erected to bring to the Committee a plan for the implementation of CUTS and to oversee the development of the Center during the interim. Those elected to the temporary Board of Trustees were Messrs. Harvie Conn, Edmund Clowney, James Petty, Tom Tomer, Thomas Tyson, John White, and James White. At a later time, two
additional members were appointed to the organizing board, Messrs. Wesley Pinnock and Willie Richardson. The Board has been meeting monthly and plans to complete its work as an organizing Board in June, 1979, at which time a full report and proposal will be made to the Committee.

LITERATURE, POSTERS AND TAPE MINISTRY

As a service to the church, the Committee continues to compile and publish a Directory of Churches and Chapels. The 1978 Directory was 53 pages; and increase of 13 pages over the previous year. The Committee is grateful for a paid advertisement from the Quarryville Presbyterian Home that partially subsidized the Directory. The Directory is offered free of charge to our churches and any others who request it.

Ten issues of OUTREACH appeared in the course of the year in an attempt to convey news of what the Lord is doing throughout the denomination in the area of home missions and church extension. While works supported by the Committee receive regular coverage, the Committee also shares news of church planting developments in presbyteries and on the local level. A prayer calendar appears in each issue in order to encourage systematic prayer for all denominational home missionaries. It became necessary to restrict the prayer calendar to home missionaries supported by the Committee because of the number of names and the difficulty of keeping a current listing of those engaged in this type of ministry.

In order to encourage participation in the SAVE program a poster was sent to all the churches early in the year.

A cassette tape ministry has been continued and enlarged in order to provide interested groups and persons with a taped interview with many of the home missionaries. The Committee also offers a tape presenting the To Tell the Truth program and a selection of tapes on several aspects of church growth and evangelism.

ATTENDANCE IN FIELDS RECEIVING AID

It is difficult for the Committee to secure complete and accurate attendance figures from all the fields. On the basis of reports submitted, communicant membership in aid-receiving churches in 1978 increased by 7.1% over the previous year, while non-communicant membership increased by 7.8%. Average attendance at morning worship services increased in 7 fields where comparisons could be made, decreased in 8 fields, and remained the same in 1. Average attendance at evening services in 1978 increased in 8 fields and decreased in 5. For all fields for morning worship attendance decreased 2% and for evening worship there was a decrease of .6%. These figures do not include El Camino Church, Goleta, California, since the support from the Committee is for their Youth Ministry. The Committee is concerned where there is no evidence of growth and has again sought the help and counsel of presbyteries in exercising oversight of home mission and church extension work within their bounds.

Each month the Committee requires statistical reports from the fields receiving support. Those reports (Goleta Youth Ministry included) are summarized in mimeographed form and are available.

SAVE PROGRAM

The response to the 1978 SAVE (Students As Volunteer Evangelists) program was again disappointing. A subcommittee was erected during the year to give further consideration to the advisability of continuing the program beyond 1979. Five young people served on teams in Bellmawr, New Jersey and Gresham, Wisconsin.
The Rev. Donald Stanton, pastor of Bethel OPC, Oostburg, Wisconsin and a member of the Committee, continues to serve as coordinator of the program. In an effort to include older young people in the program who are not necessarily students, the name of the program was changed to “Serving As Volunteer Evangelists.”

POLICY ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For many years the Committee granted aid according to a Schedule of Aid; at first a ten-year plan and later a six-year plan. In 1978 Faith Church, Ocala, Florida, was the only church being supported according to a Schedule of Aid (6 years); all other works were supported on a yearly basis. This shift was necessitated by the financial limitations confronting the Committee for the past few years. The present policy of the Committee is to grant aid only on a year-to-year basis. Home missions efforts in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Gresham-Zoar, Wisconsin, are moving slowly toward self-support, but the provisions of the old 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.

It is with thanksgiving to God that the Committee notes the two fields that no longer are in need of support from the Committee; Bethel OPC, Grand Junction, Colorado, and the Griggs Street Chapel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bethel Church received $47,599 in aid from the Committee from July, 1962, through December, 1978; during this time the church contributed a total of $14,726 to the Committees on Home and Foreign Missions and Christian Education.

The Steering Committee of the Griggs Street Chapel in Grand Rapids declined further aid from the Committee in April. Total support from the Committee for the Grandville Avenue Gospel Fellowship and the Griggs Street Chapel amounted to $3,000; the chapels contributed a total of $800 to the Committees on Home and Foreign Missions and Christian Education since their inception.

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, 1979, 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 $13,050.
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 $275 a month.
   b. If a minister owns his home, he will receive a supplement for interest, taxes, and other charges up to a maximum of $275 per month.

4. **Utilities**
   a. All utilities except personal telephone toll calls, and including heat, will be paid by the church and/or the 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 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.

7. **Car Allowance**
   The Committee would remind the churches that no provision is made in the Salary Scale for car allowance. Churches and chapels are encouraged to supplement the above salary provisions with a car allowance to help the pastor meet this pastoral expense. At the least, the Committee suggests that auto expense be reimbursed at the rate of 15¢ per mile.

**FINANCES**

Total General Fund contributions in 1978 from living donors were $229,929 and were received from the following sources:

- Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Individuals: $218,996
- Non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources: 10,933
Contributions from Orthodox Presbyterian sources to the General Fund were $14,179 more than 1977 contributions, and contributions from non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources were $381 less than in 1977. (The Auditor’s report indicates a $5,691 increase in 1978 over 1977 contributions from Non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources. In previous years these funds were either applied directly to expenses or received as designated non-budget receipts.) In addition, $462 was received in dividends and interest with additional miscellaneous receipts of $1,326 to compensate for services rendered by the Committee. The Committee received a bequest amounting to $63 that was placed in the Contingent Fund.

Contributions from all Orthodox Presbyterian sources averaged $20.50 for the year, or approximately 39¢ per week, per communicant member. Note that in 1977 the average was $19.75 for the year, or 38¢ per week, per communicant member.

The budget for the Committee approved by the 44th General Assembly anticipated contributions of $224,000 from Orthodox Presbyterian sources. The actual contributions were $218,996 or $5,004 less than anticipated; contributions from non-Orthodox Presbyterian sources totaled $10,933 or $8,567 less than anticipated.

Again, the Committee put forth great effort to reduce expenditures throughout the year. The office secretary continued a four-day work week despite an ever increasing work load. Plans for enlarging the missionary-at-large program were again curtailed with only a modest development of the summer and year-round internship program. The Committee is grateful to the Lord for enabling us to end the year in a better financial stance than has been the case in recent years, even though the budget was not met again. During the year the Committee kept expenditures at $214,756 compared with an approved budget of $224,000. As a result of austerity measures and a record Thank Offering, the long standing year-end deficit was eliminated. The Committee gives thanks to God for this achievement!

General Assembly approved budgets and actual receipts from Orthodox Presbyterian sources were as follows during the past four years:

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**CHURCH EXTENSION FUND**

Total loans from individuals and organizations to the Church Extension Fund on December 31, 1978, were $931,164, a decrease of $2,078 from 1977. The number of loans to the Fund at the end of the year totalled 531. A liquid reserve of $63,139, that 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.

In an effort to be good stewards of available funds (funds which are to be lent or are being held for a particular church), the Committee took advantage of the recent interest rates on short term investments. In 1978 $12,478 was earned on such investments, an increase of $2,659 over 1977.

During the year the Committee increased the handling fee to 1/2 of 1% (from 1/4 of 1% in 1977) of total assets in the Church Extension Fund in order to reimburse the General Fund for time spent by the staff on loans, property transactions and other related matters. At the end of 1978 this amounted to $5,030.
In 1978 loans from the Fund were made to the following churches and chapels:

Chula Vista, California—Bayview OPC
Janesville, Wisconsin—Christ OPC
Tallahassee, Florida—Calvary OPC

Balances due on all loans from the Fund are recorded in the Treasurer’s Report. For the first time the amount in the Fund reached over a million dollars.

CONTINGENT FUND

Total reserve of this Fund on December 31, 1978, was $430,194. Of this, $126,475 was cash; $218,722 was loans receivable; $30,100 was mortgage receivable; $70,574 was real estate (net worth after subtracting mortgages of $70,988 outstanding) and an investment valued at $33,121. Loans payable were $48,798. Transfers are made from the cash reserve to the General Fund in the form of a loan (5% interest) to cover any deficit in that Fund. At the end of 1977 the Committee joined the Committee on Foreign Missions in purchasing a copier ($2,363); the purchase price was paid out of the Contingent Fund. In 1978 the General Fund reimbursed the Contingent Fund $1,181 for the use of the Copier, with plans to repay the balance of $1,182 in 1979.

In 1978 loans from this Fund were made to the following churches and chapels:

Hutchinson, Kansas—Northside Presbyterian Chapel
Gladstone, Oregon—Faith OPC
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Center for Urban Theological Studies

Balances due on all loans from this Fund are recorded in the Treasurer’s Report.

BUDGET 1979

The budget for 1979 was proposed to continue the present work of the Committee and provide for a modest development of the summer and year-round intern programs.

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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, eight seminarians have been granted loans totaling $4,200. Six have repaid the loans in full.

Monies in the Fund are invested at 5¼% interest in the Liberty Federal Savings and Loan Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On December 31, 1978, $4,644 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. Must be a candidate for the gospel ministry under care of a presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
   b. Must be enrolled in a seminary.
   c. If a senior, must be, under ordinary circumstances, a licentiate of presbytery.

2. Regulations concerning the granting of loans:
   a. The maximum amount to be lent from the Fund to any qualified student shall be $1,000.
   b. Loans shall be interest free.
   c. Principal shall be repaid in monthly payments beginning one year following graduation from Seminary, or one year from the termination of Seminary work.
   d. Loans are to be granted after approval of written application by a sub-committee of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

OFFICERS AND STAFF

Officers of the Committee are: President, Thomas E. Tyson; Vice-President, Theodore J. Pappas; Secretary, Robert W. Eckardt; and Treasurer, Garret A. Hoogerhyde. The General Secretary, George E. Haney, is serving a second three-year term. Mrs. Richard Surman, office secretary, serves the Committee on a four-day work week; Miss Mabel Sager, bookkeeper, serves the Committee fulltime.

On January 1, the Committee on Stewardship assumed the function of serving as the official receiving and disbursing agent for the denomination, a responsibility that had been discharged by the Committee on Home Missions for many years. This change has enabled the Committee to function more effectively with a very limited staff.

The Committee held three regular meetings during the year. Two subcommittees functioned regularly: the Advisory Subcommittee (Messrs. Tyson, Eckardt, and Hoogerhyde) and the Finance Subcommittee (Messrs. Hoogerhyde, K. Bosgraf, and Pappas).

ELECTIONS

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

Ministers: Robert Atwell, Lewis Ruff, Donald Stanton
Ruling Elders: Kenneth Bosgraf, Garret Hoogerhyde
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

To 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 arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, and the related statement of revenue 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.

As described in Note 3, the Committee's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, and the revenue collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

MAIN LAFRENTZ & CO.

January 19, 1979
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

DECEMBER 31, 1978

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THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>413,435</strong></td>
<td><strong>231,717</strong></td>
<td><strong>65,315</strong></td>
<td><strong>30,056</strong></td>
<td><strong>260</strong></td>
<td><strong>86,087</strong></td>
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Expenditures made

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<td>Church extension expense</td>
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<td>Office and administrative expense</td>
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<td>Interest expense</td>
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<td>Headquarters expense</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>319,296</td>
<td>214,757</td>
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures

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<td>94,139</td>
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Fund balances

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<td>Beginning of year</td>
<td>531,585</td>
<td>34,645</td>
<td>65,038</td>
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<td>Transfers from (to) funds</td>
<td>5,030</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer to Stewardship Committee</td>
<td>(15,092)</td>
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<td>End of year</td>
<td>$610,632</td>
<td>$56,635</td>
<td>$70,011</td>
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THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1978

1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
The accounting records of the Committee are maintained on a cash basis except that interest not paid on the anniversary date of certain notes payable is added to the note balances. Buildings are not depreciated. The cost of building improvements, furniture and equipment purchased is charged to expense in the year acquired.

2. CASH
Church Extension Fund cash is restricted by the Committee in the amount of $38,393 which, together with the investments in American Telephone & Telegraph note, 6.5% due December 1, 1979, $24,661, would comprise a reserve of 20% of its demand notes payable at December 31, 1978.

3. NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE
Contingent Fund loans receivable include $30,100 due from the General Secretary of the Committee, payable $189 monthly including interest at the rate of 4½ %.

4. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Title to the administration building property, 7401 Old York Road, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania, is equally vested in The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, The Committee on Foreign Missions, and The Committee on Christian Education of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. The property is carried at the Committee's one-third share of its cost. The operating expenses of the property are shared by the three Committees and Great Commission Publications, Inc., an affiliate.

5. EQUITY IN REAL ESTATE
Equity in real estate represents the Committee's equity in mission church properties, title of which is held by the Committee.

The Committee is currently negotiating the sale of the Tinley Park church property. A formal agreement has not yet been reached.

6. NOTES PAYABLE
Notes payable, with interest rates to 6⅓ %, have been issued at various dates to finance capital needs. A summary of notes outstanding at December 31, 1978, follows:

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<th>Demand notes</th>
<th>Long-term notes</th>
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<td>$331,612</td>
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A substantial amount of the long-term notes are renewed or become demand notes when they become due.
7. MORTGAGES PAYABLE
Mortgages payable with interest from 4½% to 6%, are secured by mission church real estate at various United States locations. Certain churches make mortgage payments directly. At such time, the Committee reduces its investment in real estate in an amount equal to the amount of the mortgage reduction.

8. DESIGNATED FUNDS
Designated fund balances at December 31, 1978, were as follows:

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<th>Fund</th>
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<td>Special projects</td>
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<td>New Fields</td>
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<td>Glen Coie Memorial</td>
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<td>Intermediary</td>
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<td>Administration building fund</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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9. PENSION PLAN
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has a pension and life insurance plan for ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid entirely by the Committee. The cost of this plan to The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for 1978, was $2,434. Benefits are not guaranteed but are based on participant's equity in the retirement fund.

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
The Committee is contingently liable as guarantor of six mortgage loans aggregating approximately $153,782. The appraised value of the mortgaged church property at December 31, 1978, approximates $860,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 arising from cash transactions, of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc., and the revenues collected and expenditures made and 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 19, 1979
## NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

### Church Extension Fund

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**Total:** $895,117

### Contingent Fund

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<td>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</td>
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**Total:** $21,182
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Southwest Philadelphia Reformed Fellowship .................................................... 11,934
Rockport, Maine—Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church .................................. 24,550
Tinley Park, Illinois—Forest View Orthodox Presbyterian Church ............ 42,777
Baurer, The Rev. Harold L., Eugene, Oregon ........................................... 695
Haney, The Rev. George E., Roslyn, Pennsylvania ...................................... 30,100
$243,822

DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<td>$6,043</td>
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<td>30 shares—Philadelphia Electric, 4.4% preferred</td>
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<td>$1,500</td>
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<td>Combined totals</td>
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EQUITY IN REAL ESTATE

| Contingent Fund |             |      |
| Atlanta, Georgia—Manse | $17,446 |      |
| Dayton, Ohio—Church | 7,847 |      |
| Eugene, Oregon—Lot | 2,446 |      |
| Hanover Park, Illinois—Church | 9,812 |      |
| Maple Grove, Maine—Manse | 5,500 |      |
| Stratford, New Jersey—Church | 8,973 |      |
| Thornton, Colorado—Church | 29,978 |      |
| Thornton, Colorado—Manse | 11,834 |      |
| Thornton, Colorado—Lot | 2,060 |      |
| Tinley Park, Illinois—Church | 27,296 |      |
| Tulsa, Oklahoma—Manse | 18,370 |      |
| $141,562 |
NOTES PAYABLE

Church Extension Fund
- Demand notes at 5% per annum ........................................ $315,695
- 5 year notes at 5¾% per annum ........................................ 215,945
- 10 year notes at 6¼% per annum ....................................... 399,524

Total ................................................................. $931,164

Contingent Fund
- Demand note without interest ............................................ $15,917
- Long-term note without interest ........................................ 15,905
- Long-term notes at 4% per annum ...................................... 5,400
- Long-term notes at 6¾% per annum .................................. 11,576

Total ................................................................. $48,798

MORTGAGES PAYABLE

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<td>Atlanta, Georgia—Manse</td>
<td>5¾%</td>
<td>1/01/96</td>
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<td>Dayton, Ohio—Church</td>
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<td>02/91</td>
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<td>11/01/89</td>
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<td>Thornton, Colorado—Manse</td>
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Total ................................................................. $70,988

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

Worldwide outreach
- Orthodox Presbyterian Church .................. $104,786
- Other .................................................. 1,140

Total ................................................................. $105,926

Undesignated
- Orthodox Presbyterian Churches ............... $51,447
- Other .................................................. 3,134

Total ................................................................. $54,581

Thank offering
- Orthodox Presbyterian Churches ............... $ 59,238
- Other .................................................. 317

Total ................................................................. $59,555

Designated—budget
- Orthodox Presbyterian Churches ............... $ 3,525
- Other .................................................. 6,342

Total ................................................................. $9,867
## Schedule of General Fund Expenditures
### Year Ended December 31, 1978

### Church Extension Expense

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<tr>
<td>Missionary Salaries</td>
<td>$68,950</td>
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<tr>
<td>Housing Allowance</td>
<td>3,662</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utilities</td>
<td>2,627</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pension premiums and hospitalization</td>
<td>3,550</td>
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<tr>
<td>Social security tax</td>
<td>1,431</td>
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<tr>
<td>Missionary at large salaries, utilities and expenses</td>
<td>35,720</td>
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<tr>
<td>Summer interns</td>
<td>13,001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interns</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seminar expenses</td>
<td>726</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moving and travel</td>
<td>2,038</td>
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<tr>
<td>Travel—general secretary</td>
<td>5,930</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manse expenses</td>
<td>358</td>
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<tr>
<td>Books, tracts and subscriptions</td>
<td>153</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S.A.V.E. program</td>
<td>196</td>
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<td>Directories</td>
<td>1,459</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Office and Administrative Expense

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<td>General secretary allowance</td>
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<td>Office salaries</td>
<td>31,070</td>
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<td>Pension premiums and hospitalization</td>
<td>3,008</td>
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<td>Social security tax</td>
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<td>Committee meetings</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td>Legal and accounting</td>
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<td>Postage and office supplies</td>
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<td>Equipment and maintenance</td>
<td>1,300</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$59,850</strong></td>
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### Promotion Expense

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<td>Outreach</td>
<td>$9,329</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9,379</strong></td>
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There was no report from *Advisory Committee #3*.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. The following were nominated: Ministers—R. L. Atwell, Prutow, Ruff, Donald F. Stanton, and Samuel van Houte; Ruling Elders—J. S. Atwell, Hoogerhyde, and Paul S. Patterson (Ocean City).


Mr. Peterson, 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 1978 closed for our church’s Worldwide Outreach on January 5, 1979 (the first Friday after the last Sunday of December). And not until then did it appear to be anything more than a year of modest gain in our support of Christ’s great commission through the work of our Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions.

But during those final two or three days, the picture changed dramatically. First, there were two very large gifts by individuals (totalling $34,000) designated for the work of Foreign Missions. These gifts provided that committee with far more than 100% of its approved budget goal. Second, some large Thank Offering checks from the churches were received and, since Foreign Missions had achieved its budget goal, these contributions were allocated to Home Missions and Christian Education.

The final results far exceeded expectations of only a day or two earlier and left all three committees with a much better cash position to begin the new year. God had certainly given us a blessing. Yet he had done so through unusual means — in ways that make predictions of future giving even more uncertain than usual.

AN ANALYSIS OF 1978 GIVING

The actual results in contributions from Orthodox Presbyterians for Worldwide Outreach in 1978, compared with 1977, are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Christian Education</td>
<td>$140,073</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>$155,008, or 90.9% of $170,600 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foreign Missions</td>
<td>253,929</td>
<td>12.9</td>
<td>286,624, 111.1% of $258,000 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home Missions</td>
<td>199,879</td>
<td>9.6</td>
<td>218,996, 97.8% of $224,000 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stewardship</td>
<td>14,850</td>
<td>102.1</td>
<td>30,015, 92.6% of $32,400 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Worldwide Outreach</strong></td>
<td>$608,731</td>
<td>13.5%</td>
<td>$690,643, 100.8% of $685,000 goal</td>
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(The large increase for Stewardship is largely due to its employment of a full-time general secretary and some added responsibilities.)

But personal gifts like those in the $34,000 mentioned earlier are not a usual occurrence; nothing like that happened in 1977. Certainly our God can move individuals to give in this way. But our Worldwide Outreach in the past has not been accomplished in dependence on this kind of giving. It would seem better, therefore, to base our expectations for the future without including the $34,000. Then the picture would have been like this:

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<td>Christian Education</td>
<td>$140,073</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
<td>$152,390, or 89.3% of $170,600 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foreign Missions</td>
<td>253,929</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>258,684, 100.3% of $258,000 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home Missions</td>
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<td>7.8</td>
<td>215,554, 96.2% of $224,000 goal</td>
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<td>Stewardship</td>
<td>14,850</td>
<td>102.1</td>
<td>30,015, 92.6% of $32,400 goal</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>“Adjusted” W.w.O.</strong></td>
<td>$608,731</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
<td>$656,643, 95.9% of $685,000 goal</td>
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That is still a good record and reason for thanksgiving to our God. But a growth rate of about 8% is much more in line with our past record than one of over 13%. It is the opinion of the Committee on Stewardship that these "adjusted" figures, without the $34,000 in unusual gifts, should be the base for any projections of future giving.
Certain other trends in giving should also be noted:

1) The Thank Offering for 1978 (including receipts through March 31, 1979) was $165,929, compared to $157,134 from the 1977 Thank Offering. This was a 5.6% gain. Thank Offering contributions actually received in 1978 amounted to 24.6% of the total Worldwide Outreach; in 1977, they were 25.4% of the total Worldwide Outreach for that year.

2) One striking feature of 1978 giving was the large increase in contributions by individuals made directly rather than through local church treasurers. In 1977, Orthodox Presbyterians gave directly to Worldwide Outreach a total of $22,449. In 1978, they gave $40,189 (not including the one large gift sent directly). This was an increase of 79%.

3) Churches, meanwhile, gave $584,737 in 1977, compared to $615,016 in 1978 (again, not counting the other large gift), a gain of only 5.2%. Of the 161 churches and chapels contributing to Worldwide Outreach in 1978, seventy-five gave less than they did in 1977, seventy-six gave more, and ten gave for the first time in 1978.

4) The figures below show total giving to Worldwide Outreach from 1973 through 1978, compared to total contributions to all causes as recorded in the statistical reports. The dollar amounts given have been translated into purchasing power in terms of 1973 dollars, based on the Consumer Price Index.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Actual Dollars</th>
<th>Purchasing Power in 1973 Dollars</th>
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<td>$499,000</td>
<td>$499,000</td>
<td>$3,022,600</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>472,500</td>
<td>426,200</td>
<td>3,331,500</td>
<td>3,005,000</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>568,600</td>
<td>469,700</td>
<td>3,698,200</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>561,200</td>
<td>438,300</td>
<td>4,106,200</td>
<td>3,206,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>1977</td>
<td>608,400</td>
<td>446,000</td>
<td>4,446,100</td>
<td>3,259,900</td>
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<td>1978</td>
<td>690,600</td>
<td>475,800</td>
<td>5,243,100</td>
<td>3,612,500</td>
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In no year since 1973 has giving to Worldwide Outreach equaled the purchasing power of the amount given in 1973! Both 1973 and 1978 were good years, with approximately 100% of the approved goals met. But the amount given in 1978 has purchasing power 4.6% less than that in 1973.

Meanwhile, total contributions have more than kept up with inflation. The total given in 1978 represents a 19.5% increase in real purchasing power over the amount given in 1973. There has been a steady decline in the portion of total giving devoted to Worldwide Outreach, from 16.5% in 1973 to 13.2% in 1978 (only 12.5% in 1978 if the $34,000 in unusually large individual gifts is omitted).

**Goals and Projections**

From the reports of the Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions, the Committee on Stewardship would point to certain details of future planning that seem most significant.

**Goals and Priorities**

The Committee on Home Missions, having kept a tight rein over commitments during 1978, and finding itself blessed with a surge in income at the end of the year, showed a substantial surplus in cash reserves. This committee proposed to increase its commitment to the intern program and to maintain the summer intern program at the present level. It expects to reduce its church extension support to home mission churches and to expand its missionary-at-large strategy. The committee is also employing a denominational evangelist who will be available to respond to unexpected opportunities or urgent needs.
The Committee on Christian Education has committed almost all of its resources to Great Commission Publications, the joint publishing venture of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. This year, however, the committee is employing a general secretary who will not be employed by GCP but whose services will be directed entirely to Orthodox Presbyterian congregations in their educational ministries.

Because this development will mean a decrease in funds available for GCP, and in light of the requirements of the “Plan for the Committee on Stewardship,” sections B and C.1, the Committee on Stewardship took the following action: “that the Committee on Stewardship inform the Committee on Christian Education that it is the judgment of the Committee on Stewardship that the Committee on Christian Education acted precipitously in calling a general secretary without first seeking the approval of the General Assembly for such a major shift in priorities.”

The Committee on Foreign Missions, faced with substantial cash reserves (due in part to the retirement of several missionaries and the closing of fields in Ethiopia and Lebanon), is seeking to move forward in sending new missionaries to the fields. It plans to make Egypt a regular field with a minimum of two missionaries. Its plans also include strengthening the other fields, beginning with Japan. The committee plans to use its reserves over a period of years (to avoid overextending its commitments beyond its probable future income). The committee is also planning to send the medical team to Kenya in a cooperative effort with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. (This work will be supported almost entirely by gifts from outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.)

Budget Projections and Requests
A summary of the three-year budget projections of the committees is here presented. Examination of changes in budget allocations will show changes in each committee’s program priorities. (Many items reflect an inflation factor, usually computed at 10%.)

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<td><strong>Home Missions</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>OPC Contributions</td>
<td>$218,996</td>
<td>$240,000</td>
<td>$265,000</td>
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<td>Non-OP Contributions</td>
<td>10,933</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>1,788</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>7,000</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>$231,717</td>
<td>$255,000</td>
<td>$282,000</td>
<td>$307,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Admin., Promotion</td>
<td>$ 69,230</td>
<td>$ 76,528</td>
<td>$ 84,315</td>
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<td><strong>Missions Expense</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Church Extension</td>
<td>80,219</td>
<td>101,972</td>
<td>78,300**</td>
<td>78,300**</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Missions</td>
<td>28,885</td>
<td>37,315*</td>
<td>39,385</td>
<td>44,221</td>
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<td>Special Missions</td>
<td>35,720</td>
<td>32,935</td>
<td>78,500**</td>
<td>88,500</td>
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<td>$196,185</td>
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<td>Interest, Debt Reduction</td>
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<td>6,250</td>
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<td>Contingency (excess inc.)</td>
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<td>3,729</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenditures</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Christian Education</strong></td>
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<td>OPC Contributions</td>
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<td>$185,000</td>
<td>$203,500</td>
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<td>Non-OP Contributions</td>
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<td>2,200</td>
<td>2,200</td>
<td>2,100</td>
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<td>GCP Payments on Debt</td>
<td>26,080</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>24,800</td>
<td>23,800</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>$183,114</td>
<td>$212,200</td>
<td>$230,500</td>
<td>$249,750</td>
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Committee Operation
Office Expense***  $(14,200)  $(14,200)  $(43,350)  $(41,500)
Other  $5,525  $6,150  $11,400  $12,400
GCP Contribution  $136,500  $169,850  $155,250  $168,350
SSP Fund Payments  $32,178  $22,000  $20,500  $27,500
Miscellaneous  $2,341
Total Expenditures  $190,744  $212,200  $230,500  $249,750
(Deficit)  $(7,630)

Foreign Missions
OPC Contributions  $286,613  $280,000  $312,000  $357,000
Non-OP Contributions  $91,791  $110,000  $140,000  $175,000
Other****  $29,211  $24,000  $22,500  $27,000
Total Income  $407,625  $414,000  $474,500  $559,000
From Reserves  $11,834  $43,585  $25,100  $30,100
Total Available  $419,459  $457,585  $499,600  $589,100
Admin., Promotion  $115,387  $105,060  $112,900  $122,200
Missions Expense
Field Expense****  $273,152  $256,109  $323,700  $397,400
New Missionaries  $6,122  $49,016  $30,000  $35,000
Other Mission Exp.  $12,798  $18,400  $25,000  $25,500
Regular Operations  $292,072  $323,525  $378,700  $457,900
To Capital Reserve  $12,000  $12,000
For Retirement Housing  $17,000  $8,000  $9,000
Total Expenditures  $419,459  $457,585  $499,600  $589,100

* Includes enlarged commitment for intern program.
** Includes shift of funds for more missionaries-at-large.
*** Increase in 1980 is to provide for general secretary.
**** Includes N.J. support for the Marshalls (average: $7500).

As shown above, the proposed budgets for 1980 (including also the budget for the Committee on Stewardship) included requests for Orthodox Presbyterian contributions as follows:

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<th>Approved 1979</th>
<th>Percentage increase</th>
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<td>Christian Education</td>
<td>$203,500</td>
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<td>10.0%</td>
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<td>$312,000</td>
<td>$280,000</td>
<td>11.4</td>
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<td>Home Missions</td>
<td>$265,000</td>
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<td>Stewardship</td>
<td>$49,000</td>
<td>$45,000</td>
<td>8.9</td>
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<td><strong>Total Requested</strong></td>
<td><strong>$829,500</strong></td>
<td><strong>$750,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>10.6%</strong></td>
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**LOOKING TO 1980**

Contributions to Worldwide Outreach increased by 8.4% from 1976 to 1977, and 7.9% from 1977 to 1978 (using the “adjusted” figures without the $34,000 included). Assuming a similar or slightly better gain for 1979, the Committee on Stewardship estimates a total of about $720,000 (out of an approved goal of $750,000) for 1979's Worldwide Outreach. Since inflation is running at a double-digit rate, the committee expects giving to increase similarly in coming months. The committee therefore estimates an increase of $75,000 in 1980 for a total of $795,000 in that year.
The committee believed that $795,000 was the highest realistic goal that could be recommended for 1980. The committee also felt that the existing priorities between the three major committees should be maintained into 1980. Using the percentage shares approved for 1979, the committee would recommend the following Worldwide Outreach for 1980.

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<td>254,400</td>
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<td><strong>Total to 3 committees</strong></td>
<td><strong>$746,000</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1980 Worldwide Outreach</strong></td>
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**STEWARDSHIP OPERATION AND BUDGET**

The Committee on Stewardship met twice since the last General Assembly; in addition its executive committee held one meeting. The present officers are: the Rev. Jack J. Peterson, chairman; Ruling Elder Robert A. Kramm, vice-chairman; and the Rev. Albert W. Steever, Jr., secretary. The Rev. John J. Mitchell serves the committee as its general secretary.

In addition to its usual concern to prepare recommendations concerning Worldwide Outreach for the General Assembly's consideration, the committee has spent time discussing a job description for its general secretary that will be used in its report to the Forty-seventh General Assembly in answer to a mandate of the Forty-fifth General Assembly concerning the effect of a full-time general secretary (Minutes, 45th G.A., p. 100).

The committee, through its employees, is now the fiscal agent for the denomination, having received this responsibility from the Committee on Home Missions on January 1, 1978. The committee receives and distributes all contributions to the three major committees through Worldwide Outreach. It also receives and manages the two General Assembly funds.

**Services of the General Secretary.** The committee's general secretary began full-time service on October 1, 1977. Much of that service has to do with the receiving and handling of contributions to Worldwide Outreach and the General Assembly funds, as well as in communicating to the churches the progress being made in support of these commitments. The general secretary also provides budget analyses and projections of giving, and otherwise gives help to the committee in preparing its report and recommendations to the Assembly. It is also the desire of the committee that the general secretary offer assistance to pastors and sessions in biblical principles of stewardship and budget planning, and a start has been made on this kind of service to the churches.

**Deferred Giving Program.** The Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver serves as the committee's Director of Planned Giving on a part-time arrangement. He has visited five presbyteries, and presented a mini-seminar on wills to seven congregations. Literature on wills and other deferred giving plans has been prepared and distribution has begun. Several requests for literature have been received from individuals. It is expected that these efforts will not show immediate results but they are in the long-term interests of the church.

**Budgets.** The Committee on Stewardship is funded from undesignated contributions to Worldwide Outreach. These funds are taken as needed and before the proportional distribution to the other committees. In addition, the committee receives some miscellaneous income from its handling of the General Assembly funds, which in recent years have had a net surplus most of the time.
The committee's operation is shown in the budgets below:

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<td>1,868</td>
<td>11,300</td>
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<td>Total expenditures</td>
<td>$31,442</td>
<td>$46,400</td>
<td>$50,500</td>
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Income

| Worldwide Outreach        | $30,015     | $45,000        | $49,000       |
| Miscellaneous             | 953         | 1,000          | 1,500         |
| Total income (Deficit)    | $30,968     | $46,000        | $50,500       |
|                           | (474)       | (400)          |               |

*The large increase includes new expenses for office rent ($600 per year) and audit expense ($940 in 1979).

Promotion expense in the budgets above is almost entirely devoted to the Thank Offering materials. A significant amount of the committee's total outlay is involved in the handling of the General Assembly funds.

**ADJUSTMENTS IN DESIGNATED FUNDING**

Both the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Home Missions have been receiving special funds designated for particular projects. Often the project may be related to regular missionary activity (for example, a special literature project, a bookroom, or other special ministry), but not a part of the committee's regular program budget. Such funds are received as "special projects" and are not counted as part of that committee's share in Worldwide Outreach goals.

Confusion over which projects should be so included has led to consultation among the committees involved. As a result, all are agreed that no funds for work included in the committee's program budgets shall be received as "special project" funds.

This agreement necessitates adjusting the requested contributions from Orthodox Presbyterian sources in both committees' proposed 1980 budgets (which were prepared before the agreement was reached). For the Committee on Foreign Missions, some $7500 in designated support of the Marshalls from New Jersey sources needs to be added to their 1980 request. For the Committee on Home Missions, some $10,000 in presbytery and other support for Emmanuel Chapel in Philadelphia and the Tallahassee work must similarly be added. (These funds are now being received as "special projects" since they were not included in the approved budget goals for 1979.)

As a result, the figures shown at the conclusion of the section titled "Goals and Projections" have been changed for the following recommendation.
RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Stewardship recommends to the Forty-sixth General Assembly that it approve the following program of Worldwide Outreach and request the churches to supply at least the amounts stated during 1980:

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<td>Christian Education</td>
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<td>Home Missions</td>
<td>264,400</td>
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<td>Stewardship</td>
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<td><strong>1980 Worldwide Outreach</strong></td>
<td><strong>$812,500</strong></td>
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Note: Of the total for the three major committees, or $763,500, the following proportions would be in effect and govern the distribution of all undesignated contributions until one committee reaches its approved goal:

- **Christian Education**: 25.6% (26.2% in 1979)
- **Foreign Missions**: 39.8% (39.7% in 1979)
- **Home Missions**: 34.6% (34.1% in 1979)

Total to 3 committees: 100.0%

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly: The Rev. Jack J. Peterson, Ruling Elders Roger W. Huibregtse and Robert A. Kramm. According to Standing Rule X, 2, at least one minister and at least one ruling elder must be elected to the Class of 1982. According to the same rule, Mr. Kramm is not eligible for election since that would extend his continuous service on the committee beyond seven years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack J. Peterson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

The Committee on Stewardship of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Stewardship of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, 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.

The Committee's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of The Committee on Stewardship of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. as of December 31, 1978, and the revenues collected and expenditures made and changes in fund balances during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described above applied on a consistent basis.

January 19, 1979

Main Lafrentz & Co.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<th>ASSETS</th>
<th>Combined</th>
<th>General Assembly</th>
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<td>Cash, including savings accounts</td>
<td>$15,710</td>
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<td>Receivable from other committees</td>
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<td>$(475)</td>
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FUND BALANCES

| Fund balance (deficit)                      | $16,160  | $(475)           |
|                                            | $16,635  |                  |

These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES MADE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<th>Revenues collected</th>
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<td>Contributions—Orthodox Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>88,523</td>
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<td>30,968</td>
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Expenditures made

| General Fund expenditures (Schedule)        | 31,443   | 31,443           |
| General Assembly                            | 86,980   |                  |
|                                             | 118,423  | 31,443           |
|                                             |          | 86,980           |

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures

| Fund balances (deficit)                     | 1,068    | (475)            |
|                                            |          | 1,543            |
Transferred from The Committee
on Home Missions as of January 1, 1978 $15,092 — $15,092
December 31, 1978 $16,160 $(475) $16,635

These financial statements and accompanying notes are subject to the accountants' opinion.

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<td>Pension premiums and hospitalization</td>
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<td>468</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$31,443</strong></td>
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1978

1. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION
   The Committee on Stewardship became the fiscal agent of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church on January 1, 1978, in place of The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. Accordingly, it receives all revenues from the member congregations and others, and disburses to the respective Committees of the Church their portion of such revenues.

   The Committee on Stewardship also became the custodian of General Assembly funds effective January 1, 1978.

2. PENSION PLAN
   The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has a pension and life insurance plan for ordained ministers and permanent full-time employees. Plan contributions are paid entirely by the Committee. The cost of this plan to The Committee on Stewardship for 1978 was $566. Benefits are not guaranteed, but are based on participant's equity in the retirement fund.

Mr. D. W. Kiester presented the report of Advisory Committee #4.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #4
CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Advisory Committee #4 enthusiastically commends the Committee on Stewardship on its work during the past year. We wish to call particular attention to statistics provided by the Committee, items 3 and 4 under "An Analysis of 1978 Giving" in the Report of the Committee on Stewardship. We remind the Assembly that in order to achieve real growth in our support of Worldwide Outreach, giving to Worldwide Outreach must exceed the rate of inflation, and churches must increase their giving to Worldwide Outreach each year.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Advisory Committee #4 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Stewardship, that the 1980 Worldwide Outreach budget be $812,500 as apportioned by the Committee on Stewardship.
2. We recommend that the Committee on Stewardship be encouraged to communicate to sessions regarding examples of good stewardship now being practiced.

CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET FUND MANAGEMENT

Advisory Committee #4 urges upon the churches the importance of each church sending its requested contribution to the General Assembly Budget Fund to enable the highest court to fulfill its duties.

RECOMMENDATION:
1. We concur with recommendations 1.a., b., c., and d., and 2. as found in the report of the Committee on General Assembly Budget Fund Management. We urge that both recommendations be adopted.

On motion the recommendation of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted. On motion recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee #4 was adopted.

Mr. Oliver introduced to the Assembly the Rev. Paul W. Taylor, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod. On motion Mr. Taylor was enrolled as a corresponding member.

Mr. Atallah addressed the Assembly.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Stewardship. The following were nominated: Ministers—Peterson, and Watson; Ruling Elders—Roger W. Huibregtse (Green Bay), and Stevenson.

On motion the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries held two regular meetings during 1978: February 17-18, and September 22-23. In the interim between these stated meetings, emergency decisions are made by the executive committee (the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer), and are subsequently reviewed by the full committee.

The first order of business during the fall meeting of the Committee is the election of officers, who thereupon begin to serve the Committee for the ensuing year. On September 22nd, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Leonard J. Coppes; Vice-President, Mr. John K. Novinger; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Lester R. Bachman.

SUPPORT
110 congregations contributed $40,670.96.
37 churches and chapels did not send gifts during the year.
28 individuals contributed $6,686.35 in Designated Gifts for special concerns.
2 Non-OPC contributors sent $6,207.65, also designated for specific projects.
APPRECIATION!

Support from all sources in 1978 exceeded that for 1977 by $13,987.63, and exceeded the Budget for 1978 by $8,464.86! This record was achieved in spite of the fact that there were no contributions from 37 of our churches and chapels. For this demonstration of compassion, and confidence in your Committee, we express our deep gratitude!

EXHORTATION

Once again your Committee would urge all congregations to prayerfully determine to make some provision in their annual Budgets for maximum support of its ministries, in monthly contributions, or at least once each year. Gifts may be designated for one or more specific projects, or simply directed to the General Account. Undesignated gifts may be disbursed as the Committee determines.

Also, your Committee would urge Pastors, Sessions and Diaconates to encourage the members of our congregations to direct all gifts which they desire to contribute for the relief of any Foreign or Domestic Relief Agency or ministry to this Committee. All such designated funds will be disbursed by this Committee to whatever cause the donors have in mind, hopefully to Reformed Agencies with which we cooperate, or to such others as are specifically identified.

Urgent attention should be given by Presbyteries to the future financial needs of ministers who would, and perhaps should retire, but cannot because of no pension provisions, or such as are most inadequate. All elderly ministers should be included in such concern and oversight.

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Congregations should be informed that monthly disbursements for aid to retired ministers and their families will soon exceed $1,000.00, and can be expected to increase each year. Regular support for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund should become a priority for our churches and chapels, particularly for those which were served by retiring pastors before a Pension Plan was adopted, and included in their annual Budgets.

Ministers without adequate Hospitalization coverage should also become a PRIORITY CONCERN of all Presbyteries in which such men serve, and provision made in the Call, or subsidized by the Presbytery, until the congregations they serve can provide such coverage in their own Budgets.

UGANDA REFUGEE RELIEF

Funds are still greatly needed to aid in ministering to those who have fled to Kenya to escape from oppression and death at the hands of the Amin Regime in Uganda.

The Committee is involved in a careful study of a revised report on The Theology of World Diaconal Involvement which was prepared by Dr. Edmund P. Clowney and the Rev. James Petty, and presented to the Committee at the meeting on February 9-10, 1979. The critiques of each member of the Committee will be shared with Messrs. Clowney and Petty, and each other, and a final draft of a Revised Report will be prepared for presentation to the 47th General Assembly. This Report was requested by the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

ADVICE AND COUNSEL

During the NAPARC Diaconal Ministries Conference held on the campus of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tenn., October 4-5, 1978, the following RECOMMENDATION was presented by the representatives of the CRWRC, the Diaconal agency of the Christian Reformed Church:
“CRWRC proposes to work cooperatively with the churches of NAPARC in worldwide diaconal outreaches (that is, those diaconal tasks which are outside the capabilities of local diaconates).”

“CRWRC and the appropriate body from another denomination will work out joint projects (including joint funding arrangements).”

“CRWRC will consider members of NAPARC churches for staff and volunteer positions.”

“The individual denominations of NAPARC, through whatever body is appropriate, will encourage collections for CRWRC in their congregations.”

“CRWRC will supply promotional materials (printed and audio/visual) to individual groups or congregations, and will underwrite the cost of personal visits by field or administrative staff to encourage understanding of, and interest in, CRWRC’s work in particular and diaconal work in general.”

“CRWRC will supply personnel to do diaconal training for local or area-wide diaconal meetings for NAPARC denominations or congregations.”

“CRWRC requests a response to this proposal from each denomination by June 30, 1979.”

From the Minutes of that meeting, after extended discussion of CRWRC’s offer, it was moved and seconded—“That representatives of the various denominations present at the meeting receive the CRWRC offer of cooperation and forward it to the appropriate Board or Agency of their denomination for action, and further, that replies be made to the CRWRC as requested.”

This motion was adopted, and your Committee, after considerable deliberation, herewith forwards the CRWRC OFFER to this General Assembly without recommendation, requesting that advice be given to this Committee concerning the specific “reply” we are to send to the CRWRC before June 30, 1979.

ACHIEVEMENTS

An interesting and helpful NAPARC Diaconal Conference was held at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tenn., October 4-5, 1978, with Dr. Leonard Coppes, re-elected President, presiding. A study of Diaconal Ministries by a committee of the PCA General Assembly was discussed, and a formal proposal for future cooperation among NAPARC churches by the CRWRC was submitted for the consideration of the several participating denominations.

The Budget goals of the Committee were exceeded, and $13,000.00 was disbursed for Ugandan refugee relief.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that each congregation be urged to support the ministries of this Committee by an annual contribution of $5.00 per communicant member.

TERMS EXPIRE

Coppes; Herron, Lathom.
PROPOSED INCOME BUDGET FOR 1980

**General Account:**

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**Diocesan Ministries:**

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**Miscellaneous:**

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<td>Build Reserve for Emergencies</td>
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**Aged and Infirm Ministers' Account:**

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**Proposed Income Budget for 1980**

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| **To the Committee on General Benevolence of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church**
  We have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on General Benevolence of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 1978. Our examination was made in accordance with standard auditing records and such other procedures which we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as noted in the following paragraph.
  Income from contributions was not confirmed.
  In our opinion, subject to the afore noted exception the Report of the Treasurer fairly presents the cash receipts and disbursements for the year 1978 and the assets held at December 31, 1978, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.
  Respectfully submitted,
  Huber & Drewes, CPAs
  Willow Street, Pa.
  January 25, 1979

| **Total General Account Budget**              | **$39,600.00** |
| **Total Aged and Infirm Ministers' Account**  | **$12,000.00** |
| **Total Proposed Income Budget for 1980**     | **$51,600.00** |
FORTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT OFRecorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Account

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

GENERAL FUND

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<td>Balance on Hand, January 1, 1978</td>
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**RECEIPTS**

**Contributions**

- From OPC Churches, Designated: $467.09
  - Non-Designated: $99.05
- From OPC Deacons, Designated: $11,080.08
  - Non-Designated: 22,670.43
- From Other OPC Sources, Designated: $7,251.35
  - Non-Designated: 1,363.70
- From Non-OPC Sources, Designated: $6,132.65
  - Non-Designated: 75.00

Total Designated: $24,931.17
Total Non-Designated: $24,208.18
Total Contributions: $49,139.25

**Other:**

- Transferred from Savings Account: $11,500.00

**Total Receipts:** $60,639.25

**Total Funds Available:** $69,131.10

**DISBURSEMENTS**

- Office and Administration: $465.50
- Salaries and Allowances: $1,200.00
- Postage and Supplies: $339.67
- Legal & Accounting: $75.00
- Telephone and Telegraph: $402.30
- Travel: $3,446.50
- To Treasurer for Needy Family: $1,000.00
- To Treasurer for Personal Funds Deposited: $150.50

Total: $7,078.97

**DIACONAL MINISTRY**

- Relief Fund America:
  - Family A: $1,500.00
  - Family B: $1,500.00
  - Family C: $300.00
  - Family D: $200.00
  - Family E: $200.00
  - Family F: $200.00
  - Family G: $200.00
  - Family H: $75.00
  - Family I: $75.00
  - Family J: $25.00
  - Water Street Mission: $50.00

Total: $4,385.00
Relief Fund, Japan ........................................ $ 1,000.00
Relief Fund, Korea ........................................ 1,000.00
Relief Fund, Taiwan ........................................ 1,000.00
Student Work Scholarship, Japan ...................... 300.00
Student Work Scholarship, Korea ....................... 2,000.00
Orphan Scholarship, Korea ................................ 2,600.00
Leper Patients, Korea ........................................ 2,500.00
Mental Hospital & Old Folks Home .................... 600.00
Gospel Hospital, Pusan, Korea ......................... 1,800.00
TOTAL ..................................................... 12,800.00

Other: Emergency Medical Relief:
  Family No. 1 ........................................... $ 2,115.00
  Family No. 2 ........................................... 895.48
  Family No. 3 ........................................... 757.71
  Family No. 4 ........................................... 333.32
  Family No. 5 ........................................... 35.70
  Family No. 6 ........................................... 10.00
TOTAL ..................................................... 4,147.21

Work Scholarships, America:
  Emmanuel O. P. Church, Phila., PA .................. $ 8,000.00
  Refugee Relief—Uganda ................................ 13,150.00
  Other—Presbyterian Home, Quarryville, Pa. ........ 100.00
TOTAL DIAGONAL MINISTRY* ................................ $42,582.21

TRANSFERRED TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT ..................... 12,500.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..................................... 62,161.18

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1978 ................................ $ 6,969.92

*Includes domestic $16,632.21 and foreign $25,950.00

Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts and Disbursements
of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Account

Year Ending December 31, 1978

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1978 ....................... $(1,815.75)

Receipts
Contributions:
  From OP Deacons, Designated ....................... $ 4,038.11
  From Other OP Sources, Designated .............. 1,062.50
  Interest .............................................. 325.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...................................... $ 5,425.61

Total Funds Available ................................ $ 3,609.86
DISBURSEMENTS
Minister's Family (A) ................................ $ 5,400.00
Minister's Family (B) ................................ 3,000.00
Minister's Family (C) ................................ 89.85
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ................................ $ 8,489.85
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1978 .......... $(4,879.99)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT—First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lancaster
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1978 ............... $ 1,212.34
TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT .......... $12,500.00
INTEREST EARNED .................................... 366.50
TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL ACCOUNT ............. $11,500.00
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1978 .......... $ 2,578.84

ANALYSIS OF RESERVE BALANCES
YEAR JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1978

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<th>General Account</th>
<th>Aged &amp; Infirm</th>
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<td>$ 8,491.85</td>
<td>$(1,815.75)</td>
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<td>Investment Balance, January 1</td>
<td>—0—</td>
<td>$ 6,500.00</td>
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<td>Reserve Balance Total, January 1</td>
<td>$ 8,491.85</td>
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<td>Cash Received</td>
<td>$60,639.35</td>
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<td>Cash Disbursed</td>
<td>$62,161.18</td>
<td>$ 8,485.85</td>
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<td>Cash Increase (Decrease)</td>
<td>$(1,521.83)</td>
<td>$(3,064.24)</td>
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Investments, at Cost, Increase (Decrease)
Cash Balance, December 31 | $ 6,969.92 | $(4,879.99) | $ 2,090.03 |
Investment Balance, December 31* | —0— | $ 6,500.00 | $ 6,500.00 |
Reserve Balance Total, December 31 | $ 6,969.92 | $ 1,620.01 | $ 8,590.03 |

Amount
*Investment Church Extension Fund Demand Notes $6,500.00

INVESTMENTS
Church Extension Fund Demand Notes

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<td>2-4-1963—#A-95</td>
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<td>3-2-1965—#A-124</td>
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<td>3-3-1967—#A-144</td>
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TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED ................................ $6,500.00

Mr. Steever presented the report of Advisory Committee #7.
REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #7

I. CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES (CDM)
   A. Advisory Committee #7 (AC #7) concurs with the recommendation of the CDM concerning its support.
   B. AC #7 recommends that the 46th GA direct the CDM to take no action on the recommendation presented by the CRWRC to the NAPARC Diaconal Ministries Conference, October 4-5, 1978. (cf. p. 119), for the following reasons:
      1. The recommendation represents a departure from the Church's present policies and practices of ecumenicity and interchurch relations.
      2. The Church is presently engaged in a discussion of the theology of world diaconal involvement, and acceptance of this proposal would be presumptuous before the issues involved have been properly considered.

II. CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS (CP).
   A. AC #7 reminds the CP of the necessity to submit proposals of the magnitude of the Pension Supplement Fund to the Committee on Stewardship for evaluation in the light of worldwide outreach goals established by the Church.
   B. AC #7 concurs with the CP's recommendation regarding the Pension Supplement Fund.

The recommendation of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries was adopted.
It was moved to adopt recommendation I.B. of Advisory Committee #7.
It was moved as a substitute that the 46th General Assembly accept the offer of the CRWRC.
The Assembly recessed at 3:28 p.m., and reconvened at 3:48 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "With harps and with viols."
Mr. Work, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Church in the U.S., addressed the Assembly.
Discussion on the pending question continued.
The Assembly recessed at 5:34 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Bacon.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 21

The Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "How good it is to thank the Lord." Mr. Wagner led in prayer.

After a series of amendments the main motion became that the Assembly thank the CRWRC for its offer for co-operative work with the diaconal agencies of the NAPARC churches, and that the Assembly direct the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to consult with the CRWRC with regard to the principles that underlie the work of the CRWRC, and report its findings to the 47th General Assembly, and was carried.

The Moderator requested Mr. Peterson to assume the chair.

On motion Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the report was ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. The following were nominated: Ministers—Coppes, and Ronald E. Lutz; Deacons—Dennis Fullalove (South San Francisco), James Gillespie (Denver), Paul MacQueen (Hatboro), David Thomas (San Diego), and James Wadsworth (Wilmington).

The Moderator later announced the election of the Rev. Mr. Coppes and Deacons MacQueen and Wadsworth to the class of 1982.

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 reports on its activities for the year 1978 as follows:

HOSPITALIZATION

During the year 1978, coverage under the denominational plan was provided by two insurance carriers. The hospitalization coverage continues to be carried with Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc. Effective January 1, 1978 the medical/surgical coverage was assumed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, who also carries the major medical coverage.

At the end of the year there were 134 participants in the plan. This is an increase of 3 from the prior year.

The increasing cost of medical care throughout the country has had its effect on our plan as well. The latest claim reports from the carriers show the following:

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<tr>
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<th>Inter-County Hospitalization</th>
<th>Lincoln Nat'l</th>
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<tr>
<td>Period Covered</td>
<td>1/1/78-12/31/78</td>
<td>9/1/77-8/31/78</td>
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<tr>
<td>Claims Paid</td>
<td>79,881</td>
<td>20,725</td>
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<td>Premiums Paid</td>
<td>66,036</td>
<td>19,688</td>
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As a result of the increasing claims both carriers required an increase in premiums. As a result of the increases, the present monthly cost to participants is $44.67 for those who are single and $108.64 for those with family coverage.

It should be noted however, that with the rate increases there were also some increases in benefits in the plan: the coverage under hospitalization now provides benefits of 100% of eligible hospital costs at semi-private rates up to a maximum of $10,000 per visit and the major medical coverage was increased to a maximum of $50,000 for each illness.

Although the coverage provided by our present carriers is satisfactory, the Committee continues to investigate other plans in an attempt either to provide more coverage or to reduce premium costs.

At the time of our General Assembly last year, representatives of the Committee met with representatives of similar committees of NAPARC churches to discuss the possibility of working together in the areas of insurance and pension plans. As a first step, an attempt is being made to determine if a uniform hospitalization plan could be developed for all five churches. If this is feasible it could result in increased coverages at reduced rates, based on the size of the group and the means employed to administer the plan.

The Committee also notes with appreciation the work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries in providing the insurance premiums for those pastors whose congregations are unable to do so.

PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

On December 31, 1978 there were 144 participants in the plan, including 17 who were receiving monthly pension benefits. During the year there were two ministers who withdrew from the plan as a result of their enrollment in other denominations. There were 6 new enrollments.

The term life insurance continues to be carried with the North American Life Assurance Company. The annual premium per individual, on $17,000 coverage, was $122 for the year 1977. The annual premium for the year 1979 will be $123 for $18,000 coverage.
At the beginning of 1978, all of the investments of the fund held by First Pennsylvania Bank were transferred to De Haven & Townsend, Crouter & Bodine, Philadelphia, Pa. Subsequently the firm of De Haven & Townsend, Crouter & Bodine merged with the larger firm of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. The firm provides portfolio management, custodial services for securities held for the plan, and regular accounting reports of its administration of these assets.

The assets of the fund at the end of 1978 amounted to $801,834; a year earlier they were $748,891. As of the end of the year the value of the portfolio decreased approximately 3.7%, primarily in the bond investments. The net investment income earned by the fund during the year, offset by the portfolio decrease, resulted in an increase in each participant's account of 2.9%.

During the year the Committee received a special "Founder's Day Offering," in order to establish a special fund for the purpose of increasing the benefits of retired participants of the Pension Plan. The $55,412 received in this offering was more than 10% over the $50,000 goal. The accounting for this offering is as follows:

**FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING**

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<td>Total Contributions to December 31, 1978</td>
<td>$55,412.64</td>
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<td>Interest Income</td>
<td>210.15</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>55,622.79</strong></td>
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<td>Art Work</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>935.94</strong></td>
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**Balance—December 31, 1978**

$54,686.85

All of the assets of the Founder's Day Fund are invested in short-term certificates of deposit and a savings account yielding a high rate of interest. As a result of the response to the Fund, payments to eligible participants and their widows were begun in January 1979 in the amount of $25 per month.

During the year the Committee adopted the following statement delineating long-term goals:

**Preface**

Based on what it judged to be biblical principles the Orthodox Presbyterian Church adopted a Pension Plan in 1960 to provide support for retired ministers. The amount provided by the Plan was recognized even at that time to be inadequate, but it was the best that the church seemed able to do at the time; it was regarded as a supplement to Social Security benefits. Since that time the earlier inadequacy has been aggravated by continuous high rates of inflation, with the prospect that an increasing amount of income will be needed in the years ahead to keep pace with the escalation of the cost of living.

The Social Security system has recognized the need of retirees for increasing income due to inflation, and benefits have been increased over the years; existing statutes provide for automatic cost-of-living increments that are tied to rates of inflation. The Pension
Plan's benefits to retirees, regarded from the beginning of the Plan as being in combination with Social Security benefits, have not been increased to keep pace with inflation, and the Committee has concluded that the total retirement benefits available for our ministers are not adequate now and will become less so each year under the inflationary conditions that appear to be built into the American economy.

**Long-term goal**

The Committee believes that the Church's long-term goal should be to provide total retirement benefits that are realistic in relation to the cost of living both at the time of the participant's retirement and throughout the years of his retirement. The Committee judges that as an initial step toward the achievement of this goal a minimum of 70% of the average of the salaries of ministers employed full-time in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church should be provided; the goal for a participant's widow should be 75% of his goal. "Total retirement benefits" means benefits from the Plan, the Pension Supplement, Social Security benefits, and retirement benefits from previous employers, and other sources.

"Salaries" include gross income reported on Internal Revenue Service forms for Social Security purposes (Form SE), i.e., cash salary plus housing and utilities allowances. These benefits are to be achieved by the following means:

1. Build up a participant's share in the Retirement Equity Fund sufficient to provide the Plan's portion of total retirement benefits as of the date of his retirement.
2. Build up a Pension Supplement Fund to generate additional funds that may be necessary for those participants whose share of the Retirement Equity Fund is insufficient to provide the specified level of total retirement benefits.
3. The funds shall be accrued as follows:
   a. The Retirement Equity Fund through annual premiums established by the General Assembly.
   b. The Pension Supplement Fund through contributions by the churches as requested annually by the General Assembly until decided otherwise, and by bequests and special gifts.

**Guidelines for Administering the Pension Supplement Fund**

1. The Committee shall recommend annually to the General Assembly an amount to request from the churches to provide adequate funding of the Pension Supplement Fund.
2. Pension Plan participants, at least 65 years of age with 20 years service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and receiving regular retirement benefits, shall be eligible to receive benefits from the Pension Supplement Fund.
3. Payments shall be made monthly to each eligible participant for life, and to his surviving spouse for life unless she remarries.
4. The initial funding of the Pension Supplement Fund was the 1978 Founder's Day Offering. The funds received in that offering shall be used for the benefit of participants as follows:
   a. Payments shall be made to ministers who have had at least 20 years of service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and who are at least 65 years of age prior to January 1, 1980 and are receiving regular pension benefits. The surviving spouse of a minister who would have fulfilled these requirements but who is deceased as of January 1, 1979 shall also receive payments unless she has remarried.
   b. Those who are eligible to receive pension benefits but have elected to delay receipt of such benefits shall receive supplemental payments when they begin to receive the regular pension benefits.
5. All eligible participants shall benefit from additions to the Pension Supplement Fund received after December 31, 1978; the amount of benefits to be paid to participants shall be determined by the Committee from year to year in the light of funds available.

6. In the early years, and for a presently undeterminable period, the Committee shall make payments from the Fund which will include what the Committee judges to be a prudent amount of the Fund's principal, with the objective of seeking a balance between the size and the longevity of the payments.

The Committee plans to circulate annually a questionnaire regarding salaries and related matters to all ministers employed full-time in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the purposes of assisting it in planning to meet the goals outlined previously.

In addition, the Committee is considering providing information to churches and participants regarding ways of allocating larger amounts of current income to pensions, tax free.

The Committee would note that Mr. Hoogerhyde performs all of the record-keeping and administrative functions of the Committee, also assisted by his wife, with virtually no remuneration. This work includes sending out premium notices, receiving and transmitting premiums for pensions, life insurance, and hospitalization, processing claims, preparing annual statements for each participant, maintaining accounting records, consulting the investment counsellor, and carrying on the Committee's correspondence.

The Committee is deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hoogerhyde for this service to the church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the 1979 General Assembly approve a goal of $300,000 for the Pension Supplement Fund, including the 1978 Founder's Day Offering, and that this amount be accumulated in the following ways:

a. Each congregation shall be asked to contribute an average of $6.00 per year per communicant member to the FUND.

b. Bequests and gifts.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Committee are as follows: President: Garret A. Hoogerhyde; Vice President: John E. Dowling; Secretary: Edward A. Haug; Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Minister: Marven O. Bowman, Jr.; Ruling Elder: Edward A. Haug; Layman: Paul C. Kent.

An additional vacancy exists in the Class of 1980 due to the resignation of William Wilkens, Layman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The reports of the Treasurer for both the Pension and Insurance and the Hospitalization Accounts, as audited by Stephen P. Radics and Co., Certified Public Accountants, are as follows:

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We have examined the balance sheet of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund as of December 31, 1978 and 1977 and the related statement of revenue and ex-
pense and changes in fund balance for the years then ended. Our examinations were
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 financial statements present fairly the financial
position of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund at December 31, 1978
and 1977 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the years
then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a
consistent basis after the change, with which we concur, in the method of revenue recogni-
tion relating to investment income as described in Note 3.

Stephen P. Radics & Co.

Haledon, New Jersey
May 3, 1979

PENSION
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

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<td>20,008</td>
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<td>6,242</td>
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<td>Investments—trust accounts (at market value)—</td>
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<td>Schedule 2.</td>
<td>781,869</td>
<td>713,970</td>
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<td>155</td>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

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<td>Total liabilities and fund balance</td>
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE

For the Year Ended
December 31, 1978 1977

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<td>Pension distributions</td>
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<td>Withdrawals and transfers</td>
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<td>General and administrative expenses</td>
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<td>Unrealized depreciation investments</td>
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<td>120,855</td>
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<td>Excess of revenue over expense (deficit)</td>
<td>52,770</td>
<td>(2,448)</td>
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<td>Fund balance—beginning of period, as originally stated</td>
<td>748,891</td>
<td>746,275</td>
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<td>5,064</td>
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### SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

#### Schedule 1.

For the Year Ended

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<td>79,401</td>
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<td><strong>Total Cash Disbursements</strong></td>
<td>287,007</td>
<td>129,235</td>
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#### Expenses—General Fund:

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Honorarium—treasurer</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>Legal and auditing</td>
<td>440</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>Meeting expense</td>
<td>787</td>
<td>473</td>
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<td>Stationery and printing</td>
<td>322</td>
<td>89</td>
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### Notes:

1. **Note 3**: Increase due to change in recognition of investment income.
Postage ................................. 170 130
Telephone ........................................ 86 44
Bonding expense ................................... 140 52
Safe deposit box ................................... 5 —

Total Cash Disbursements ............................. 2,550 1,788

Cash Balance—End of Period .......................... $ 10,129 $ 8,671

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS—TRUST ACCOUNTS

Dec 31. 1978 1977
Cost Market Value Cost Value

First Pennsylvania Bank:
Bonds ....................................... $ — $ — $135,053 $138,806
Preferred stocks ......................... — — 14,107 7,825
Common stocks ........................... — — 144,503 139,263
Commercial paper ........................ — — 154,000 154,000
U.S. Government securities ............ — — 75,803 75,476

W. H. Newbold's Son and Company:
Bonds ....................................... 321,992 292,344 90,080 85,815
Preferred stock ............................. 14,107 6,750 — —
Common stock ............................. 361,806 370,411 77,219 82,838
U.S. Government securities .......... 121,496 112,364 30,562 29,947

$819,401 781,869 $721,327 $713,970

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. GENERAL
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund was created in order to provide term life insurance during period of eligibility and retirement benefits at age 65 for the Church's ordained ministers, its permanent full-time employees, and the permanent full-time employees of a congregation or organization thereof. The normal retirement benefit is based on the participants' equity in the fund at the time of retirement and on the income option selected. The fund also provides death and disability benefits.

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
The fund uses the accrual method of accounting—refer to change in accounting method as described in Note 3.
Investments in U.S. Government and other marketable securities are valued at current market values.
NOTE 3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD

Effective January 1, 1978, the fund changed its method of revenue recognition pertaining to investment income from the cash basis to the accrual basis. Previously, investment income was recognized at the time of actual receipt by the fund.

Financial statements for prior years have been restated to apply the newly adopted method retroactively and resulted in the following increases for the year ended December 31, 1977:

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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>$44,942</td>
<td>$1,178</td>
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<td>Excess of revenue over expenses (deficit)</td>
<td>$(3,626)</td>
<td>$1,178</td>
<td>$(2,448)</td>
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<td>Fund balance—end of period</td>
<td>$742,649</td>
<td>$6,242</td>
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Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We have examined the balance sheet of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Account as of December 31, 1978 and 1977 and the related statement of revenue, expense and changes in fund balance for the years 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 financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Account at December 31, 1978 and 1977 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balance for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Stephen P. Radics & Co.
Haledon, New Jersey
March 17, 1979

HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET

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<td>Cash in bank—Prospect Park National Bank</td>
<td>$200</td>
<td>$1,317</td>
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<td>Cash in bank—Prospect Park Savings and Loan</td>
<td>7,844</td>
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<td>Total Cash in Bank</td>
<td>8,044</td>
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<td>Receivable—Provident Indemnity Life Insurance Company</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
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<td>$4,152</td>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

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<td>Premiums collected in advance</td>
<td>$7,646</td>
<td>$3,529</td>
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<td>398</td>
<td>623</td>
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<td>$8,044</td>
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Year Ended December 31, 1978

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<th>Revenue:</th>
<th>1978</th>
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<td>Premiums—members</td>
<td>$98,686</td>
<td>$76,657</td>
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<td>496</td>
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<td>Premiums—insurance companies</td>
<td>98,686</td>
<td>76,657</td>
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<td>General and administrative expense</td>
<td>1,148</td>
<td>918</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$99,609</strong></td>
<td><strong>$77,423</strong></td>
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| Excess of expenses over revenue  | (225)   | (152)   |
|**Fund balance—beginning of period**| 623  | 775     |

| Fund Balance—End of Period       | $ 398   | $ 623   |

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**Schedule 1.**

For the Years Ended December 31, 1978

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<th>$ 4,488</th>
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<td>Premiums paid, Inter-County</td>
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<td>Premiums paid, Lincoln National</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td><strong>Total Cash Disbursements</strong></td>
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Mr. Steever reported for *Advisory Committee #7* (cf. p. 124).

The recommendation of the Committee on Pensions was adopted.

On motion the Committee on Pensions was requested to give consideration to including as beneficiaries of the Pension Supplement Fund, ministers not enrolled in the Pension Plan, provided they meet all other requirements of the Plan, and that the Committee report on this matter to the 47th General Assembly.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Pensions. The following were nominated: *Minister—Marven O. Bowman, Jr.; Ruling Elders—Haug and Roger W. Huibregtse (Green Bay); Laymen—Paul Holleman (Denver), Paul C. Kent (Hatboro), Lawrence Linden (Libertyville), and Charles Lord (Bangor).* The request on behalf of Mr. Kent that his name be withdrawn was granted.

The Moderator declared the Rev. Mr. Bowman elected to the class of 1982, and later announced the election of Ruling Elders Haug and Huibregtse to the class of 1982, and Mr. Lord to the class of 1980.

Mr. Mitchell, a member of the *Committee on General Assembly Budget Fund Management*, 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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET FUND MANAGEMENT**

This committee was erected by the 45th General Assembly “to propose to the Forty-sixth General Assembly a procedure for management of the General Assembly Budget Fund.”

There are several problems with the General Assembly Budget Fund, of which the most obvious is that demands upon it tend to exceed its income. The Stated Clerk has drawn attention to these problems in his annual reports to the Assembly, but the problems persist. The same or similar problems have affected the funding of the major standing committees, and are partly responsible for the creation of a Stewardship Committee in 1963 and for some of the discussions over the work of that committee in the interim.

The largest part of the Budget Fund pays for the Agenda and Minutes of the Assembly, and the associated work of the Stated Clerk. Although large, these expenses are predictable within relatively narrow limits. The rest of the Budget Fund pays for the work of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and of nearly all of the special committees of the Assembly. It is this portion of the Budget Fund that needs more effective management.

The problems fall under one or more of the following headings:

1. Committees are given jobs to do without accurately counting the cost.
2. Committees effectively are given carte blanche to spend what they think is justified to do their jobs, with the implied assumption that it will be paid from the Budget Fund.
3. The Assembly has seldom set any priorities in erecting or continuing committees, in the light of the limited funds available to meet the expenses of those committees.
4. It is difficult to appeal for contributions for the Budget Fund, because of the diversity of the causes it represents, because the causes do not have the same appeal as missions, and because requests for the Budget Fund have purposely been kept low compared to the needs of the major standing committees.
Instead of presenting a full discussion of these problems, this committee summarizes its findings as follows.

1. The resources of the Budget Fund are limited and are likely to remain so. The causes the Budget Fund supports need to be brought under more effective control in order for the Assembly to exercise proper stewardship.

2. Two kinds of controls over committee expenses are readily available. Committees can be limited to predetermined amounts they may charge to the Budget Fund, and the number of committees can be limited. Both kinds of controls should be used, but the former may be easier to implement than the latter.

3. The Assembly has not done very much by way of setting priorities or allocating resources among committees that depend upon the Budget Fund. A number of ways are available to begin to do this. This committee suggests that the Assembly do so by putting teeth into the budget which it adopts for the Budget Fund. This budget is adopted near the end of each Assembly. This approach offers these advantages:

   a) The setting of the budget for the Budget Fund is the only place in the docket of the Assembly where the competing needs of the committees that depend on the Budget Fund all converge. It is the best place in our present docket to focus debate on the relative merits of the various committees and their needs for funds.

   b) The practice of the Assembly in adopting a budget for the Budget Fund has implied that committee expenses ought to bear some recognizable relationship to the figures in the budget. It is a natural extension of present practice to require that they do so.

   c) By focusing debate about the relative merits of this or that committee and its funding at one point in the docket, the Assembly will be better situated to deal with the problem in all of its facets.

4. If teeth are put into the budget, some provision must be made for occasional relief from their effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To implement these findings the committee offers the following recommendations:

1. a. That committees that draw upon the General Assembly Budget Fund for their expenses be required to limit their expenses to the amounts set by the Assembly when it adopts the budget for the General Assembly Budget Fund, except as provided for in b. and c. below;

   b. That the General Secretary of the Committee on Stewardship be empowered to authorize said committees to spend up to 10% over their budgeted expenses, upon request of a committee submitted prior to the incurring of the expense, if in his judgment the expense will be offset by a corresponding under-expenditure elsewhere in the Budget Fund.

   c. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the most recent Assembly, and the General Secretary of the Committee on Stewardship, as a group, be empowered to authorize over-expenditures without regard to the limits in b. above, if they judge the need to be of overriding importance; and

   d. That any proposal recommending the erection of a new standing or special committee be required to include a budget for said committee, if it is to draw upon the Budget Fund for its expenses.
2. That in the event any of the above recommendations are adopted, this committee be continued in order to formulate and propose to the 47th General Assembly changes to the Standing Rules and Instruments of the Assembly to incorporate said recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Barker
John J. Mitchell
LeRoy B. Oliver

Mr. D. W. Kiester reported for Advisory Committee #4 (cf. p. 117).

On separate motions recommendations 1 and 2 of the Committee on General Assembly Budget Fund Management were adopted.

Mr. Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, 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 ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

This year's work of the Committee was highlighted by two meetings with representatives of other churches of like precious faith. Significant actions were taken at each meeting so that we may anticipate progress toward the unity of the faith that our Lord desires us wholeheartedly to seek. The Committee reports:

I. CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RPCES AND THE PCA

In accordance with the authorization of the 45th General Assembly (see Minutes pp. 115, 122 and 123), your Committee met with members of the interchurch relations committees of the PCA and the RPCES on February 21 and 22, 1979. At that meeting the respective committees spent some time informing one another on the statistics of their membership and finances and summarizing past efforts on the part of two of the churches to achieve merger. Also extensively discussed was the degree of commitment of each of the three denominations to a "biblical mandate" for unity and fears or concerns about possible merger that have surfaced in these denominations in the past few years.

The joint committees without dissent adopted the following statement:

"It is the opinion of the joint committee of the OPC, the PCA and the RPCES that as Presbyterian churches committed to a common faith as set forth in the Westminster standards, to the presbyterian form of government, and to a common testimony to the purity of the church, we have a basis for merger of the three churches. We, therefore, recommend to the respective Committees that they each recommend to their churches the continuation of consultations with a plan of merger in view."

In accordance with that recommendation, your Committee recommends that the 46th General Assembly approve the continuation of consultations with a plan of merger in view.

In accordance with the instruction of the 45th General Assembly (Minutes, p. 123), your Committee explored the feasibility of including the Interchurch Relations Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in discussion of the possibility of merger of the PCA, RPCES, RPCNA and the OPC. This exploration was made by asking the interchurch relations committees of the PCA and RPCES whether
the inclusion of the RPCNA in the discussions would advance, be an obstacle, or make no difference in progress toward union. The reply from both churches was that inclusion of the RPCNA would be an obstacle at this point.

If this General Assembly adopts the above recommendation and the highest judicatures of the other two churches adopt a similar recommendation, the committees on interchurch relations plan to meet jointly in September, 1979, at Covenant College.

II. CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR CONTACT WITH THE OPC OF THE CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

The General Synod, 1977, of the Canadian Reformed Churches decided '(1) with thankfulness to recognize the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as a true Church of our Lord Jesus Christ as confessed in Article 29 of the Belgic Confession, (2) decided to offer to the OPC a temporary relationship called "ecclesiastical contact" with the following rules:

"a. to invite delegates to each other's General Assemblies (GA) or Synods (GS), but no vote;
b. to exchange Minutes and Acts of each other's GA and GS as well as communications on major issues of mutual concern, and to solicit comment on these documents;
c. to be diligent by means of continued discussions to use the contact for the purpose of reaching full correspondence."

Your Committee recommends that the 46th General Assembly accept the offer of the Canadian Reformed Churches to enter into a temporary relationship called "Ecclesiastical Contact," with the rules set forth above.

On October 26, 1978, your committee held a meeting with representatives of the Canadian Reformed Churches and discussed the following subjects:
1. The meaning and application of rules of correspondence adopted by the Canadian Reformed Churches.
2. The meaning and use of the term, "the pluriformity of the church".
3. The differences in our confessional positions on the relationship between faith and the assurance of faith.
4. The character of being a confessional church and the differences between the requirements of our respective ordination vows in subscribing to the systems of doctrine.
5. The relationship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with other churches, specifically, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Christian Reformed Church.
6. The rationale/justification of our membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.
7. The reasons for our relationship with the Korean Presbyterian Churches (Kosin and Hap Dong).
8. The significant changes in our new Form of Government.

We also agreed to meet in September, 1979, possibly in Rochester, New York, or Hamilton, Ontario.

III. CONTACT WITH THE KOREAN AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the invitation of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, your Committee authorized its chairman to attend the First General Assembly as an observer and sent the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt to the Second General Assembly as an observer. At the First General Assembly the Korean American Presbyterian Church determined to seek a fraternal relationship with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Christian Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church in America.
The Korean American Presbyterian Church has the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms as its subordinate doctrinal standards and its church polity is presbyterian. Statistics on church membership are not available. There were six presbyteries represented and thirty-two commissioners from these presbyteries were at the Second General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk of the new denomination is the Rev. Samuel S. Chang, who was formerly a minister of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Several ministers of this group are graduates of Westminster Seminary.

Mr. Hunt, who attended and listened to the discussions of the General Assembly of the KAPC in the Korean language, was favorably impressed with the spirit of the Assembly. Mr. Hunt noted that in the KAPC there are ministers from the Kosin and Hap Dong churches in Korea. We now have fraternal relations with both of these churches.

The Committee recommends that the 46th General Assembly enter into the relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship with the Korean American Presbyterian Church.

IV. NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL (NAPARC)

The NAPARC held its fourth annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 1978. Minutes of this meeting are in the files of the Committee. The following items are reported from those minutes:

1. The representatives of the OPC were Messrs. Galbraith, Oliver, Payton and Rockey (p. 1, par. 2).

2. The following amendments to the By-laws were adopted:

   Amend III, 2, b:
   Change “Standing” to “Committees of the Council”
   Add “Conferences” after Study Committees
   Add at end: Reports of Committees or Conferences are to be sent to the Secretary, who shall distribute them to the Interchurch Committees, when the agenda is sent out.

   Amend III, 2, c, by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: “The Treasurer may consult with the Chairman or Secretary on any questions that he may have on bills submitted to him.”

   Amend III, 3, by adding a new paragraph 3:
   “3. Travel, housing and meal expenses shall be borne by the sending churches.”

   Amend V:

V. Committees and Conferences

1. Committees of the Council

   The Council may establish and appoint as many such Committees as needed. These Committees shall continue until the matters assigned to them have been completed. However, if such Committees are to represent all member Churches, the delegates of each Church to the current meeting of the Council shall designate its representative.

2. NAPARC Study Committees

   The Council may establish NAPARC Study Committees to study matters of mutual concern to the NAPARC Churches. In erecting such a Study Committee the Council shall indicate the number of representatives each church may appoint to the Committee; equal representation from each church shall be authorized. It shall also designate one of the churches, which is to convene the Committee. The option of participating and the manner of selecting representatives shall be left to each church.
3. Conferences
   a. The Council may call Conferences on subjects of mutual concern to which all member churches are urged to send representatives.
   b. Annual consultations between the agencies of the various NAPARC churches may be held as desirable with each member church being urged to participate.

4. Materials and Conclusions
   Materials and conclusions of NAPARC Study Committees and Conferences shall be sent to the Interchurch Committees of all the member churches, and to the NAPARC Interim Committee.
   a. The chief use of the materials and conclusions of the NAPARC Study Committees or Conferences is (1) for the information and instruction of member churches, and (2) the conveying of possible responses—approval, disagreement, or further study—by each member church to the other.
   b. The materials and conclusions are to be considered the property of the several member churches, and may be used and publicized by them only in their own name unless approved by other member churches also; joint publicity of the results of the NAPARC Study Committees or Conferences shall be by the churches themselves as distinguished from publicity by NAPARC which is consultative rather than policy making. Neither NAPARC nor NAPARC Study Committees or Conferences may speak for the member churches.
   c. The ultimate purpose of the NAPARC Study Committees and Conferences is to search the Scriptures for the enrichment of our understanding of God’s truth, to discuss the application of God’s Word in the life of the churches and to seek unity through the development of a common commitment and cooperation.

5. Expenses
   The expenses for NAPARC Conferences and Study Committees are to be borne by the member churches (including such items as: meals, travel, lodging, etc.). The cost for such items as duplication and secretarial aids is to be borne by the NAPARC treasury.

Amend VI:
In the first sentence replace “previous meeting . . . by the meeting” with “Council together with such others elected by the Council as will provide a representative from each member church.”

Add “5. The participating churches shall bear the expenses of their members to Interim Committee meetings.”
(For text of the By-laws of NAPARC, see Minutes 42nd General Assembly, pp. 153, 154.)

3. The Council reviewed its past action regarding the call for a Study Committee on Hermeneutics and determined to erect a study committee to determine whether a study of Hermeneutics would be feasible and profitable, and if so, to make appropriate recommendations to the Council in 1979 as to the composition of such a Study Committee and its precise mandate.

4. A request for a conference on Reformed evangelism was referred to the consultation of the agencies on home missions.

5. The Council agreed to recommend to the member churches of NAPARC that plans be made to have a concurrent meeting of Assemblies and Synods in 1982, and that if arrangements can be made, to hold it at Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
6. A committee of the Council was appointed to consider the length of the terms of office of the officers of the Council and to report to the next meeting with the recommendations. This committee was also requested to consider the feasibility of adding a fourth office of Vice Chairman.

7. It was agreed that a gratuity of $150 per year would be paid to the secretary of the Council.

8. In view of the decision of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to suspend its application from membership in the NAPARC until the matter of difference regarding inerrancy of Scripture be resolved, the Council agreed to discharge the special committee dealing with ARPC membership.

9. It was reported to the Council that meetings of representatives of the foreign missions and home missions agencies of the member churches and a Conference on Theological Education had been held in the past year.

10. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for October 26 and 27, 1979; the place to be determined by the Interim Committee.

11. The following officers were elected: the Rev. Donald J. MacNair, RPCES, chairman; the Rev. Morton H. Smith, PCA, secretary; Mr. Albert A. Bel, CRC, treasurer. The other members of the Interim Committee are the Rev. LeRoy B. Oliver, OPC, and the Rev. Bruce Stewart, RPCNA.

V. REPORTS FROM FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES

A. The Rev. Laurence N. Vail, fraternal delegate to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church meeting at Bonclarken, N.C. June 5-8, 1978 reported as follows with reference to actions of Synod affecting fraternal relations with OPC and membership in NAPARC:

1. Theological Position and Commitment of the ARP Church.
   a. ARP General Synod of 1977 adopted a memorial including the requirement "that those teaching Bible personally affirm and teach the Scriptures as the infallible and inerrant Word of God." (Page 498, Minutes)

   On July 15, 1977 the Board of Trustees of Erskine College and Seminary resolved: That, in the light of the Board of Trustees commitment to comprehensive, quality Christian education, to the principles of academic freedom pledged to the faculty and students; and to the standard of accreditation subscribed to by Erskine College and Seminary; and in view of the Associate Reformed Church's adherence to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Board express to the 1978 General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church its inability to comply with the directive "to require that those teaching Bible will personally affirm and teach the scriptures as the infallible and inerrant Word of God." (See also appended article, The Bible's View of its Own Authority)

   b. As a result of investigations conducted by the Ecclesiastical Commission on Judiciary Affairs, and the Special Committee on Christian Higher Education, it was discovered that the General Synod of the ARP Church had lost direct control of Erskine College and Seminary through charter changes that Synod approved in 1972. (See appended reports.) The only control that Synod exercises at present is the election of the Board of Trustees. But even this power could be lost if the Board should decide to amend the charter, which it now has power to do, without approval of the Synod.

   Two attempts were made at the General Synod of 1978 to recover control of the College and Seminary by the Synod. The first, to withhold Synod support funds for
1979 from the institutions until recommended charter changes were adopted by the Board, was tabled. The Synod then adopted the recommendations requesting the Board to amend the charter so as to continue certain powers within the Synod, namely to elect the members of the Board, and to approve charter changes. But the Synod recognized the autonomy of the Board in governing the College and Seminary.

c. A memorial from one of the presbyteries requested Synod to revise the second ordination vow of ministers, ruling elders and deacons to read:

(2) Do you reaffirm your belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be without error in all that they affirm, to be the Word of the Living God, the only perfect rule of faith and practice, to which nothing is to be added and from which nothing is to be taken at any time or upon any pretext? (Words to be added are italicized.)

By a vote of 136 to 115 consideration of the motion was postponed indefinitely.

d. First Presbytery refused to ordain and install Stephen Stout as pastor of the Prosperity ARP Church of Charlotte, N.C. The Session of the church complained against the action of the presbytery, but it was denied by the Synod, which said that the presbytery was within its rights. Mr. Stout is a graduate of WTS. The presbytery refused his ordination on the grounds that he would not promise to support Erskine College and Seminary.


a. The Committee on Inter-Church Relations recommended that the ARP Synod withdraw its application for membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

The General Synod adopted this recommendation in an amended form: That the ARP Synod suspend its application for membership in NAPARC until the matter regarding inerrancy is resolved.

b. In a supplemental report the Committee on Inter-Church Relations recommended the sending of written greetings to the meetings of the NAPARC churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to send a delegate if one is available, and to explore means of avoiding duplication of church extension work.

The Synod decided to adopt these recommendations and a ruling elder was found who agreed to bring fraternal greetings to the NAPARC churches meeting in Grand Rapids.

B. The Rev. Theodore Hard, fraternal delegate to the Kosin General Assembly of the Korean Presbyterian Church, reported as follows:

1. The Assembly accepted certain separated groups who had left the church without having received discipline and without requiring an apology on their return. Those who had left under discipline will be required to give an apology on return. This matter refers to the dozens of churches and their thousands of members who had separated several years ago.

2. The General Assembly voted 74 to 36 against a plan put forth by the trustees of the theological college and seminary to seek government approval for new departments of medicine and English literature which would have been steps toward making the seminary a general university. The seminary would be required to accept non-Christian students in the non-theological courses. However, this plan was not approved by the government. It is Mr. Hard's belief that the Lord has led the church through a very difficult crisis in this matter.

3. The Kosin Church has a twenty-five year plan in five 5-year increments aiming for 2,000 churches by then. It now has over 600.
4. The Assembly voted to receive missionaries of the OPC, RPCES and PCA as something like missionary members and to grant them the privilege of the floor at General Assembly. The missionaries would also be connected with local presbyteries in the areas in which they are working. This is the result of efforts of several years. This means that these missionaries will have official status with both the Hapdong and Kosin groups.

C. The Rev. Laurence N. Vail, fraternal delegate to the annual meeting of Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church of the United States, meeting at Peace Reformed Church, Napoleon, Ohio, April 3-6, 1978, reported as follows:

1. State of the Church (Classis)
   a. Classis now has 26 churches in 9 states with a total membership of 3,790 (3,034 communicant and 756 covenant).
   b. Classis has 1,321 families, and 586 children in Sunday School.
   c. 164 new communicant members were enrolled and 165 removed from the rolls last year.
   d. Adult baptisms numbered 4 during the year.
   e. Classis disbursed $56,773 for home missions work, and $16,572 for foreign missions during the year.
   f. Classis has 6 home missions works, with prospects for several more.
   g. Four men were ordained to the Reformed ministry during the classical year.

2. Issues that concern the church (Classis)
   a. Maintaining the Faith. Very careful examinations are conducted of licentiates for the ministry, with a special emphasis on Reformed doctrine, and the law of God. Proposals to alter the language of the Heidelberg Catechism were narrowly defeated. Also defeated were efforts to give women members a vote in congregational meetings.
   b. Christian Education. The Christian Education Committee is planning the production of materials for use in evangelism and covenant instruction that will serve the distinctive needs of the church. More pastors are becoming involved in Christian schools.
   c. Missions. Plans are being formulated for the calling of a missionary-at-large to start new home mission churches. A commission has been selected to visit Germany to survey needs for Reformed mission work there.
   d. Pensions. A special committee was erected in 1977 to choose and implement a pension plan and a group major medical plan for Classis ministers. The Classis expressed itself as ready and willing to proceed with a viable plan.

3. Relationship of the Classis to the OPC
   a. Cooperation in Foreign Missions. Classis supported Orthodox Presbyterian missionaries (the Smiths on Taiwan) fully in 1977 and plans to continue full support in 1978. The Classis has requested The Committee on Foreign Missions of the OPC to administer any new missionary work that may be established in Germany.
   b. Classis is working closely with the Presbytery of the Dakotas of the OPC in seeking reconciliation for a group that has separated from Knox OPC in Oklahoma City and in conserving them for the reformed faith.

VI. 1982 SYNODS

The Committee recommends that the 46th General Assembly adopt the recommendation of NAPARC "that plans be made to have a concurrent meeting of the
Assemblies and Synods in 1982, and that if arrangements can be made, it be held at Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan," the Assembly propose to each of the NAPARC churches that a member of their Committee on Interchurch Relations be appointed to serve on a joint program committee, the joint committee to be charged with the responsibility of developing joint seminars and services in cooperation with the Committee on Arrangements and those responsible for preparing the dockets of the respective churches, and that the COEIR of the OPC appoint a member to serve as the OP representative.

VII. BUDGET

The Committee estimates that for travel for fraternal delegates, committee meetings, meetings with committees of other bodies, delegates to NAPARC, miscellaneous needs, it would require a budget of $4,500.00.

VIII. ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members of the Committee expire at this Assembly: Ministers: Lawrence R. Eyres and LeRoy B. Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,
LeRoy B. Oliver, Chairman

Mr. Harris presented the report of Advisory Committee #8.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #8

Advisory Committee #8 commends both the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and the Committee on Reformed Ecumenical Synod Matters for their diligence in performing their functions for the Church.

Advisory Committee #8 met not only with representatives of these committees, but also with two appointed representatives from the Presbytery proposing Overture 4 and representatives of the session from which Overture 5 originated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

A. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendation in the third paragraph of part I of its report.

B. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendation in the second paragraph of part II of its report.

C. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendation in the last paragraph of part III of its report.

D. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendation in part VI of its report.

II. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REFORMED ECUMENICAL SYNOD MATTERS, PARTS IV AND V:

A. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendation 4 in the last paragraph of part IV of its report.

B. Advisory Committee #8 concurs with the committee's recommendations 5-7 in part V of its report, with the provision that the Committee on RES Matters be the study committee appointed in recommendation 6.
III. REGARDING OVERTURE 2
Advisory Committee #8 recommends no action on Overture 2.

IV. REGARDING OVERTURE 4
Advisory Committee #8 recommends a substitute amendment to Overture 4 as follows: that Standing Rule, Chapter X, Section 2, paragraph 6, concerning the constituency of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be amended to read: "The Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations shall consist of six members, four ministers and two ruling elders, two members being in each class."

V. REGARDING OVERTURE 5
Advisory Committee #8 recommends that Overture 5 be denied.

Ground: While we recognize the serious nature of the issues involved, we nevertheless believe the task that the Assembly has been requested to undertake is too broad to be considered in an abstract study such as that envisioned by the overture.

Mr. Stevenson addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Boardwalk Chapel, Wildwood, N.J.

The Assembly sang the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!," and recessed at 9:16 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Peterson.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 22
Following a devotional service led by Mr. Smith, the Assembly reconvened at 8:03 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker." Mr. Dorman led in prayer.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

The minutes of the sessions of Monday, May 21, were approved as corrected.

Mr. D. E. Johnson reported for the Committee on Date, Place and Travel recommending that Standing Rule Chapter XII, Section 1, be suspended and Mr. Dortzbach be excused for absence, if necessary, from the afternoon session on Thursday, May 24, in order to catch the only flight to his destination available before the end of the Memorial Day weekend.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

The recommendation in part I of the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion the committee was instructed to seek consultations with the representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America with regard to possible church union.

On separate motions the recommendations in parts II, III, and VI of the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted.

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O people blest."

Mr. Stanchfield, fraternal delegate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, addressed the Assembly.

On motion recommendation III of Advisory Committee #8 was adopted.

The motion to adopt recommendation IV of Advisory Committee #8 was lost.

The Assembly recessed at 12:20 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. J. S. Atwell.
The Assembly reconvened at 1:17 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “Jesus lives, and so shall I.” Mr. Olson led in prayer.

Mr. Perrin, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America, addressed the Assembly.

On amended motion the Assembly determined to address the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as follows: “That the Assembly, being informed of the severe struggles in the ARPC over the question of the nature of Scripture, expresses, as a church having ecclesiastical fellowship with the ARPC, its brotherly concern that the Church be able to achieve the wholehearted accord for which you are struggling on that doctrine so basic to the Christian faith and our fellowship, and assure you that we have prayed and will continue to pray for you in your efforts.”

Mr. Woolard led the Assembly in prayer for the ARPC.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. The following were nominated: DeMaster, Elder, Lawrence R. Eyres, Hake, Hoogerhyde, A. F. Johnson, Jack D. Merry (Hanover Park), Oliver, Payton, Peterson, Stonehouse, and Howard L. Veldhorst (Oostburg).

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Merry and Oliver to the class of 1982.

Recommendation V of Advisory Committee #8 (that no action be taken on Overture 5) was adopted.

During the course of discussion of the previous question, Mr. Dennison was granted the privilege of the floor.

The Clerk read Communication 10.

Mr. Duff, Chairman of the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Public 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 PUBLIC WORSHIP

The committee met two times in this past year, each time for two or more days. The committee received four letters from three ministers and one session during the year.

The committee has taken note of the action of the 45th General Assembly expressing its dissatisfaction with regard to our proposed Chapter I: 2 and has revised its recommendations in the light of that action.

The committee has found some places where the present Book of Discipline and some of our proposed changes seem to be in conflict with the new Form of Government. We are endeavoring to correct these places.

We will not report to this meeting all our changes but we will report those which are important. We hope to present a completed Book of Discipline by next year. We welcome comments from individuals, sessions, and presbyteries on all our work. Please send comments to:

The Rev. Donald J. Duff, Chairman
3406 Fairway Dr.
La Mesa, CA 92041
REVISIONS

The committee has decided upon the following revisions since our last report:

Key: ( ) denotes a proposed deletion
[ ] denotes a proposed addition

CHAPTER I:2
Delete the proposed Chapter I:2 (see 45th G.A. Minutes, p. 132) and retain the present Chapter I:2.

The present I:2 becomes I:3 and the present I:3 becomes I:2.

CHAPTER III:1
A charge of an offense may be brought by an injured party, by a person not an injured party, or by a judicatory. [The offense alleged in the charge should be serious enough to warrant a trial. No charge shall be admitted against an elder, unless it is brought by two or more persons.]

CHAPTER III:3
Every charge of an offense must: (a) be in written form, (b) set forth the alleged offense, (c) set forth only one alleged offense, (d) set forth references to applicable portions of the Word of God, (e) set forth, where pertinent, references to applicable portions of the confessional standards, (f) set forth the serious character of the offense which would demonstrate the warrant for a trial.

Each specification of the facts relied upon to sustain the charge must: (a) be in written form, (b) declare as far as possible, the time, place, and circumstances of the alleged offense, (c) be accompanied with the names of any witnesses and the titles of documents, records and recordings to be produced.

CHAPTER III:5—Proposed additional sentence
[However, even in the case of public ((commonly known)) offenses it is never wrong to seek reconciliation in terms of Matthew 18:15-17, or Matthew 5:21-26, or Galations 6:1.]

CHAPTER III:7
A. If a charge in the form prescribed in section 3 of this chapter is presented to the judicatory of jurisdiction by an individual or individuals, the judicatory shall proceed to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether judicial process shall be instituted. A committee may be appointed for this purpose but its findings shall always be reviewed by the judicatory.

B. The judicatory, or the committee, shall consider (1) the form of the charge; (2) the form and relevancy of the specifications; (3) the respectability of the witnesses named in the specifications; and (4) the apparent authenticity and relevancy of any documents adduced in support of the charge and specifications. (5) The judicatory, or committee, shall determine whether the specifications, if true, would support the charge or charges; and (6) also, whether the charge or charges, if proved true, would constitute an offense serious enough to warrant a trial. An offense which is serious enough to warrant a trial is: (a) an offense in the area of conduct and practice which seriously disturbs the peace, purity and/or unity of the church, or (b) an offense in the area of doctrine for the non-ordained member which would constitute a denial of a credible profession of faith as reflected in his membership vows, or (c) an offense in the area of doctrine for the ordained officer which would constitute a violation of the system of doctrine contained in the Holy Scriptures as that system of doctrine is set forth in our Confession of Faith.
and Catechisms. (7) Should the judicatory, or committee, be persuaded that the charges and specifications, if proved true, would constitute an offense serious enough to warrant a trial, 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.

C. Furthermore, if a person who has brought charges requests the judicatory to assume responsibility for prosecuting the case, the judicatory shall bring charges, provided the preliminary investigation warrants instituting judicial process.

D. 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.

Our estimated expenses for the coming year are:

- Printing and postage for the proposed Book of Discipline ... 300.00
- Travel cost ........................................ 1500.00

Total = 1800.00

We recommend that the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Duff, Chairman
Glenn D. Jerrell
Jack J. Peterson

Mr. Malcor presented the report of Advisory Committee #9.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #9

A. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE AND THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP

1. We concur with the thrust of the New Committee's desire to define an offense serious enough to warrant a trial [proposed BOD III:1; III:3(d), (e), (f); III:7B (6), (7)], and request members of the Church to submit suggestions to the New Committee to help refine this concept.

2. We commend the New Committee for its labor, being much encouraged by its expectation to complete work on the Book of Discipline by next year.

3. We recommend that the New Committee be continued, and urge it to make strenuous effort to present a completed revision of the Book of Discipline to the 47th General Assembly for approval.

B. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROOF TEXTS FOR THE CATECHISMS

1. We note that the proof texts for the Shorter Catechism have been forwarded to the Committee on Christian Education, as directed by the 45th General Assembly, and that the Committee on Christian Education expects to publish them in a form suitable for study use. It is our understanding that these proof texts will be published in an edition of the Shorter Catechism.

2. We appreciate the work of this committee, look forward to the fruits of its labor and recommend that the committee be dissolved.

C. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LINGUISTIC REVISIONS TO THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS

We recommend that the Committee be continued in order that its definitive work can be completed for presentation to the 47th General Assembly.
D. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

1. We have received no report from the Historian, but note that guidelines have been transmitted to the churches for their consideration as directed by the 45th General Assembly.

2. We recommend that the Historian be reappointed for another year, and that he be requested to submit a report on the progress of his labors to the 47th General Assembly.

On amended motion the New Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline and the Directory for Worship was relieved of responsibility for the Directory for Worship, the committee was redesignated and continued as the Committee on Revisions to the Book of Discipline, and it was determined (1) to erect a Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Worship consisting of three members to be elected by the Assembly, to propose revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God, and (2) to approve a budget of $50 for the latter committee.

The Assembly recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "To God be the glory." The Moderator led in prayer.

The Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Proof Texts for the Catechisms.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROOF TEXTS FOR THE CATECHISMS

The Committee on Proof Texts for the Catechisms respectfully reports to the 46th General Assembly that, in accordance with instructions given by the 45th General Assembly, it forwarded to the Committee on Christian Education the list of Proof Texts for the Shorter Catechism which it had prepared.

John H. Skilton, Chairman

Mr. Malcor reported for Advisory Committee #9 (cf. p. 147) concerning the committee.

Recommendation B.2 of Advisory Committee #9 was adopted, dissolving the Committee on Proof Texts for the Catechisms.

Mr. Malcor presented the report of the Committee on Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards. 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 LINGUISTIC REVISIONS TO THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS

The chairman of our joint committees, comprising the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America; The Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod; and The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, was not able to arrange for a joint meeting until February 8-9, 1979. At that time we continued to review the stylistic changes on our work by Professor Norman Carson of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. We completed the review through Chapter 25. At the time of the writing of this report we anticipate another meeting on April 26-27 and we hope by then we shall have completed this review of the total confession. We trust that the General Assembly will continue the committee in order that at the earliest possible time we shall then present our definitive work to the 47th General Assembly.

Members of the Committee: Professor Robert B. Strimple, Rev. Charles G. Dennison, Rev. Calvin A. Busch.

Calvin A. Busch, Convener
Mr. Malcor reported for Advisory Committee #9 (cf. p. 147) concerning the report. Recommendation C. of Advisory Committee #9 was adopted, continuing the committee. No action was taken to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Robert B. Strimple’s resignation.

There was no report of the Historian.

Mr. Malcor reported for Advisory Committee #9 (cf. p. 148) concerning the Historian. Recommendation D.2 of Advisory Committee #9 was adopted, reappointing Dr. D. Clair Davis as Historian and requesting him to report to the 47th General Assembly.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Worship. The following were nominated: Henry W. Coray, Doe, Gaffin, Kenneth A. Ironside, Richard M. Lewis, George C. Miladin, Richard C. Miller, David L. Nellands (Berkeley), Payton, James C. Petty, Jr., and Dwight H. Poundstone.

On separate motions it was determined in electing the committee to choose first, by a show of hands, among the three regions in which the nominees live, to wit, East, Southern California, and Northern California. Southern California was chosen, and the Assembly proceeded to vote among the nominees from that region.

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Coray, Miladin, and D. H. Poundstone.

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 REFORMED ECUMENICAL SYNOD MATTERS**

Your committee presents the following report to the Forty-sixth General Assembly.

I. **Work Among the Jews**

Pursuant to the request of the RES concerning work among the Jews (see Minutes, Forty-fifth General Assembly, Grand Rapids, 1978, p. 161), the Committee on Foreign Missions having previously dealt with this matter, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension now reports that it has begun a study and plans to complete it within the next year.

II. **Study Committee on Christian Ethics**

The Forty-fifth General Assembly postponed until the Forty-sixth General Assembly a motion to “request the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council to consider the establishment of a Study Commission on Christian Ethics in Contemporary Society and that such a commission be charged with conducting ongoing research in the ethical issues of our time, correlating the studies made in NAPARC churches with other conservative Reformed churches, and using the services of Christian scholars, statesmen, and informed individuals in these fields, and that the Commission make its studies available to church and civic groups and to responsible leaders in government, and further, that the Commission propose from time to time position papers or resolutions that might be adopted by the synods or assemblies of the NAPARC churches. In making this proposal, the assembly does not authorize such a commission to speak in its name but only to serve as a study and resource organization.” This postponed motion was “referred to the Committee on RES Matters in order that it might be further evaluated in terms of the goals of the RES and the needs of the churches in North America for additional ethical consultation.”
Your committee judges that the erection of such a study committee by NAPARC is in accordance with the goals of the RES, and that such a committee under the auspices of NAPARC has the advantage of being in a position to include representatives of churches not presently members of the RES, and can concentrate on issues of special concern to the North American region. Ethical questions are proliferating in our day in view of the growing complexity of modern society and the advances of scientific inquiry and technology. The churches are in need of a means to consult with one another on such questions as they arise.

Your committee recommends (#1) that the Forty-sixth General Assembly request NAPARC to consider the establishment of a joint Study Committee on Christian Ethics in Contemporary Society to conduct ongoing research in the ethical issues of our time, correlating the studies made in NAPARC churches with those made in other conservative Reformed churches, and using the services of Christian scholars, statesmen, and other individuals informed in these fields, to propose from time to time position papers or resolutions that might be adopted by the synods or assemblies of the NAPARC churches.

III. RACE RELATIONS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCHES

Your committee wishes to supplement its report of last year with additional evaluation of the Report of the Interpretative Commission.

A. Consultations. The Interpretative Commission sought to be a “bridge of understanding within the international family of Reformed churches” (p. 6) and, in that capacity, to listen carefully to all concerned. The Commission is to be commended for avoiding the temptation to quick judgment, a temptation reinforced by a hostile western press towards South Africa.

At the same time, the Commission saw its role as more than simply one of mediating information between South Africa and the rest of the world Reformed community. Recognizing our common bonds in a common faith, it understood its task as also one of reconciliation (p. 1). And it sought to be a part of that reconciliation process through a fair understanding of the heart of the problem and through bearing witness to those biblical responsibilities demanded by the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Your committee understands the overall judgments of the Commission as one of cautious optimism. The report commends the apparent commitment of all the churches involved in the discussion to continue to seek mutual reconciliation and to seek it without violence. It found that the number of those in the Afrikaner churches who are seeking more clearly what the biblical concept of love for the brethren and for all men demands of us, is growing. At the same time, it discerned that, as a group, the Afrikaner churches are neither making changes as quickly as they could and should, nor are they in the judgment of the Commission taking adequate initiative toward being reconciled to their brother, as those who are called to remember that their brother has something against them (Matt. 5:23, 24). Such a movement toward reconciliation is made more difficult by influences being brought to bear from both outside and within South Africa that are not necessarily governed by Scripture. These influences may be demanding change more quickly than can be achieved peaceably.

At the same time, your committee judges that the work of the Commission must be continued and that its mandate must be enlarged by the Nimes, 1980, Synod. Reconciliation has not been achieved. The decision of the 1978 quadrennial Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa in rejecting an “umbrella synod” that would have brought four churches under one common synod has been a deep disappointment to leadership in the non-Afrikaner churches (RES News Exchange, Nov., 1978, p. 1407). In such a climate of negative reactions the RES can continue to “make a contribution...
by fostering a climate in which more fruitful communications can take place" (Report, p. 5). As fellow citizens with the South African Christians in a "holy nation" that transcends ethnic boundaries, and as members of the church universal, we owe them encouragement and aid.

Your committee takes seriously what the letter to the RES churches from the Commission refers to as the “main criticism” of the Report offered in South Africa. It “did not deal adequately with concrete and specific issues which contribute to fear on the part of some and frustration on the part of others” (p. 2). We note those voices that countered this criticism by arguing that the Commission could not possibly have mentioned all such concrete issues in a responsible way. But we respond that, if sin is involved, “men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man’s duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins particularly” (Westminster Confession of Faith, XV 5). In that spirit of repentance in this concrete situation, we argue that the danger of falling into one-sidedness must be risked if there is to be full reconciliation. The Report notes that “the concrete issues are well enough known, especially to inhabitants of South Africa” (p. 2). If a future Report is to be more realistic and biblically more hopeful, such issues must be faced. The welfare of the world body of Christ demands it. Our sensitivity to doctrinal heterodoxy must be matched by our sensitivity to heteropraxy in lifestyle. The Report notes continued “differences in viewpoint . . . centered not so much in the area of the theological basis for the RES resolutions on race, as in their practical application in South African society” (p. 5). We are grateful that continuing consultations are being carried on regarding these points, and that “there are also signs that the gap on these points is narrowing.” But we are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty. Truth is in order to goodness; according to our Savior’s rule, “by their fruits ye shall know them.” While therefore we recognize that the major differences may be in matters of practical application, the integrity of orthodoxy and orthopraxy demands the resolution of even these differences.

Your committee regrets that the Commission’s mandate did not cite particular issues for discussion with the South African churches and that the Report did not mention any effort of the Commission to pinpoint and focus on those concrete issues said to be “well enough known, especially to inhabitants of South Africa” (p. 2). Among such issues your committee sees the following: (1) the mutual relationship between the state as the divinely ordained instrument “over the people for His own glory, and the public good” . . . “to maintain piety, justice, and peace” (Westminster Confession of Faith, XXIII, 1 and 2) and the church as a prophetic conscience; (2) the relation between our “peoplehood” as an ethnic entity and that superior “peoplehood” we possess as the sons and daughters of God; (3) the concept of the superiority of one culture over another and its relation to “the civil religion” endemic to an unbiblical nationalism; (4) the relation of justice and righteousness in government to that of peace and order, (5) apartheid as a structural barrier to genuine Christian fellowship among all Reformed peoples in South Africa. As we read the Report of the Commission, your committee is concerned that the Commission in appealing generally for mutual understanding and reconciliation in love did not address itself concretely enough to the questions that would reach more biblically structured solutions.

Your committee recommends (#2) that the General Assembly

a.) petition the RES to continue its discussions with the South African member churches through the Interim Committee; that the five issues cited above be made a part of the agenda of those discussions; and that all the South African RES churches be asked to name those concrete issues which they wish discussed in such consultations;
b.) petition the RES to set up a Study Committee to study the report, “Human Relations and the South African Scene in the Light of Scripture,” approved and accepted by the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, October, 1974, together with any additional materials accepted by the church on this question since 1974; that the findings of the Committee be presented to the next RES Synod meeting after Nimes, 1980.

B. Koinonia Declaration. In November, 1977, a group of white Afrikaners, including some faculty members from the University of Potchefstroom, a Christian institution, issued a paper entitled the Koinonia Declaration as a biblical statement on South African race relations. Though repudiated in South Africa by influential segments of Afrikaner leadership, there was widespread endorsement in the RES community including several educational and ecclesiastical agencies linked to RES churches.

The 1978 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church gave consideration to the Declaration and in a series of unanimous actions (1) declared “that it considers the Koinonia Declaration to be an excellent enunciation of biblical principles and a significant reformational statement on South African race relations by Reformed Christians in South Africa,” (2) urged “all the RES member churches in South Africa to heed the testimony of the Koinonia Declaration and to support its proposed reforms,” and (3) kindly requested “each South African RES church to inform the Christian Reformed Church of its response to the above in order to pursue fruitful dialogue on the application of biblical principles to race relations in our respective countries.” Synod was then charged with informing the other churches of the RES, the churches of the NA-PARC, and other churches with whom it maintained ecclesiastical fellowship of these actions.

Your committee contemplates presenting a similar set of motions to the next General Assembly with a view to sending copies of possible action taken to the RES Synod, Nimes, 1980.

Following is the text of the Koinonia Declaration:

THE KOINONIA DECLARATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, CHRISTIANS OF REFORMATIONAL (CALVINISTIC) CONVICTION, STATE AS FOLLOWS:

I. We as Christian citizens are convinced that we must continue to practise love towards those people in authority. We also believe that the prayers of just men have great power. We therefore urge all Christians to pray without ceasing for those in authority that:

I. they may seek and know biblical truth;
II. they may not be led astray by unbiblical ideologies, and that
III. all may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. When there is a conflict between the law of God and the state's expectation of us, it is, however, our firm conviction that we should always obey God rather than men (the latter including the bearers of authority).

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:

1.1 we thank God for his mercy which has rendered possible a state authority in this country;
1.2 we pray continually for all bearers of authority and other officials in the sphere of civil government;
1.3 we declare our complete willingness to submit to the order of the civil establishment as such, to be obedient to those in authority, provided that their exercise of authority is in accordance with the precepts of God's Word, and to show love toward them;
we call on all bearers of authority and all functionaries of state (inter alia the State President, cabinet ministers, members of Parliament, all government officials—including both members of the police force and men serving in the defence force,—all judges and judicial officers) to submit themselves, in all their decisions, formulation and carrying out of policy, all their judgments, and in their actions in general, to the demands of the Word of God, so that it will not be necessary for us to disobey their authority.

1.5 we declare, in the light of the above-stated convictions, that there is a number of matters in the present political system in South Africa which, in our humble opinion, ought to be set right, and we take the liberty of drawing the attention of both the political authorities and responsible and believing citizens to them.

2. The Bible gives us guidelines as to what the duties of the citizen as well as civil government are. Accordingly, we believe that it is the duty of the civil government to protect everybody within its territory, and, further, that each man has the right to such protection, in order to enable him to do good, that is, to fulfill his calling (without obstruction by anyone whatsoever) towards God and therefore also towards his neighbour as his fellow citizen and fellow human being, in all human relationships. This means inter alia that:

I. the citizen as human being has the divinely ordained right and duty of displaying charity, that is, inter alia, in being merciful, practising community, promoting justice and mutual admonition, towards all people, irrespective of who they are, and especially to the weak and underprivileged;

II. no responsible Christian can properly exercise his calling and duties with regard to a political society unless

a. he is able to obtain sufficient information, having a bearing on his calling and or duties in the state;

b. he is able freely to express his responsible opinion and his right to be heard is acknowledged.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:

2.1 we request the civil authority continually to bear in mind that all people within South Africa have, in principle, equal rights to fulfill their calling, and, in view of the gaining of independence by the Black Homelands, that it give urgent attention to the just, fair and proper delineation of these rights and of the duties of citizens of these states who, for whatever reason, happen to be in the territory of the Republic of South Africa;

2.2 we promise full support to all honest attempts aimed at

a. the realization of equal treatment and the attainment of equal rights for all people in South Africa to fulfill their calling;

b. the abolition of all statutory and other prohibitions which impede in any way free dealings between people of different races and population groups;

2.3 we accept that since Whites have given themselves ample economic opportunities of fulfilling their calling as a political unit, and their calling as individuals or families, it is imperative that the same opportunities be extended to all sectors of the population and to all individuals and families, regardless of descent—which implies that

2.3.1 the consolidation of the Black Homelands be based upon economic viability and governability and not upon purely historical grounds

2.3.2 the same economic opportunities, including property, business and labour rights, be extended to those individuals and families who are unable to prosper in a Black Homeland;

2.4 we earnestly entreat the government

2.4.1 to take cognizance of the opinions of all responsible people (Black, White and Brown) living in South Africa and we particularly ask that all races and population groups of the country (including the urban Blacks) will obtain an effective share in negotiations that concern their political future;

2.4.2 to give to all racial groups the opportunity (for instance by means of a referendum) of meaningfully voicing their opinions about the proposed constitutional changes;
2.5 we are convinced, in view of the calling that believers have to show love to all men and especially to those of the household of faith, that the weak and underprivileged in South African society are not only those to whom compassion is already shown (e.g. those who are legally imprisoned and those who are needy) but also those against whom there is discriminatory legislation, those oppressed by thoughtless action or abuse of power, and those—especially Christians—who are under all forms of political suspicion, while all attempts to clear away the suspicion are either abused or ignored;

2.6 we call on the government to inform the population more fully, especially as regards the handling of matters relating to the security of the state (e.g. the recent series of bannings, detentions and arrests on October 19th, 1977) so that we might be able properly to judge the actions of the executive powers and consequently be better able to exercise responsibly our democratic right of voting;

2.7 we declare concerning the present system of detention without trial that

2.7.1 since the government has made it impossible for relatives, friends, personal physicians, legal representatives and other citizens to fulfil their calling toward these detainees, the present system of detention conflicts with the Christian Principles, as defined in 2 above;

2.7.2 this system (as exemplified inter alia in Article 6 of the Terrorism Act) cannot be applied satisfactorily, because too great a responsibility is placed on the minister concerned;

2.7.3 the Minister of Justice, as the responsible official, is not able properly to fulfil his duty as sole human protector and neighbour of these prisoners as is clear from his actions in the Biko case;

2.8 we earnestly entreat the government

2.8.1 with reference to the above-mentioned measures, forthwith to allow at least relatives, personal physicians, legal representatives and ministers of religion to visit such detainees;

2.8.2 to do all in its power either to bring all detainees before normal courts as soon as possible, or to release them;

2.8.3 to allow those who have been banned, if they should request it, to continue their academic studies or breadwinning activities;

2.8.4 to institute all possible judicial and other means of avoiding another case such as that of Mr. Biko;

2.9 we are distressed by the handling of the Biko case and in all sincerity we point out that

2.9.1 evidently faulty information was initially imparted to the public;

2.9.2 the death of Mr. Biko was referred to with apparent unconcern at the Transvaal Congress of the National Party;

2.9.3 the authorities concerned apparently did not have sufficient knowledge of the physical circumstances in which Mr. Biko was being held in terms of Article 6 of the Terrorism Act;

2.10 we cannot but request the Government to place all interrogation procedures undertaken by the police and security police under strict judicial supervision in order to prevent possible irregularities in the interrogation of detainees, and to prevent suspicion being cast on the police and security police;

3. We believe that freedom, sufficient to fulfil one's calling before God, is essential.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:

3.1 it is our conviction that any tension between freedom on the one hand and law and order on the other is invalid because freedom is the foundation of the order in which it is possible to be true to our callings;

3.2 we call on the government to honour more scrupulously the freedom of the press, and freedom of speech;

3.3 we identify ourselves in principle with any attempt to adopt and apply a Bill of Rights whereby the freedom of subjects to fulfill their callings within the state will be thoroughly delineated, whereby their rights and duties in regard to judicial procedures will be properly defined and explained and thoroughly protected against governmental encroachment.
4. We believe that God is a God of justice, and that his justice is a principle implanted in the hearts and the lives of his children. We believe that God should be obeyed by practising his justice in all spheres of life, and at this time especially in politics. We believe that Christian love, as defined by God’s law, supplies the norm for practising justice. This means having the opportunity of doing unto others as one would have them do unto oneself. We believe that justice embraces, inter alia, equity. In a sinful world this implies a certain flexibility in the application of the law, which is best guarded by checking and balancing human authorities in order to avoid a concentration of power.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:

4.1 although we affirm the right of the Republic of South Africa, when it is judged by the outside world, to be judged according to the same standards of justice as those whereby other states are judged;

4.2 we nevertheless appeal to all the civil authorities involved not to be so influenced by the dual morality of critics that
   a. they would consider the standard of justice inapplicable to the country’s internal situation
   b. they dismiss without further ado the often valuable views and opinions of earnest and well-meaning Christians in foreign lands;

4.3 we declare that it is irresponsible to blow reaction to foreign pressure up into the main theme of the election so as to deprive the proposed new constitution of the attention that it warrants, and force it through without having properly sounded public opinion;

4.4 we declare ourselves in favour of the effective realization of the theory of separation of governmental powers—because then power will be balanced—it is with concern that we notice
   4.4.1 the continually increasing concentration of power in the executive and legislative spheres;
   4.4.2 the increasing overlapping of the legislative and executive power;
   4.4.3 the growing tendency to eliminate the judicial authority by, inter alia,
      a. excluding judicial control in cases concerned with the security of the state;
      b. stipulation of minimum sentences through whole series of laws, whereby the judge is in advance limited in the exercise of his own judgment by the legislator;
      c. the passing of mere ministerial judgments whereby persons are banned and their freedom subsequently drastically reduced (for example, in terms of the Internal Security Act) without allowing for judicial control;

4.5 we declare that
   4.5.1 it is essential that the path of justice be always open to all by, inter alia, always providing the opportunity of appealing to an independent Bench;
   4.5.2 any measure that obstructs the above-mentioned path, e.g. laws regarding detention without trial, or without legal representation or measures that provide executive officials with vast powers of discretion against which there is no right of appeal, also obstructs the proper exercise of right and justice according to the normative demands of God’s Word;

4.6 we emphasize that a court of law, being a human institution, must not be regarded as infallible, and that we are aware of the fact that specialized administrative bodies are often necessary in a modern state for the settling of disagreements, but we request the legislators always to leave the path of justice open (inter alia by applying the principles of natural justice and by right of appeal to a superior body);

4.7 it is our conviction that the envisaged new constitution offers a golden opportunity of creating a constitutional court to settle those disagreements which might arise from the novel, unknown and considerably complicated constitutional situation (especially as regards the defining and delineating of “common” and “community” interests);

4.8 we note with concern the fact that in the proposed new dispensation well-nigh unlimited powers will in principle be allocated to the State President and we declare that, since, with the departure, from the Westminster system, the traditional restrictions and controls will no longer hold, it is necessary that the State President, for the sake of justice, be limited in his actions by concrete and unambiguous legal precepts;
4.9 we are also anxious because the Council of Cabinets, on account of the separate function-
ing of the three Parliaments, cannot be called to account by any person or instance;
4.10 we are also afraid that the proposed new dispensation in stipulating a numerical ratio of
4:2:1 among the Parliaments, the Electoral College and the Council of Cabinets, will not be a
new dispensation at all, but no more than an altered form of pure majority rule, in which very
little room is allowed for the protection of the interests of minority groups, and we call on the
government to reconsider this ratio;
4.11 we wish to emphasize the essential role of a strong opposition in the process of control-
ning power and authority in South Africa and we earnestly exhort all oppression parties to
cease their petty disagreements in order effectively to fulfil this function.

5. We believe that the Body of Christ is one, and this unity includes rich diversity. This principle
should be acknowledged and actualized by members of the Body in all spheres of society. On this
basis we deem it necessary that particularly within the state, the legitimate interests of each group
as well as the common interest of all, should be fully recognized within the framework of a just
political dispensation. We dissociate ourselves from all extreme forms of Black and White national
consciousness which identify the Gospel with the history or group interests of any one group,
excluding all other groups, and we call upon the church of Christ consciously to dissociate itself
from an exclusively White as well as an exclusively Black theology which distorts the vital
message of Scripture.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE
POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:
5.1 we declare that the principle of unity and diversity is violated if one nation or group alone
presides over the future of other nations and groups; and that ethnic groups, as well as other
groups must be sufficiently free to decide their own future (should they request it);
5.2 we strongly deplore the existence and activity of exclusively White or Black nationalistic
movements and organizations which, in the pursuit of their political and other aims, put the
exclusive interests or destiny of their own ethnic or racial grouping foremost, and subject the
rightful interests and right of other groups to this;
5.3 it is our heartfelt conviction that there must be effective political co-operation between all
people of common political conviction (regardless of race, nation or pigmentation), and that
this should serve as a basis from which to pursue common aims and resist common threats;
5.4 we are more than willing to collaborate fully in bringing about this political cooperation
and we request the government to revise the Prohibition of Political Interference Act in order
to make this multiracial cooperation possible;
5.5 we are fully aware of the existence of ethnic differences in South Africa and we realize
that this makes it difficult to arrive at a political solution but it is our conviction that both
ethnicity and a sense of community must be taken very much into account when seeking for
political solutions, especially where ethnic differences have already faded away;
5.6 with deep sorrow we take note of a tendency among ministers and members of the Church
of Christ to identify the Gospel with the aspirations either of White or of Black Nationalism,
and in the name of our King, Jesus Christ, we request those who do this to cease this distor-
tion of the Gospel immediately.

6. We believe that God, who is Creator and Judge of all men, have given his children the task of
ordering life according to his Word alone. His Word is to be pronounced clearly into the world
as a goal for its salvation and healing. This, we believe, is one side of our prophetic task which
leads to reconstruction and peace. We believe that it is our task to speak out according to God's
Word against any distortion of and disobedience to the Word for society. We believe that salva-
tion has implicit in it the task of prophetism and judgment. We believe that we must pronounce
God's judgment on all forms of dehumanization, oppression, and discrimination and not be
afraid of doing so.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE
POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:
6.1 it is our conviction that the believing Christian must definitely apply the verdicts and
prophecies of the Gospel to himself, to his own shortcomings and to those of the society in
which he finds himself;
6.2 It is our conviction that at no time has any state in the world ever been able fully to know and apply the justice of God, seeing that no person or authority is perfect or ever will be; 6.3 we nevertheless call upon all Christians in South Africa to dissociate themselves from any tendency on the part of the bearers of authority, politicians and citizens of this land, to try to deny, gloss over or justify the presence of injustice and irregularities by an appeal to 6.2 and to malpractices elsewhere in the world.

7. We believe that God alone is the absolute sovereign and that Christ was given all power in heaven and on earth. Both civil government and the people are to acknowledge this and are therefore obliged to keep the commandments of God for the existence of the state. Thus believing it is our conviction that:

I. any form of state absolutism or totalitarianism, seeking to absorb non-political spheres of society as well as the whole life of the citizen (in its rich diversity) into the structure of the state in such a way that the state obtains determining control of areas which are principally speaking, non-political, should be rejected, and that the state should restrict itself to the organizing of justice inside society without organizing society as such;

II. not the will of the people but the will of God, as expressed in his Word, is the foundation of the authority of civil government;

III. the will of God is also the determining factor in respect of state security and that state security embraces the security of the citizen enabling him to live in obedience to God. State security is, inter alia, but not exclusively, the security of the political party in power;

IV. the Government ought to enact and obey just laws for its own and for its citizens' good, so that the blessing of God might rest on our society.

ON ACCOUNT OF OUR ABOVE-STATED CONVICTIONS AND IN REGARD TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA:

7.1 we call on the government scrupulously to honour the boundaries of its authority at all times;

7.2 we testify that

7.2.1 Article 16 of the Immorality Act is unscriptural and based on a false distinction, because extra-marital sexual intercourse between people of the same race is just as immoral as between people of different races;

7.2.2 the state transgresses its legitimate boundaries of authority through

a. prohibiting, hindering or obstructing marriage between Black people merely on the ground that they live in different group areas;

b. continuing to apply the law for mixed marriages, because the Word of God stipulates a shared belief as the condition of marriage instead of identity of race;

7.3 we request the government to

7.3.1 eliminate the false principles of differentiation from the Immorality Act (Article 16);

7.3.2 forthwith alter all laws that prohibit, hinder or obstruct people from marriage so that they may fulfil their calling with respect to marriage;

7.4 we dissociate ourselves from the dogma and practice of parliamentary sovereignty because the legislative activities of a parliament, which consists of sinful and imperfect people, are viewed as absolute, and final and unassailable;

7.5 it is our conviction that the maintenance of justice rather than the maintenance of law and order and state security is the prime God-given task of the government and the governed, and if they strive with all earnestness for justice, then law and order and state security will be added as a blessing.

7.6 we testify to the people of South Africa that because the population is co-responsible for the allocation of state authority, it therefore is also responsible for opposing all forms of abuse of state power and any tendency to state totalitarianism;

IT IS OUR VIEW THAT FINALLY NO PERSON OR PARTY CAN OFFER A COMPLETE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA, BUT WE APPEAL TO ALL CHRISTIANS TO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WITH HUMILITY IN THIS AREA IN ORDER TO GLORIFY GOD, FROM WHOM, THROUGH WHOM AND TO WHOM ALL THINGS ARE. TO HIM BE GLORY FOR EVER! AMEN.

(End of Koinonia Declaration)
Your committee recommends (#3) that it be authorized to circulate among the congregations of the OPC copies of the Koinonia Declaration.

IV. CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE IN THE NETHERLANDS

In response to a request by the RES Synod, Cape Town, 1976, the Interim Committee consulted with representatives of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands concerning theological developments and church discipline in that denomination. The discussion of "theological developments" focused primarily on certain theological views of Dr. Herman Wiersinga and Dr. Harry M. Kuitert, though other issues in these churches were also discussed. Focus fell on these two particular situations, however, because they raised the question of whether the RCN is faithfully exercising discipline. The Interim Committee sought to assess the latter question.

It had appeared to many in other churches and to some even in the RCN itself that the exercise of discipline had at best been dilatory and at worst indecisive. The RCN representatives pleaded that (1) in the background was a history of schisms brought about by judicial decisions too hastily made, (2) the apparent dilatoriness was due both to the way in which the disciplinary process is constructed in their churches and to the desire to carry out the disciplinary process without causing schism (the word being used pejoratively, in distinction from mere separation or division), and (3) in the case of Dr. Wiersinga the General Synod was decisive when it declared Dr. Wiersinga's views (of the atonement) "impermissible" and he agreed to keep silent concerning them; also, in the course of reaching its decision the Synod had itself made an unequivocally biblical statement of the substitutionary nature of the atonement. The Moderamen (officers) of the General Synod informed the Interim Committee that no one in the churches is known to agree with Dr. Wiersinga's view.

The RCN had not yet, when the Interim Committee met with their representatives, made a final overall decision concerning Dr. Kuitert. Their not making such a decision was due to Dr. Kuitert making certain explanations about statements in his writings, as well as rejecting a number of inferences that some had drawn from these writings. The RCN has been hampered in dealing with Dr. Kuitert's views by the fact that some of the issues are not covered by the confessions, and by the difficulty of dealing with statements that appear to be ambiguous in the light of Dr. Kuitert's explanations. The matter was referred to a committee of Synod with a view to it making recommendations.

With the matters concerning Dr. Kuitert still in process, and with the information given them, the Interim Committee was not able to draw any conclusions except that whatever impressions people may have received as to the disciplinary process the RCN cannot be faulted, at least at this time, as neglecting or refusing to exercise judicial discipline. Your committee agrees with this judgment. At the same time we recognize that the Churches' judicatories face the ever present danger of allowing the need for peace to outweigh the need for discipline as indicated elsewhere in this report.

Your committee recommends (#4) (a) that the General Assembly express to the RCN its thankfulness for the report of the RES Interim Committee concerning the progress being made in the disciplinary proceedings involving Professor Kuitert and Dr. Wiersinga, (b) that the Assembly encourage the RCN to continue this disciplinary process until it is resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all the member churches of the RES in their common commitment to Holy Scripture and the Reformed confessions, and (c) that the Assembly authorize the Committee on RES Matters to communicate these actions to the RCN.
V. Consultations Concerning Dual Membership in the RES and WCC

At the request of the RES Synod, Cape Town, 1976, the Interim Committee conducted separate consultations with the RCN and certain churches in Indonesia which are members of both the RES and the World Council of Churches.

As is well-known to our church the RES has for many years consistently and strongly opposed membership of Reformed churches in the WCC, and in 1968 that advice was backed up by a definitive study on "The Church and Its Ecumenical Calling." It was in the face of this background that the RCN joined the WCC in 1969. It develops that the RCN did not give study to the 1968 RES report before taking their action in 1969. They have now agreed to prepare a study paper referring specifically to the 1968 report as well as to the RES actions of 1968, 1972, and 1976 in this matter, and to offer the biblical grounds that they adduce for having joined the WCC. The RCN in turn feels that biblical data have not been sufficiently adduced for the advice given by the RES and that the minority report of Dr. J. A. C. Rullman for the 1968 RES study report has not been given adequate consideration by the RES churches that are not in the WCC.

The RES Interim Committee is now looking forward to receiving the RCN study paper mentioned above which they hope to have ready for the Agenda for the 1980 RES. Coordinately, the Interim Committee has requested the RES churches that are not in the WCC "to review, in the light of Scripture, the following materials and to send their observations and conclusions to the RCN and to the RES for inclusion in the 1980 Agenda: the report of the 1968 study committee and the minority report (1968 Acts, pp. 196-294, Supplement 8), and the Weijland/RCN report on "Why did the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands decide in 1969 to join the World Council of Churches?" (1976 Acts, pp. 267-277, Supplement 17).

The membership of the Indonesian churches in the WCC long antedates that of the RCN and comes from a very different background. There are four Indonesian churches in the RES, of which two are also in the WCC, both in the island of Java: the Javanese Christian Churches (GKJ) and the Indonesian Christian Churches of Central Java (GKI). Both churches stem from Dutch missionary work.

The background of these churches' membership in the WCC goes back to World War II and the subsequent ejection of the Dutch from the islands. They felt isolated and sought Christian fellowship with other Protestant denominations in the country. All of them, they felt, were evangelical; in fact questions of liberalism were hardly known. That fellowship so pleased the Reformed churches that when the WCC was formed they thought that it would provide the fellowship and advantages on a world-wide scale that they had enjoyed in Indonesia. Having been isolated to a considerable degree from world theological and ecclesiastical issues they did not appreciate the implications and dangers of WCC membership as did many evangelicals in the Western world; and indeed it must be acknowledged that by no means all western evangelicals saw the implications. Furthermore, the Interim Committee was told that some of the Dutch missionaries (it was not certain it could be said of all) encouraged them to join the WCC. The GKJ joined the WCC in 1950; the GKI became a member of the WCC in 1963 in a somewhat roundabout way through its affiliation with a General Synod that includes two other denominations in East and West Java.

These two RES/WCC churches have become aware of at least some of the dangers in their WCC membership but they also feel that they receive certain benefits. They have not been persuaded of the biblical validity of the position on the "corporate responsibility" that is held by our and some other RES churches. Nor do they see the WCC so much as a fellowship—as do most of the RES non-WCC member churches—
as a forum for discussion. These churches also feel that the strength of the RES is its firm commitment to the Word of God and the Reformed confessions and they value it as a means of expressing their unity with the world community of Reformed churches. They feel that the RES has had a weakness in that while rightly emphasizing doctrine it has had virtually no emphasis on deed, which in their eyes has been the strength of the WCC. The Interim Committee reported that these churches told them that “the RES is more ready to raise the warning finger than to extend the helping hand. It should emphasize both word and deed in a way that is more relevant to the Indonesian situation.”

The representatives of these churches were requested by the Interim Committee to make a new study of the RES report on “The Nature of the Church and Its Ecumenical Calling” and of the Cape Town, 1976 decisions on the WCC, and to report their evaluations to the 1980 RES Synod.

Your committee recommends (#5) that the General Assembly authorize the Committee on RES Matters (a) to express to the Indonesian churches our appreciation for their courtesy in meeting with the RES interim Committee in 1978 to discuss matters concerning membership in the WCC and for their understanding of dangers in membership in the WCC, (b) to express the Assembly's understanding of the reasons for the GKJ and the GKI joining the WCC and of their feeling that the RES should be more active in strengthening its words with deeds, (c) to urge the Indonesian RES churches to follow the request of the Interim Committee to study anew the 1968 RES report on “The Nature of the Church and its Ecumenical Calling” as well as the actions of the Cape Town, 1976, RES regarding membership in the WCC and to report their evaluations to the 1980 RES, and (d) to inform the Indonesian RES churches that the OPC is fully in accord with the conclusions of the 1968 RES report on “The Nature of the Church and Its Ecumenical Calling” with reference to the WCC and with the statements on the WCC by RES synods throughout the years, and urges the GKJ and the GKI to take steps to consider separating themselves at the earliest possible time from the WCC where it has fellowship with churches that deny in either confession or practice the basic doctrines of our precious Christian faith.

Your committee also recommends (#6) that the Assembly, in response to the request of the RES Interim Committee, appoint a committee to report to the next General Assembly, to review in the light of Scripture the report on “The Nature of the Church and Its Ecumenical Calling” of the 1968 RES, including the minority report of Dr. J. A. C. Rullman, (Acts, pp. 196-294, Supplement 8), the Weijland/RCN report to the 1976 RES (Acts, 267-277, Supplement 17), and the evaluation promised by the Moderamen of the RCN.

Your committee also recommends (#7) that its responses to the reports of the Interim Committee on Race Relations in South Africa, Theological Developments in the Netherlands, and Dual Membership in the RES and WCC be reported to the RES together with the recommendations concerning race relations as adopted by the Forty-fifth General Assembly, Grand Rapids, 1978 (Minutes, pp. 160-162) and placed on the Agenda of the Nimes, 1980, Synod as the responses of our Forty-sixth General Assembly.

VI. OP MEMBERSHIP IN THE RES

The Forty-fifth General Assembly (Grand Rapids, 1978) took action determining “that sessions and presbyteries be requested to send to the Committee on RES Matters as soon as possible any objections that they may have to the structure and practices of the RES, and that the committee be requested to consider these communications and report to the 46th General Assembly with recommendations relative to them, and with a recommendation, with grounds, for either continuation in or withdrawal from the RES”
In response to this request, your committee received five letters posing objections or possible objections to continued membership in the RES; two of these, a presbytery and a session, expressed opposition to continued membership. Also, although the Assembly had not asked opinions favorable to continued membership in the RES, three such letters were received, from two sessions and one pastor.

A. Analysis of objections. From these letters, your committee has been able to distill the following six objections and these will be taken up in the order of the frequency and seriousness with which they were raised.

1. OP membership in the RES compromises the denomination's testimony to purity of doctrine because the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands have failed to exercise decisive doctrinal discipline in the cases of H.M. Kuitert and H. Wiersinga, yet continue as a member church in the RES; the toleration of "serious doctrinal deviation" is one of the reasons why the OPC terminated its own sister relationship with the RCN in 1973.

Your committee judges that if the RES had also tolerated these deviations without objection, this fact would constitute a decisive objection to continued membership in the RES. On the contrary, however, the RES is dealing forthrightly and on a continuing basis with this matter in accordance with its constitution. Other member churches of the RES are as deeply concerned with the issues as the OPC, and the influence of the RES, uniting as it does, the opinions of these churches, has helped the RCN to endeavor to maintain doctrinal discipline. The OPC did not terminate its sister relationship with the RCN simply because unacceptable doctrine was tolerated, but also because the OPC could not effectively exercise the full ecclesiastical discipline that this relationship involved (Minutes, 1973, p. 144). However, by virtue of its structure the RES is able to exercise a disciplinary role appropriate to its constitutional commitment that member churches shall profess and maintain the Reformed faith and exhibit the marks of the true church.

The difficulties with which the RES is confronted as it seeks to deal with the doctrinal testimony of the RCN must also be appreciated. The Sept. 15, 1978, Report of the Interim Committee charged with investigating doctrinal developments in the RCN recognizes that though the Synods of the RCN have acted slowly, they have sought to act responsibly in dealing with the teachings of H. Wiersinga and H.M. Kuitert. Nevertheless, the caution of the RCN was deliberate in view of the widespread resonance which the views of these men have in the churches. Consequently, the impression which the RCN leaves is that the doctrinal health of the churches is far from robust. It is difficult, however, for the RES to deal with the problem in a way that is ecclesiastically responsible because within the Presbyterian system shared by all member churches it is difficult to document and demonstrate a general condition. Individual cases of heretical teaching, especially when they are condemned by a Synod, as they have been in the cases of Wiersinga and Kuitert, do not demonstrate a denomination to be false to its doctrinal profession. There is no way in the Presbyterian system for prosecuting discipline in the case of general doctrinal declension except to testify against it, and this the RES has sought to do. The membership of the OPC in the RES, and its contribution to the disciplinary process, therefore becomes not a compromise of its testimony to purity of doctrine, but a reinforcement of it.

Certainly all is not well in the RCN. We view the cases of Wiersinga and Kuitert as indicative of a climate of uncertainty concerning their foundations or a general malaise that exists in the church, and we believe that every effort should be made to help them regain a firm footing on their foundations and be restored to full health. Your committee judges that the cause of the Reformed faith in the world is best served by acting jointly with other member churches in the context of the RES to strive for the restoration of sound doctrine and discipline in the RCN.
2. OP membership in the RES compromises the denomination's testimony to ecclesiastical separation from organized liberalism and unbelief in that several member churches of the RES also hold membership in the World Council of Churches.

This matter involves two issues: a) the question of the validity of the policy usually called "second-degree separation" and b) the policy of the RES relative to its evaluation of the WCC.

a. Your committee believes that "second-degree separation," so-called — which holds that one organization may not have religious fellowship with a second organization that has fellowship with a third organization of which the first organization does not approve — goes beyond Scripture. From the viewpoint of practicality it would mean that it would be virtually impossible for an organization to have religious fellowship with any other organization.

b. The long-standing and consistent policy of the RES, including a comprehensive study of the basic questions involved in ecclesiastical ecumenism, has been to say strongly and unequivocally that evangelical and Reformed churches ought not to belong to the WCC. If the RES should reverse that policy, then our church would be required to evaluate the reasons for the reversal; if those reasons were found unsatisfactory we should then be required first to seek reform (restoration of the original policy) and ultimately if unsatisfied then to separate from it as an organization to which we had a relationship of the first degree.

Therefore, at this juncture, as the RES continues to deal with the three member churches that are affiliated with the WCC, your committee believes that our church would be shirking its responsibilities to the Scriptures and to the body of Christ to withdraw from the RES for the reason stated.

3. OP membership in the RES imposes an unwarranted drain upon OP resources of time and money.

In response to this objection several preliminary remarks are in order. First, there is no possible way, on the one hand, to provide a reliable estimate of the time spent by various individuals in carrying out our church's responsibilities in the RES, nor, on the other hand to estimate accurately the considerable value to the Reformed cause in the world produced by the time and effort spent. Second, some thousands of the dollars of RES expenditures were made to serve a double purpose, saving our church expenditures that would have been made chiefly by the Committee on Foreign Mission, thereby reducing the net cost to our church. Third, the exercise of our church's responsibility to our Reformed family around the world would cost far more in funds, time, and effort, if we were to seek to perform our ecumenical task alone. We may not shirk either that responsibility or our responsibility to the whole church and to the world. Fourth, it would be impossible for us by ourselves, to exercise our ecumenical responsibility as fully or as well as it is in concert with the other churches in the RES. Finally, it is your Committee's conviction, as will be seen in another part of this report that more, not less funds, time, and effort should be expended on more comprehensive ecumenical relationships with our fellow Christians throughout the world.

The following expenditures are attributable to our membership in the RES during the 21-year period from 1958 through March 1979:

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The above figures were compiled by the Rev. John J. Mitchell of the Committee on Stewardship.

Your committee observes that the above total spent on our RES membership 1958 through March, 1979, is 9/100 of one percent of the $44,191,000 contributed from 1958 through 1977 (Contribution statistics for 1978 and 1979 to date are not available.). Our RES expenditures in 1978 ($3,393) were 7/100 of one percent of the $4,446,000 contributed in 1977.

4. OP membership in the RES involves the denomination in giving advice to civil governments in a way contrary to the provisions of the Confession of Faith of the OPC, XXXI, 4. The specific occasion for this objection is the communication the RES has had with the government of the Republic of South Africa concerning its racial policy of apartheid.

Family, state, and church are divine institution each with its own peculiar sphere of responsibility. The distinctive functions of these institutions may not be assumed by the others. However, all these institutions function under the authority of God and his word, and it is the duty of the church to declare the provisions of the law of God wherever they are relevant. It is inconsistent with this obligation for the church to proclaim the word as it bears upon the decisions to be made by particular persons, the family, or the church, but to refuse to do so with reference to the state. The church is unfaithful to its calling when it condemns the sins of individuals and some institutions, but does not condemn sin committed under the auspices of civil governments. The Forty-Fifth General Assembly of the OPC (Grand Rapids, 1978) acted in accordance with this policy when it submitted unsolicited advice to the executive and legislative branches of the United States government on the matter of abortion (Minutes, p. 181).

The South African policy of apartheid involves actions concerning which the word of God speaks and therefore the church cannot remain silent. Your committee judges that the RES has sought to bear effective witness to the requirements of the word of God in an area of the world where it bears special responsibility because a significantly high proportion of its constituency is directly involved with the question of apartheid, and that it has done so without usurping the prerogatives of the South African government. The efforts of the RES to bear testimony to civil governments where required by Scripture ought not to be repudiated but rather encouraged and expanded.

5. OP membership in the RES compromises the OP position relative to the Fourth Commandment in that a view which deviates from this position is tolerated in the RES.

Differences within Reformed churches on the abiding significance of the Fourth Commandment have existed since the time of the Reformation. As a result of Dutch emigration to Australia and New Zealand, the so-called "continental" and "Puritan" views came into close contact and conflict, so that it was eminently appropriate for the RES to take up the issue and to strive for a resolution. Although a resolution was not achieved in this century any more than it was in the seventeenth century, the RES issued a statement which does not conflict with the position defined in the Westminster standards and does not legitimize views which do conflict with these standards. The statement encourages Sabbath observance in the face of worldwide contempt for the Lord's day in a way that deserves the support of the OPC.

6. OP membership in the RES involves the denomination in a church council, and the concept of a church council is unbiblical.

While it is true that express biblical warrant for a permanent council of churches is lacking, it is also true that express biblical warrant for permanently separated denominations of churches is no less lacking. Denominations arise out of historical
circumstances, ultimately because not all Christians who recognize the imperative for a visible expression of unity in the Spirit are agreed in their understanding of biblical doctrine and practice. The RES brings together denominations that geographically overlap, not in order to legitimize ecclesiastical pluriformity, but in order to recognize and strive for a greater unity than is possible for denominations living in isolation from one another.

More important, the RES styles itself not simply as a council of churches but as an ecumenical synod. In the Presbyterian form of government, elders in consultation with one another govern the church on the local, regional, and national levels. An extension of this principle is the worldwide or ecumenical synod in which elders consult together with reference to the welfare of the church in its broadest reaches. The fact that the RES does not manifest all of the attributes of a synod in the historic sense of the term does not constitute a reason for separation, but a mandate to work for improvement building upon the foundation already laid.

B. Conclusions. After consideration of the objections to continued membership in the RES voiced in the communications received, your committee judges that a recommendation to the General Assembly to withdraw from the RES is not warranted principally because the objections advanced are not decisive. In addition, the small number of presbyteries and sessions communicating objections to the committee indicates that there does not exist within the denomination a clear desire for withdrawal.

Nevertheless, the first two objections deal with significant issues with which our denomination is legitimately concerned and therefore your committee recommends ( #8) that the General Assembly

a) inform the RES Synod in Nimes, France, 1980, that our church is appreciative of the pleas of the RCN contained in the Report of the Interim Committee, Sept. 15, 1978, for understanding and help, and believes that the RES is bound to respond to these pleas;

b) respectfully request the Synod of Nimes to take the following action: In view of the doctrinal and disciplinary weaknesses indicated by the Moderamen of the RCN itself in consultation with the Interim Committee, weaknesses which are of great concern to many RES churches, and in view of the plea for understanding and help expressed by the Moderamen of the RCN, the Interim Committee be instructed to continue consultations with the RCN (these consultations to include office bearers and members), and to prepare a comprehensive evaluation with recommendations to the RCN of steps that could be taken to strengthen the confession and life of the RCN; and

c) respectfully request the RES to declare that membership in the WCC is not only at variance with the advice repeatedly given by the RES, but also involves toleration of views and practices that are at variance with the Reformed faith in matters basic to the integrity of the gospel and therefore constitutes a demonstrated unfaithfulness to the Reformed confessions which is contrary to the requirements for membership in the RES; to plead with the churches now holding membership in the WCC to withdraw prior to one year before the next RES; and to instruct the Interim Committee to consult with these churches to devise ways of meeting needs currently felt to be served or better served only through membership in the WCC. Grounds:

1) It is the duty of the RES to give advice to its member churches on questions and problems that confront the churches.

2) The purposes of the RES include giving a united testimony to the Reformed faith and to strive to attain a common course of action.
3) Membership in the WCC subtly but surely introduces unbiblical influences and pressures upon member churches that erode their integrity and their influence as Reformed churches.

4) The Interim Committee has reported to the RES constituency that the member churches in Indonesia informed it that a deed ministry to their felt needs was lacking from the RES but was offered by the WCC.

Your committee recommends (#9) continued membership in the RES.

Grounds:

1) The RES is the only organization that enables the OPC to meet its obligations for fellowship and mutual edification in the world-wide confessionally-oriented Reformed community of which it has historically been a constitutive part.

2) In recent years the RES has provided the only contact with Reformed denominations in the Netherlands and South Africa as well as with churches that have emerged from the mission outreach of these denominations.

3) Contact with the Dutch, South African, and related churches through the RES is essential for the OPC in view of the doctrinal declension in the Netherlands and the racial unrest in southern Africa, issues that pertain to their internal welfare, that influence world opinion, and that place in jeopardy the integrity of the Reformed faith and its viability in the modern world.

4) The RES provides the only means by which the OPC can exercise a leadership role, and influence the formation of world Reformed opinion.

5) Through the RES the OPC can benefit from the wisdom and other gifts given by Christ to other denominations of the same confessional family.

6) The RES has enlarged our church's vision and opportunities for service.

7) The RES provides for our church its only means of consultation with the world-wide Reformed community with regard to the all important missionary endeavor.

8) The RES is beginning to open up new opportunities for wider service in diaconal ministries and theological education.

9) Membership in the RES enables the OPC to avoid sectarian isolation and to maintain its legitimate place in the mainstream of confessionally sound Reformed Christianity.

10) The objections to membership in the RES presented to date do not provide biblical grounds for separation from the fellowship of the RES.

11) The RES provides our church with the opportunity to bear a distinctively Reformed witness to the world in concert with the world-wide Reformed community.

VII. WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP

Your committee recommends (#10) that the Forty-sixth General Assembly request the RES Interim Committee to advise and recommend to the 1980 RES what steps should be taken to provide worldwide fellowship and opportunity for mutual edification for the RES member churches with other evangelical churches throughout the world, and that the Interim Committee be asked to include the World Evangelical Fellowship in its considerations.

VIII. IMPROVING RES SERVICE TO THE CHURCHES

Your committee believes that the RES could serve its churches much more usefully in their contexts than it has in the past. Recent synods have been heavily absorbed with seeking to help member churches in such questions as doctrinal developments in the Netherlands and membership in the World Council of Churches while other areas of
mutual help have been passed by (e.g., Muslim evangelization, ancestor worship, the church under totalitarian rule). Your committee, understanding that it is to serve until the next General Assembly, plans to present a report with suggestions, for transmission to the RES, 1980, designed to increase the RES's functional usefulness to the life of its member churches in their particular contexts.

IX. RES SYNOD, NIMES, FRANCE, 1980

The next RES Synod will convene in Nimes, France, from July 14 to 25, 1980. It is customary for the Assembly to elect delegates to the Synod a year prior to its convening. Your committee recommends (#11), therefore, the election by this Assembly of four delegates, two voting and two non-voting, to represent the OPC.

X. BUDGET

The Forty-fifth General Assembly approved $3,209.40 as the denomination's share of the RES budget for 1978. The Interim Committee is requesting and your committee recommends (#12) the same amount for 1979. Your committee also recommends (#13) the authorization of an expenditure of $3000.00 for travel to and participation in the forthcoming RES Synod meeting in France.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Shepherd, Chairman

Mr. Stonehouse presented the report of Advisory Committee #12.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #12

A. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RES MATTERS (except parts IV and V)

1. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that no action be taken on recommendation 1 of the Committee on RES Matters or on recommendation 2 of the Committee on Overtures and Communications to the 45th General Assembly (cf. Minutes, 45th G.A., p. 179), action on which was deferred to this Assembly.

2. Advisory Committee #12 concurs with recommendations 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13.

3. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that the following be substituted for recommendation 3: that the Committee on RES Matters be authorized to circulate the Koinonia Declaration to the ministers and sessions and make it available to congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

4. Advisory Committee #12 recommends to the Committee on RES Matters that ground #5 given for recommendation 9 be placed first and the other grounds renumbered.

5. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that no action be taken on recommendation 10.

B. REGARDING OVERTURE 1

1. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that Overture 1 be considered in connection with part VI of the report of the Committee on RES Matters.

2. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that the Assembly inform the Presbytery of the South, in response to Overture 1, that the Assembly is of the opinion that part VI of the report of the Committee on RES Matters, dealing with objections to continuing the membership of the OPC in the RES, adequately answers the objections cited in the overture.
C. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RACE

1. Advisory Committee #12 concurs with recommendations 1, 2.c., d., e., and f.

2. Advisory Committee #12 concurs with recommendation 2.a. with the addition of the words "to seek" after the words "Orthodox Presbyterian Church."

3. Advisory Committee #12 recommends that the following be substituted for recommendation 2.b.: Direct the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension and the Committee on Race to plan and execute a pre-assembly conference in 1980 on "Strategies for Implementing Biblical Race Relations" and that the various presbyteries be asked to send two official representatives.

D. REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE MISSIONS CORRESPONDENT FOR THE RES

Advisory Committee #12 has no comments.

It was moved to adopt recommendation (#1) of the Committee on RES Matters.
On motion recommendation A.1. of Advisory Committee #12 was substituted for the pending question, and was carried.

It was moved to adopt recommendation (#2) of the Committee on RES Matters.
It was moved and carried to postpone action on the pending question until after consideration of part VI of the report, and to consider part VI at this time.

It was moved to adopt recommendation (#9) of the Committee on RES Matters.
It was moved to substitute the adoption of the recommendation of Overture 1 for the pending question.

The Assembly recessed at 5:32 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Nieuwsma.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 22

The Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O God of Bethel." Mr. Vandenbroek led in prayer.

Mr. Taylor, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, addressed the Assembly.

Discussion on the pending question and its substitute continued.

The motion to substitute was lost. Messrs. C. K. Cummings and Kickasola requested that their affirmative votes be recorded.

The Assembly recessed at 9:06 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Kickasola.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 23

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Dortzbach, the Assembly reconvened at 8:05 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes." Mr. Roskamp led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Tuesday, May 22, were approved as corrected.

After a series of amendments the following became the main motion and was adopted: That membership in the RES be continued, and that the Committee on RES Matters be requested to do what it can to see that a general secretary is elected who most accurately reflects the view of Scripture consistent with our own.

Mr. C. K. Cummings requested that his negative vote be recorded.

By general consent this action of the Assembly was construed as its answer to Overture 1.

Recommendation (#8) of the Committee on RES Matters was adopted.
The Assembly returned to consideration of recommendation (#2) of the Committee on RES Matters, postponed until this time. The motion to adopt recommendation (#2) was carried.

It was moved to adopt recommendation (#3) of the Committee on RES Matters. Recommendation A.3. of Advisory Committee #12 was substituted for the main motion and was adopted with the addition of the words “as information” following the word “circulate,” and the words “with a brief explanation of its origin” following the word “Declaration.”

On separate motions recommendations (#4) and (#5) of the Committee on RES Matters were adopted.

Mr. D. B. Cummings requested that his negative vote on recommendation (#4) be recorded.

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, “Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing.” Recommendation (#6) of the Committee on RES Matters was adopted.

It was moved that the Committee on REG Matters be appointed to conduct the study in view in recommendation (#6).

It was moved and carried to postpone consideration of the pending question until after consideration of recommendation (#11) and actions flowing from it.

On separate motions recommendations (#7) and (#10) of the Committee on RES Matters were adopted.

On motion the Assembly determined to urge the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to give serious consideration to seeking membership in the RES prior to the 1980 meeting of the RES, and that part VI of the report of the Committee on RES Matters be communicated to these churches.

Recommendation (#11) of the Committee on RES Matters was adopted.

The floor was declared open for nominations for delegates to the 1980 RES Synod. The following were nominated: Harvie M. Conn, Gaffin, Galbraith, C. John Miller, Oliver, Peterson, Shepherd, and Vail. On motion the request of Mr. Oliver to have his name withdrawn was granted. On motion it was determined to select first the four delegates, and subsequently to select the two voting delegates from among the four delegates.

The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Gaffin, Galbraith, Shepherd, and Vail as delegates, and Messrs. Galbraith and Shepherd as the voting delegates.

On motion the delegates to the RES were authorized to make substitutions among themselves as voting and non-voting delegates, and that Mr. Peterson be appointed alternate delegate, with a view to his attendance at the 1980 RES in the event any of the four delegates is unable to attend.

The motion to appoint the Committee on RES Matters as the study committee contemplated in recommendation (#6) of the committee's report, action on which was postponed to this time, was carried.

On separate motions recommendations (#12) and (#13) of the Committee on RES Matters were adopted.

Mr. Nightengale, member of the Committee on Race, 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 RACE

I. The Committee's Mandate

II. Activities of the Committee during 1978-79

III. The Statement of the March 24-25, 1977 NAPARC Conference on Race

IV. The State of Biblical Race Relations in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

V. The South African Situation

VI. Recommendations

I. THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

In 1977, the 44th General Assembly erected a three-man committee, expanded to five members by the 45th General Assembly.

1. To prepare a statement for the next General Assembly that would serve as a report to the RES on our Church’s “activities in terms of Resolutions 14 and 15” adopted by the 1972 Sydney Synod, and to make such recommendations to the Assembly as it may deem proper in the matter;

2. To study the report, “Human Relations and the South African Scene in the Light of Scripture” approved and accepted by the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church (RSA), October, 1974, and to present a report of its analysis to the next General Assembly with a view to its being transmitted to the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, to the RES in time for its 1980 gathering, and to the member churches separately.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE DURING 1978-79

Your committee held three all-day meetings in Chicago during this past year. The committee elected William Krispin to serve as chairman and Michael Nunley to serve as secretary.

Only one presbytery and one session responded to the Report of the Committee on Problems of Race presented to the 41st General Assembly (1974) as had been requested by last year's assembly. Because of this poor response your committee developed the report in booklet form with a questionnaire for helping sessions and presbyteries to respond. These were mailed during the spring of this year.

During this year considerable attention was given to ways in which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church can be challenged, encouraged and educated in the practice of Biblical race relations.

Substantial attention was also given to the “statement of the NAPARC Conference on Race” (March, 1977) and to the South African situation and the RES.

It is evident to your committee that our church has made only a small beginning at understanding and implementing Biblical race relations. We feel that it is essential that we work further at building on the foundation of the 1974 Report, working now to grow further in our understanding of Biblical race relations as we seek actively to implement Biblical race relations in our presbyteries and congregations.

III. THE STATEMENT OF THE MARCH 24-25, 1977 NAPARC CONFERENCE ON RACE

The 45th General Assembly (1978) referred “THE STATEMENT OF THE NAPARC CONFERENCE ON RACE” to this committee for study and requested this committee to report its findings to the 46th General Assembly.
On March 24-25, 1977 NAPARC sponsored a Conference on Race at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. The conference was planned by the Synodical Committee on Race Relations (SCORR) of the Christian Reformed Church. Resource people from each member church led sessions at the conference. Five delegates were present from the OPC (W. L. Cummings, A. D. Curry, D. C. Davis, W. C. Krispin and C. T. Nightengale).

At the conference considerable attention was given to understanding what the various member churches are doing in the area of race relations. Much time was spent in small group discussions on various aspects of race relations. These small groups worked at identifying issues of common concern and strategies for implementing Biblical race relations. At no point did the conference take concerted action on the ideas and issues expressed. Time did not allow such action.

Those who organized the conference were asked to prepare a written list of all the issues and strategies discussed in the various small groups and plenary sessions. The report of that conference should be viewed as a catalogue of ideas rather than as a chronicle of actions taken by the conference.

Consequently, your committee recommends that this report be used by the various presbyteries and sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as information in their work of implementing biblical race relations. (See Committee recommendation 1.)

IV. THE STATE OF BIBLICAL RACE RELATIONS IN THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the 1972 meeting of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod in Sydney, Australia fifteen "Resolutions on Race Relations" were adopted (see attached copy of these). Each RES member church was urged "to test conditions in their churches and countries by the norms as set forth in these resolutions, to hold regional conferences in which the aforementioned decisions may be put into effect and to report back to the next synod." Further, the member churches were urged:

a. To put forth renewed efforts to live wholly in accord with biblical norms;

b. To reject every form of racial discrimination and racism;

c. To reject every attempt to maintain racial supremacy by military, economic, or any other means;

d. To reject the subtle forms of racial discrimination found in many countries today with respect to housing, employment, education, law enforcement, etc.;

e. To pray for themselves and for one another that God may give wisdom and faithfulness in every circumstance.

This committee was charged with the responsibility of writing such a report to the RES. We feel that this is important especially because of the need to interact with our Reformed brethren in South Africa. If we are to do this with real integrity and force it must come from a true assessment of race relations in our own church.

If one is to compare the fifteen resolutions of the RES on Race Relations with the Report of the Committee on Problems of Race made to the 41st General Assembly one would find a remarkable degree of similarity between the two documents. We are agreed on these basic principles. The question we must now ask ourselves is: "How are we doing in implementing these principles in the life of our church?" The remainder of this section addresses itself to this question.

The 41st General Assembly in accepting the report of the Committee on Problems of Race reminded the churches that the mandate "to seek proper Christian action for the Church of Jesus Christ in meeting the problems of race based upon plain and consistent Biblical principles is an abiding mandate for the whole constituency of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church." Sessions and presbyteries were urged and encouraged to study this
report and to implement it in the life of their respective churches. Presbyteries and sessions were encouraged to “have seasons of prayer and regional conferences dealing with the problems raised in this report.”

It is your committee’s judgment that this report and its attendant recommendations has been virtually ignored by the churches and presbyteries of our denomination. In effect, by a failure even to study this report, we have said either that this is not a high priority or that it is not even a problem in our midst. In either case, this committee is deeply concerned because we firmly believe that there is substantial room for growth in these matters. We say this for the following reasons:

1. Although over 25% of the population of the U.S. is made up of minority (black, brown, red and yellow) persons, not to mention the many ethnic communities, less than 2% of the membership of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is made up of minority persons. The majority of our minority membership is to be found in 5-7 churches. This is true in spite of the fact that many of our congregations are located near major minority population groupings. The percentage of minority persons serving as elders or deacons is an even smaller percentage.

2. None of the NAPARC denominations with whom we have fraternal relations have any significant minority membership.

3. Although North American Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal-Holiness groupings are divided into black and white denominations, Episcopalians, Lutheran and Presbyterian-Reformed groupings do not have any minority counterpart. Historically, little evangelism and church planting has been done by Presbyterians in minority communities. Sunday morning continues to be America’s most segregated hour; this is especially true in our circle.

4. Our denominational history reflects a long pattern of urban retreat. In 1936 the churches of our denomination were to be found in either urban areas or in rural areas. The suburbs did not yet exist. Today, almost all of those churches which were in distinctly urban areas have either ceased to exist or have moved to suburban communities now.

In our home mission strategy we have sought to plant churches in new and growing suburban communities where “there is no Reformed witness.” Yet, many of these were “growing” because of people moving out of the inner core of the city. The communities which they left were likewise growing with a new population group migrating from poor, rural communities into the city in search of better employment and living conditions. These communities have also been left without “a Reformed witness.”

Only in 1969 did our church begin to see the need for urban ministry with the establishment of a work in Philadelphia. Today there is interest in several of our presbyteries but this interest has not yet become the vision of our entire church.

In spite of our failure to minister the gospel in the urban centers of our land the Lord has nevertheless been pleased to establish His church in the city through other means. This church has developed separately from mainstream white protestantism and therefore has not been encumbered with the shackles of liberalism or other maladies afflicting our movements. To be sure it has its own set of problems. Its agenda is full. We need now to work actively at breaking down the wall of partition separating us from this church by establishing fellowship with her at the local congregational, presbyterial and denominational levels. Until we do this we will not learn to do effective ministry in the poor and minority communities of our cities. We must learn to say “we need you” before we can truly learn from them how they need us. Recommendations 2.a and c. of this report are given to stimulate growth in this area.
5. In the area of our Christian day schools at the elementary and secondary levels we have seen a dramatic increase in minority enrollment over these past ten years. It is not uncommon to find minority enrollments of 15-30% in Christian day schools located in areas in or near large metropolitan areas. However, few of these schools have either minority persons on their teaching staff or on their board of directors.

Minority enrollment in Reformed colleges and seminaries remains insignificant and will likely continue to be so until black and white leaders learn to work together in a common ministry of education. Minority students at these levels are increasingly looking for models of teaching and thought indigenous to their culture.

6. During the past twenty-five years tremendous strides have been made in the legal areas with regard to racial discrimination educationally, economically, politically and socially. Today the rights of minorities under the law are virtually equal to those of the majority white population. Nevertheless, de facto patterns of discrimination continue strong in our country leaving the wall of partition dividing our minority population from the mainstream of American life virtually intact. The economic gulf between rich and poor continues to widen. Today, the average income of black college graduates remains lower than that of white high school graduates. Integration in housing appears to be only that housing pattern which exists from the time the first minority persons move in until the last white people move out. Our nation's prisons have a far higher percentage of minority inmates than the percent of crimes committed. Our nation continues to agonize over the desegregation of the educational system with separate and unequal systems remaining the rule rather than the exception.

While legal strides were being made in our country in the area of civil justice the Reformed church community remained silent. The church did not exercise its prophetic role to our society at large in calling it to “let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). We did little to encourage our civil magistrates “to maintain piety, justice, and peace” (Westminster Confession, XXIII, 1 and 2). Consequently, our society has struggled with issues of civil justice with the voice of God’s Word speaking to promote true righteousness and justice.

In summary then, we feel that our church needs to be challenged to grow in its implementation of the basic principles of Biblical race relations adopted by the 41st General Assembly. To this end, the committee has prepared several recommendations at the close of this report.

V. THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

The discussion in the RES on matters of race was initiated in the early 1950's by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church when we sought clarification from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa as to its role and position in the development of the apartheid policies. Since 1958 the RES has given substantial attention to this matter. Attention has not been focused only on the South African situation but also on race relations wherever a member RES church is located. By this means the RES member churches have sought to delineate the Biblical principles governing race relations and to encourage their full implementation in the life of the respective churches. This mutual accountability has helped us grow in our awareness and practice of Biblical race relations. Without this encouragement we would probably not be working at this area ourselves. Racial alienation is a worldwide problem and will continue to be so unless Christ’s church worldwide learns to work together at ministering the gospel of Christ’s grace and righteousness in this situation.

Over these past twenty-five years the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa has forthrightly set forth its position on race relations. This position has developed sig-
nificantly as the worldwide Reformed community has challenged her to give scriptural support for the idea of the separate development of the races. Most recently, this position has been set forth in the document “Human Relations and the South African Scene in the Light of Scripture” which was approved and accepted by the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in October, 1974.

In order for us to appreciate fully the importance of this discussion we would call to mind the following background information:

1. In 1975, the population of the Republic of South Africa was 25.1 million. Of these, 17.7 million were black, 4.25 million white, 2.4 million “colored” and .75 million Asians.
2. Religiously, in 1970 15.8 million identified themselves as Christians and 5.6 million as non-Christians (400,000 Hindus, 250,000 Muslims, 118,000 Jews). As many non-whites are Christians as among the whites (70%).
3. About 1.3 million white South Africans regard themselves as members of one of the three white Dutch Reformed denominations. Two of these are relatively small churches while the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa represents the overwhelming majority of white, Reformed Christians.
4. Through the vigorous missionary activity of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa there are today over 1.65 million “non-white” Reformed Christians. These Christians are members of one of three “daughter” churches established as racially separate entities by the “mother” church (Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa). These churches are the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (Colored), the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (Black) and the Reformed Church in Africa (Asian).
5. Since the early 1960’s the “mother” church and the “daughter” churches have been linked together loosely in the Federal Council of Dutch Reformed Churches. This body has advisory power only.
6. The majority of the members of the Republic of South African government belong to the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. This includes every prime minister since the Union of South Africa was formed in 1910. From this it is plain that the Reformed community has a significant, if not decisive, voice in the formulation of public policy in South Africa. It is difficult for us to appreciate this given the smallness and voicelessness of our movement in the United States.
7. Apartheid as a codified legal structure is a relatively recent development though it is true that many if not most of the discriminating practices were, de facto in operation, in South Africa prior to becoming law.
8. The Republic of South Africa claims, constitutionally to be a Christian Republic. By virtue of the fact that the majority of government officials come from the Reformed Church this “Christian” Republic is very closely identified with Reformed theology. Consequently, we should view the document “Human Relations and the South African Scene in the Light of Scripture” as a theological defense of public policy.
9. In the fall of 1978 the quadrennial synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa overwhelmingly rejected the move by the three non-white “daughter” churches to unite with them in an “umbrella synod.” The Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa preferred instead to continue in relationship with the “daughter” churches using the agency of the Federal Council.

In the text of the decision rejecting the overarching synod, the Dutch Reformed Church declared that:

“1. Instituting synods does not belong to the essence but to the well-being of the church.
"2. Reformed church policy contains no grounds for the formation of an overarching synod which can take binding decisions for autonomous churches.

"3. An authoritative overarching synod is not necessary either to discuss matters of common interest or to give expression to the unity among the autonomous churches of the Dutch Reformed church family.

"4. An overarching synod which makes binding decisions would infringe on the autonomy of independent synods."

This action was a bitter disappointment to the three non-white denominations who are earnestly desirous of having full fraternal relations, if not union, with their white brothers.

At the conclusion of the *Human Relations* document these remarks are given to summarizing the report: "If the Dutch Reformed Church does differ from other churches, the difference is not due to a different view of moral concepts and values or of Christian ethics, but to a different view of the situation in South Africa and the teaching of God's Word in this regard. There is no difference in ideals and objectives, but merely disagreement on the best methods of achieving these ideals." Your committee finds itself taking substantial exception to this statement. We find ourselves in substantial disagreement over the basic principles governing race relations, a difference which does indeed lead to a difference over methods in practicing Biblical race relations. The following are the major areas where we find ourselves in disagreement with our South African, Dutch Reformed brothers:

1. The relations between our "peoplehood" as an ethic entity and our superior "peoplehood" as sons and daughters of God.

The failure of the South African Church to maintain a Biblical balance on this matter has led her to place a greater emphasis on visible cultural unity than on visible ecclesiastical unity. We are grieved that the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa did not affirm the "umbrella synod" as at least a goal to be strived for, recognizing the inadequacy of the Federal Council in giving expression to our visible unity in Christ.

Further, this is reflected in the "mother-daughter" concept of inter-church relations. "Mother-Daughter" relations suggests a unilateral control and leadership of the "daughter" by the "mother" whereas "fraternal" relations suggests a mutual interdependence and cross fertilization in worship, edification, witness and service. We cannot grow in Christ unless we learn to submit to one another.

True inter-church results only when we fully affirm our need of the church and in turn allow them to affirm how they need us.

2. A second area of concern is found in the concept of the superiority of one culture over another and its relation to "the civil religion" endemic to an unbiblical nationalism.

3. The mutual relationship between the state as the divinely ordained instrument "over the people for His own glory, and the public good"..."to maintain piety, justice and peace" (Westminster Confession of Faith, XXIII, 1 and 2) and the Church as the prophetic conscience.

4. The relation of justice and righteousness in government to that of peace and order. And finally,

5. Apartheid as a structural barrier to genuine Christian fellowship among all Reformed peoples in South Africa.

Your committee has identified these as the major substantive issues around which discussion should be centered in the RES with the various Reformed bodies in South
Africa. In the next year we intend to develop a full exposition of our understanding of the Scriptures in these matters for presentation at the meeting of the RES in 1980.

In conclusion, your committee is supportive of the motion regarding these matters coming to the 46th General Assembly from the Committee on RES Matters and we expect to work closely with them in developing further a response in these areas.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee recommends that the Report "Statement of NAPARC Conference on Race Relations" be sent to the various sessions and presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for their information as they consider ways of implementing Biblical race relations.

2. Recognizing that we have too long participated in the unbiblical schism that has divided Christ's church in North America along racial lines, we recommend further that the 46th General Assembly:

   a. Urge the various congregations and presbyteries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to establish informal relationships with minority churches in their respective areas with a view to promoting joint fellowship in worship and service.
   
   b. Direct the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Committee on Race to plan, fund and execute a conference on "Strategies for Implementing Biblical Race Relations" by the Spring of 1980 and that the various presbyteries be asked to send at least two official representatives.
   
   c. Direct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to send official "listeners" to the annual conventions of the National Black Evangelical Association and other minority churches with a view to befriending our brothers in other parts of Christ's body by opening avenues of communication which will acquaint us with the needs and issues facing them in their ministries for Christ.
   
   d. Remind the several presbyteries and sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of the Report of the Committee on Problems of Race adopted by the 41st General Assembly (copies have been sent to all ministers and sessions) and that the several presbyteries and sessions be requested to report their responses to the accompanying questionnaire to the Committee on Race no later than January 1, 1980.
   
   e. Send the Report of the Committee on Problems of Race made to the 41st General Assembly and this report to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod and its member churches as official communications to them of our position on matters of race to be used in official discussions of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod at the regional and synodical level.
   
   f. Continue the Committee on Race under the mandate given it by the 44th General Assembly with a further mandate to aid the various presbyteries and sessions in developing strategies and effective programs for implementing Biblical race relations.

Respectfully submitted,
Erwin Claerbaut
William Krispin, Chairman
Cyril Nightengale
Michael Nunley, Secretary
Carl Reitsma
1. God's commands to men that they display love and practice righteousness are not contradictory but harmonious norms for man's personal and group attitudes and conduct, and are the guiding norms for race relations.

2. True love among men requires that we accept our neighbor, regardless of his race or culture, as created in the image of God, respect him in his person as God's creature, and be willing to put ourselves in his place in order thus to understand how we should behave toward him in personal and social relations.

3. Since men inherently seek their own interests rather than the welfare of their fellows, the church should stress the duty of men individually and collectively, to practice self-sacrifice for the welfare of others. Self-sacrifice for the sake of Christ is the highest form of self-preservation, for self-preservation is only then concomitant with obedience to the second great commandment when it is qualified and limited by the biblical demands of love and righteousness, so that it does not interfere with the God-given privileges of other people.

4. For the true understanding of the rights, equality, and dignity of man, we should see all men as creatures of God, made in his image. Being made in his image, man has a duty towards God and is responsible to Him according to the different gifts that God has given him. But this man also has sinned and needs redemption. Therefore in our relation to fellow believers we should recognize the new unity, which all Christians, regardless of race or color have fundamentally in the redemption in Christ and which expresses itself in the common faith and obedience to the Word of God.

5. Christians should be urged to acknowledge their common involvement in guilt with a world torn by sinful divisions and attitudes. They should be called upon to repent of their own sin in this respect and to make restitution by following Christ in the way of love. In this way alone they can fulfill their divine charge to bring the gospel to unbelievers of all races, recognizing them as fellow sinners.

6. In the proclamation of the Word, the church, to whom has been entrusted the message of Christ's Kingdom, should speak courageously and relevantly on the issues of the day, both for the edification and correction of her members and, where necessary, in criticism of the activities and policies of governments and organizations.

7. Believers should be equipped by the church through teaching and discipline to serve God, in all spheres of society, individually, and where possible, corporately. Believers must also proclaim the commandment of love in race relations and make it applicable to the affairs of civil government and the structures of society.

8. Christians in general and the church in particular bear a responsibility towards members of all races who suffer from poverty, underdevelopment, and political oppression. Believers should be willing to bend every effort to alleviate the suffering of such peoples.

9. In her pastoral ministry the church should strive to eradicate attitudes of racial superiority and racial prejudice by leading her members into full Christian maturity in race relations. This should be done urgently, persistently and patiently. True love among men requires that we accept our neighbor of whatever race or culture as a creature of God, created in His image. We must be able to put ourselves in his place, in order that we may be able to understand how we ought to act towards him under all circumstances.

It is the calling of the church to point out to its members, the government, and fellow citizens, the ethical principles which are demanded in regulating relations of groups and nations.

Combatting racial superiority, discrimination, and racial tensions is not a one-sided matter which is only the responsibility of one side towards the other, but is a problem which should be grappled with by all concerned. It is the common and mutual calling of all Christians.

Various practical suggestions which could be implemented in this respect are:

(a) Giving due attention to this matter in sermons.
(b) Giving attention to it during pastoral visits.
(c) Discussions at church council meetings.
(d) Contact on the local level between clergy of the older and younger churches for discussion, Bible study, prayer, etc.

10. In obedience to the mission mandate of Christ, the church must bring the gospel to all nations regardless of race. The principle of love for the neighbor requires that this mission respect the character and culture of the recipients of the gospel so that new churches may come to self-expression in harmony with Scripture. Members, office-bearers, and ecclesiastical bodies shall refrain from every kind of domination the one over the other, as Christ reigns supreme over His church. It is stressed that financial support should not endanger the autonomy of any church. The God-given unity of the church should be expressed on congregational, presbyterial and synodical levels as the situation requires. If a church within a certain community finds it necessary to put emphasis on certain issues which may differ from that of other churches, the churches should deal with these matters in accordance with Matthew 18 with special reference to churches in the same family.

11. The unity of the Body of Christ should come to expression in common worship, including the Lord’s Supper among Christians regardless of race. It may be that linguistic or cultural differences make the formation of separate congregations often with their own type of preaching and worship advisable; in these cases it is wise not to force an outward and therefore artificial form of unity but to recognize the differentiation within the circle of God’s people. Even though different churches for different indigenous groups may exist, no person may be excluded from common worship on the grounds of race or color. The worshipping together of people of different races, is a sign of the unity of the church and the communion of saints and can be a Christian witness to the world.

12. Holy Scripture does not give a judgment about racially mixed marriages; contracting a marriage is primarily a personal and family concern. Church and state should refrain from prohibiting racially mixed marriages, because they have no right to limit the free choice of a marriage partner on the ground of race or color.

13. Each racial group should have the right to prefer a measure of distinct development, but never at the expense of a racially distinct group in the same country. While the manner of such development may vary from place to place, it is a requirement of the Christian ethic that love and justice be exercised, and that all groups avoid isolation and promote a relation of mutual helpfulness.

14. With a view to the great tensions in the sphere of race relations in the world today, Synod strongly urges the member churches to test conditions in their churches and countries by the norms as set forth in these resolutions, to hold regional conferences in which the aforementioned decisions may be put into effect, and to report back to the next Synod.

For the practical implementation of this resolution the principles expressed in Matthew 18:15-17 are of the utmost importance. In the case of a difference between churches, churches should deal with the matter in accordance with Matthew 18 as well, preferably by using the existing organs of contact.

15. Recognizing that the real problem of race relations in member-churches of the RES lies not so much in the area of the acceptance but in that of the application of the above principles, Synod urges its member-churches:
   a. To put forth renewed efforts to live wholly in accord with biblical norms;
   b. To reject every form of racial discrimination and racism;
   c. To reject every attempt to maintain racial supremacy by military, economic, or any other means;
   d. To reject the subtle forms of racial discrimination found in many countries today with respect to housing, employment, education, law enforcement, etc.;
   e. To pray for themselves and for one another that God may give wisdom and faithfulness in every circumstance.

Mr. Stonehouse reported for Advisory Committee #12 (cf. p. 167) concerning the report.
Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Race was adopted with the substitution of the words “found on pp. 117-121 of the Minutes, 45th G.A., be referred” for the words “be sent.”

Recommendation 2.a. of the Committee on Race was moved.

It was moved and carried to amend recommendation 2.a. by inserting the words “to seek” after the word “Church.”

On motion it was determined to suspend Robert’s Rules in reference to preambles, and proceed to consider the preamble of recommendation 2.

It was moved to adopt the preamble of recommendation 2.

The Assembly recessed at 12:18 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Hansen.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “Wonderful grace of Jesus.” Mr. P. R. Conard led in prayer.

Dr. White, *fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America*, addressed the Assembly.

The pending question was carried in the following amended form: “Recognizing that as a body we have not effectively ministered to the minority groups in our land, nor vigorously sought to reach them for Christ and the Reformed faith, and in order to demonstrate more fully that the oneness of the body of Christ transcends racial barriers, the 46th General Assembly:”

The Assembly resumed consideration of recommendation 2.a. as amended.

On motion recommendation 2.a. was recommitted to the Committee on Race.

Recommendation 2.b. of the Committee on Race was moved.

Recommendation C.3. of Advisory Committee #12 was moved as a substitute.

On motion it was determined to postpone further consideration of the pending question until after determination of the date and place of the 47th General Assembly.

Recommendation 2.c. of the Committee on Race was moved.

On motion the recommendation was amended by substituting the word “request” for the word “direct,” and the words “consider sending” for the word “send,” and deleting the word “other.”

It was moved to amend the main motion further by deleting the words “National Black Evangelical Association and minority” and after the word “churches,” inserting the words “we wrongfully tend to ignore for other than purely doctrinal reasons.”

The Assembly recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.” Mr. Vail led in prayer.

After a series of motions, it was determined that recommendation 2 of the report of the Committee on Race except for recommendation 2.b., together with part C. of the report of Advisory Committee #12, be recommitted to the Committee on Race, and that Mr. Tyson be added to that committee.

Mr. Payton, one of the *Orthodox Presbyterian Members of the NAPARC Committee on Divorce*, presented an oral report.

On motion Messrs. Dennison and Payton were reappointed as the Orthodox Presbyterian members of the NAPARC Committee on Divorce.

Mr. Prutow, one of the *Orthodox Presbyterian Members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel*, presented his report and the report of the other Orthodox Presbyterian member, Dr. Elmer M. Dortzbach.
The Moderator requested Mr. Tyson to assume the chair.

On amended motion the report of the Rev. William B. Leonard, Jr., Executive Secretary, PRCCMP, was construed as a communication rather than a report. On separate motions Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 7, was suspended and the two reports and the communication (13) were ordered included in the Minutes without being read aloud.

**REPORT OF AN ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Because of the death of Chaplain John Betzold, Dr. Dortzbach was requested by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to serve as reporter for the Orthodox Presbyterian members of the Commission.

The Commission had its first meeting at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and its second meeting at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Miss. The Presbyterian Church of America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod were represented, each with three members. The third meeting of the Commission is scheduled for July 31, 1979 in Denver, Colorado.

Significant among the actions of the Commission may be noted the following:

1. The official establishment of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. It was determined that there were more than the necessary 100,000 communicant members as required by the Chaplain Commission of the Armed Forces. Later action by the Chaplain Commission of the Armed Forces attested governmental approval of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel.

2. Two subcommittees were established: one to draft a Constitution, By-Laws, and Operating Manual, and one to draft a Policy for Ministry to other service personnel. Subsequent actions of the Commission approved a draft Constitution and By-Laws for presentation to the respective General Assemblies for possible adoption.

3. The establishment of a Treasury (with tax exempt status) to serve as fiscal agent for the work of the Commission.

4. The Rev. William Leonard, R.P.C.E.S., was elected the Executive Secretary of the Commission. His duties will include serving as liaison between the General Assemblies and the Commission, between the Commission and the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, and between the Commission and particular churches, chaplains, and students. He also shall serve as Treasurer. The address of Mr. Leonard is 360-G West Rockrimmon Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919.

5. To support the work of the Commission as stated in the draft Constitution the following budget was approved for adoption by the respective assemblies:

   - $10 per month contribution from every active duty chaplain.
   - $5 per month contribution from every reserve chaplain in a pay billet.
   - $150 per year per active chaplain contribution from the respective denomination represented by that chaplain.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The undersigned recommends:

1. That participation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the work of the Commission be continued, and that a successor be elected to fill the unexpired term (2
years) of the late Chaplain John Betzold. The term of the Rev. Dennis Prutow expires with this General Assembly.

2. That action be taken by this General Assembly on adoption of the draft Constitution and By-Laws.

3. That the operating budget of the Commission be adopted by this General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer M. Dortzbach

REPORT OF AN ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

Fathers and Brethren:

The 45th General Assembly passed the following motion: "that the Assembly approve the formation of a Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel which shall consist of three members each of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

- The commission shall serve as a liaison agent between our denomination and military, industrial, penal, health, and other institutions where chaplains are employed.
- It shall make available information concerning the nature of the work of chaplains, opportunities for service as chaplains, and procedures to follow in seeking such positions.
- It shall provide encouragement and counsel to chaplains and their families in areas which do not infringe on the prerogatives and responsibilities of presbyteries.
- It shall serve as an endorsing agent subject to the authorization of the judicatory which has oversight of the applicant." (Minutes, p. 181)

It is the contention of this member of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCCMP) that the Assembly erred in passing the motion in the form it did, that the approval of the PRCCMP in the form stated in the recommendation has resulted in our entering into para-ecclesiastical union with the PCA and the RPCES, and that this Assembly should re-evaluate the overall conception of the organization of the PRCCMP.

I. In approving of the formation of the PRCCMP, in the specific form stated in the recommendation, the Assembly approved the formation of an ecclesiastical commission to speak on its behalf, the majority of the members of which are not members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. It is my contention that our General Assembly neither has the power nor should it have the power to delegate authority directly to such a commission when the majority of the members of the commission are not members of the OPC.

It is my further contention that the proper way to conceive of the PRCCMP is not as a single commission to which the three denominations involved elect members, but as three commissions, each elected by their respective churches, which, in turn, cooperate together on the PRCCMP.

II. As a result of the present form of the PRCCMP as approved by the Assembly, the OPC has entered into para-ecclesiastical union with the PCA and RPCES. That this is the case is shown by:
1. The present form of the PRCCMP does not allow for the maintenance of denominational distinctiveness and autonomy.

2. The present form of the PRCCMP does allow for the commission as a whole to overturn the decisions of a presbytery of the OPC.
   a. The present form of the commission allows, that in the event of a conflict of interest between member denominations, the PRCCMP, acting as a whole, could overturn the wishes of a presbytery of the OPC by a small majority vote of the commission.
   b. This possibility comes to expression in the draft constitution, Article II, 1., (b) which states that the PRCCMP will “process applications for ecclesiastical endorsement when applicant is approved by his presbytery and this commission for appointment to the chaplaincy.”

3. The present form of the PRCCMP has allowed the commission to proceed with incorporation as a non-profit organization in the State of Colorado without the prior approval of the General Assembly of the OPC. (It is my conviction that the PRCCMP has not only exceeded the terms of its mandate by this action but that this action is a practical outworking of the present form of the commission.)

4. The present form of the PRCCMP has allowed the commission to act as a representative of the OPC before either the constitution of the PRCCMP has been approved by the General Assembly or the Standing Rules of the Assembly have been amended so that the full work of the PRCCMP on behalf of the OPC is properly authorized. (See Communication 13, p. 31ff.)

5. The present form of the PRCCMP allows the commission as a whole to report directly to the General Assembly through its Executive Secretary which is contrary to the policy of the OPC as it has entered into ecclesiastical fellowship with reformed bodies on other matters.

These facts display that the OPC has united with the PCA and the RPCES in such a way, para-ecclesiastical union, that actions may be taken by the PRCCMP, in representing the OPC, over which the General Assembly is unable to exercise adequate jurisdiction and oversight as required by Form of Government, XXX, 3.

III. To alter the form of the PRCCMP and conceive of it as three commissions, elected by the OPC, PCA, and RPCES, respectively, which, in turn, cooperate together on the PRCCMP is the more proper course of action.

1. This form of the PRCCMP would maintain denominational distinctiveness and autonomy on the PRCCMP.

2. This form of the PRCCMP would not permit the circumstance arising where the desires of one of the participating churches could be overturned by the commission as a whole since there would not be one single commission speaking for the three churches but three commissions, maintaining their autonomy, cooperating together to accomplish the mandate approved by the Assembly.

3. This form of the PRCCMP would not allow the commission so easily to act as a single autonomous body, as it already has in the matter of incorporation, since it could not properly view itself as a single commission representing three churches. Such matters as incorporation would need the approval of the three participating churches rather than the approval of a simple majority of the members of the PRCCMP as a whole.

4. This form of the PRCCMP would eliminate the anomaly of having an “ecumenical effort” recognized as a Commission of the General Assembly and reporting directly to the Assembly.
Recommendations

1. That the Assembly delay the amending of its Standing Rules, Chapter IV, Section 3. (q), as proposed to the 45th General Assembly, for one year.

2. That the Assembly not approve the draft constitution of the PRCCMP in its present form; that the Assembly advise the General Assembly of the PCA and the Synod of the RPCES that it conceives of the PRCCMP to consist of three three-man commissions, each commission representing its respective denomination on the PRCCMP, the three commissions cooperating to fulfill the single mandate approved by the Assemblies/Synod; and that the Assembly request the PCA and RPCES to concur with this conception of the PRCCMP.

3. That the Assembly declare the men elected by the 45th General Assembly and those elected by the 46th General Assembly to be a "Chaplains' Commission to Represent the OPC on the PRCCMP."

4. That the Assembly request the PRCCMP, through its commission, to amend its draft constitution to reflect the conception of the commission as a whole outlined in Recommendation 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis J. Prutow

Mr. Galbraith presented the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications. (The report is recorded here in the form finally submitted by the committee.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following matters were referred to this Committee:

1. The question of when reports are to be in the hands of the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the printed agenda. See Communication 2 (from the Committee on Foreign Missions), last paragraph, and Communication 8 (from the Committee on Christian Education, last paragraph. (See pp. 23 and 29.)

2. The report of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel and the reports of the Orthodox Presbyterian members of the PRCCMP. Related to these reports is a proposal concerning amending the Standing Rules of the Assembly in the light of action concerning the PRCCMP. See Report of the Stated Clerk, recommendation 2. (See p. 8.)

3. A proposal to change the name of the denomination. See Overture 6 from the Presbytery of the Northwest (p. 19).

I. REPORTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRINTED AGENDA

The Committees on Foreign Missions and Christian Education proposed that Standing Rule Chapter VI, 8, be amended by changing the final period to a comma after the requirement that committee reports that are to appear in the printed agenda "shall be in the hands of the stated clerk two and one-half months prior to the Assembly," and adding "except that if the date set for the General Assembly comes before June 1 in any year, the requirement for that year shall be two months prior to the Assembly."

Your committee recommends that Standing Rule Chapter VI, 8, be amended to read: Reports of Standing Committees that are to be included in the printed agenda shall be in the hands of the stated clerk two months prior to the assembly; reports of Special Committees, in order to be in the printed agenda, shall be in the hands of the stated clerk two and one half months prior to the Assembly.
II. THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

Your committee considered the report of the PRCCMP and the report presented as the report of the OPC members of the PRCCMP. Also the Rev. Dennis J. Prutow, one of the OPC members of the Commission, met with the Committee and provided oral and written information.

According to Mr. Prutow the report presented as the report of the OPC members was not seen by him prior to its publication in the Supplementary Agenda and it does not reflect his views entirely. That report, therefore, should be viewed as a report of Dr. Dortzbach alone, not of our representatives as a group, and the incorrect wording of the report should be changed in order to make this fact clear, before it is printed in the minutes of the Assembly.

Whereas the PRCCMP is not an OPC body with authority to report directly or make recommendations to the Assembly, and Dr. Dortzbach is not present to move and support the recommendations made in his personal report, your committee makes the following recommendation concerning procedure: That the Assembly proceed to consider the further recommendations of this Committee.

Your committee further recommends:

1. That the Assembly not approve the proposed form of the Constitution and Bylaws of the PRCCMP.

Grounds:

The Commission, as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws in our judgment takes on a form broader than that envisioned by the previous General Assembly (cf. Minutes, 45th G.A., p. 181).

(1) Article II (Purposes), Section 1 (b), not only authorizes the Commission to endorse a chaplaincy candidate but also requires it to approve (implying the right of disapproval) even though his presbytery has already approved him.

(2) Article II, 2 (b), does not take account of the primary responsibility of presbytery in the care of its ministers.

(3) The "personal visits" provided for in Article II, 3, when understood in the light of the Commission's report to this Assembly (last paragraph, item 4: "personal visits of the Executive Secretary with our chaplains in the field, both in the continental United States and overseas . . . ") would involve considerable cost.

(4) Article V (Authority), 4, 5, and 6, provide for an organization far more elaborate than seems warranted by the modest responsibilities presented to the previous Assembly.

(5) Article V, 7, would give the Commission authority to adopt bylaws without the approval of the parent bodies.
(6) Article VI (Financial Support), especially the third sentence, opens the door to undetermined financial responsibility on the part of the member churches.

(7) Article VII (Staff), together with Bylaws IV and V, provides for a paid secretariat that is not necessary and that would divert funds from more essential work of the church.

2. That the Assembly recommit to the PRCCMP the proposed Constitution and Bylaws for revision and submission for approval to the 47th (1980) General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and that the Assembly instruct its representatives to the PRCCMP to suggest a more limited and efficient organizational format for the PRCCMP, using the grounds for recommendation 1 and Mr. Prutow's report as guidelines.

3. That the Assembly, being informed by the Rev. W. B. Leonard, Jr., that the Commission "is being incorporated," inform the PRCCMP that in the absence of authorization by the General Assembly, it questions the propriety of the PRCCMP taking such action, and the General Assembly therefore dissociates itself from such resulting corporation as may exist and from any responsibility for any acts of the corporation until such time as the Constitution and Bylaws are approved.

Ground:
The Assembly did not authorize the use of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church’s name in, nor did it make any commitment to, such a corporation.

4. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to inform immediately the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Presbyterian Church in America of the actions taken in Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 above and to send to them copies of the grounds provided for these recommendations by the Committee on Overtures and Communications together with Mr. Prutow's report.

Ground:
This will provide information to these churches as to some of the information given to the Assembly in support of the recommendations.

5. That the Assembly postpone action at this time on the proposed amendment to delete Standing Rule Chapter IV, 3, q.

Ground:
With the status of the PRCCMP as an endorsing agent for our chaplains still uncertain the deletion of the Rule would leave us without an endorsing agent.

6. That the title of the group of Orthodox Presbyterian representatives on the PRCCMP be changed from "The Orthodox Presbyterian Members of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel" to the "Chaplains Commission."

7. That the Chaplains Commission be the body reporting to the General Assembly concerning the work of the PRCCMP.

Your committee advises the Assembly that Mr. Prutow's term expires with this Assembly, and that there is a vacancy in the Class of 1981 due to the death of Chaplain (Ret.) John W. Betzold.

III. A CHANGE OF THE DENOMINATION'S NAME

Overture 6, from the Presbytery of the Northwest, asked the Assembly, "in the interest of greater evangelical effectiveness," "to elect a special committee to recommend to the 47th General Assembly a new name for the denomination."
The overture's petition was preceded by several "whereas" clauses attributing support for the petition. Your committee also heard a full oral presentation in support of the overture by the Rev. Ronald J. McKenzie.

Your committee recommends that the Assembly inform the Presbytery of the Northwest that if it favors a change in the denomination's name, it should propose a specific name to the General Assembly.

Grounds:

1. Apparently a majority of the presbytery favored a change of name indicating that there is already in their area a group that could, in effect, serve the same function as a specially elected committee, but with a difference, namely, that they have already given consideration to the matter and are obviously interested in the subject.

2. The members of the presbytery being in one geographical area could arrange meetings at times and places that would conserve time, expense, and, an increasingly significant factor, natural resources.

3. It can be hoped that this matter, which would entail lengthy debate in a General Assembly, would come to the Assembly only after there is broad agreement in the presbytery rather than at a mandated time one year hence, ready or not.

It was moved to proceed to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Overtures and Communications concerning the PRCCMP.

It was moved to amend the procedure so as to consider recommendation II.2. before recommendation II.1.

The Assembly recessed at 5:32 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Edwards.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 23

The Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all ye peoples." Mr. Baurer led in prayer.

On motion it was determined to recommit the entire matter of the PRCCMP to the Committee on Overtures and Communications, and the committee was requested to report to the Assembly immediately following the two orders of the day on Thursday morning.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Mr. Jerrell presented the report of Advisory Committee #5.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE #5

A. Advisory Committee #5 has examined the documents presented to it (Complaint 1, Communications 4 & 6, and the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints) and has interviewed Messrs. Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr., and James R. Payton, Jr., a member of the Presbytery's Committee to Answer the Complaint, and Norman Shepherd.

B. Advisory Committee #5 judges that the Complaint is properly before the General Assembly.

C. Advisory Committee #5 recommends that the Assembly find that the Presbytery of Philadelphia was not in error nor was it delinquent in the action complained against and that the prayer of the complaint be denied.

In support of this recommendation the following considerations are presented answering the reasons given in the complaint:
1. To the first reason we reply:
   a. That the evidence before us persuades us that Mr. Shepherd has endeavored
      from the beginning to keep the paper in question from being used for any other than
      the purpose stated in its preface.
   b. We maintain that presbytery's action did not prevent its dealing with the
      doctrinal issue in question. It appears to this committee that other means were available
      to the complainant and the Presbytery to ascertain Mr. Shepherd's position.

2. To the complaint's second reason, we reply as in 1.b. above.

3. In answer to the complaint's third reason, while it must be insisted that faculty
   members, who are members of the church, are under the jurisdiction of the church in
   respect to their doctrinal testimony, it should also be insisted that the responsibility to
   ascertain the precise teaching of the Word of God through discussion and debate be
   preserved. Such discussion and inquiry must be distinguished from the public teaching
   of uncertain views.

4. While the committee concurs with the responsibility of each minister and
   presbytery as stated in reason four, the committee does not find these considerations
   relevant to the matter of the complaint which deals with the admissibility of the paper
   as evidence. In regard to the question of the admissibility of a document as evidence in
   a judicial matter, the purpose of the admission of evidence must be to furnish a basis
   for either the condemnation or acquittal of a person charged with an offense. Because
   it is clear that Mr. Shepherd submitted the paper referred to in the complaint and re-
   quested by the Westminster faculty for its internal study alone as a discussion paper
   and not a definitive statement of his views, it would be improper to admit this docu-
   ment as evidence in a judicial proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn D. Jerrell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

The Forty-fourth General Assembly established the special Committee on Appeals
and Complaints "for the purpose of aiding each General Assembly in fairly but ex-
peditiously disposing of such. . . . The Committee . . . shall act in advance of or during
a General Assembly to receive appeals and complaints, to gather, summarize and/or
index the relevant documents and data, and to recommend the whole order of the
proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals and complaints" (Minutes, 44th G.A.,
p. 194).

This report was prepared solely by the undersigned, since the other two members
of the Committee, John J. Mitchell and Thomas E. Tyson, both disqualified themselves
because of their membership in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, which is the body being
complained against.

This report concerns the Complaint of Arthur W. Kuschke against the Presbytery

I. INDEX OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND DATA
   A. Complaint of Arthur W. Kuschke against the Presbytery of Philadelphia, dated
      June 15, 1978 (see p. 38).
   B. Covering Letter of Mr. Kuschke (see p. 38).
   C. Relevant items in the Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.
1. Reading of the Report of the Special Committee to Conduct Preliminary Investigation (concerning views of Norman Shepherd)—Minutes, 3-17-78, p. 8.

2. Action of the Presbytery based on the report of the Special Committee to Conduct Preliminary Investigation. The action is as follows: “That the Presbytery of Philadelphia determine that the paper, ‘The Relation of Good Works to Justification in the Westminster Standards,’ and any testimony based on it, not be admitted as evidence without Mr. Shepherd’s consent.”—Minutes, 3-17-78, pp. 9, 10.

3. Record of the receipt of communication from Arthur W. Kuschke containing a covering letter to the Presbytery and the Complaint—Minutes, 9-23-78, p. 3.

4. Action of Presbytery in deferring consideration of above-mentioned communication to the November meeting of Presbytery—Minutes, 9-23-78, p. 10.

5. Action of Presbytery in having the Clerks read the Complaint to the Presbytery—Minutes, 11-18-78, p. 5.


7. Record of Mr. Kuschke’s notification of his intention to carry the Complaint to the General Assembly—Ibid.

8. Action of Presbytery in establishing a committee to prepare an answer to the Complaint for presentation at the January meeting—Ibid.


D. The Book of Discipline, Chapter X, “Complaints.”

II. RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE ORDER OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The Stated Clerk should assign the whole matter to an advisory committee. See “Standing Rules of the General Assembly,” IV, 3, r. and X, 4, e. (See also Book of Discipline, X, 4.)

The advisory committee should give advice to the Assembly in three areas:

1. Is the Complaint properly before the General Assembly? In considering this matter, the following items in the Index of Relevant Documents and Data, above, are relevant: D, Sections 1 and 2; Section B; C, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

2. Should the Presbytery of Philadelphia be adjudged delinquent or in error? See D, 6. The alleged error is set forth in A, at the beginning, and is implied in the “amends sought,” as recorded at the end. The question should be decided on the basis of the reasons “set forth for the complaint,” numbered 1 through 4. It seems that if any one of the reasons is sustained, the principles set forth in connection with appeals may reasonably be brought into play (see Book of Discipline, VIII, 6).

3. If any of the reasons set forth in the Complaint is sustained and that reason is judged serious enough to support the allegation of error on the part of the Presbytery, the advisory committee should recommend to the Assembly what amends should be made. The amends recommended may or may not be those sought by the Complainant (see D, Section 6).

(Whether or not the advisory committee and/or the Assembly itself should hear witnesses to help in the disposition of the matter is for the committee and the Assembly respectively to decide. Precedent in dealing with complaints brought to earlier Assemblies would allow for the hearing of witnesses for the complainant or the complainant himself
and for the presbytery. But I would recommend that the committee and the Assembly consider seriously the possibility of judging the matter solely on the basis of the documents and data before the Assembly, with very limited testimony by witnesses, if any. After all, the Assembly is in the position of an appellate court, not in the position of a court of original jurisdiction. The only legitimate argument I have heard in favor of hearing witnesses is the necessity for the members of the advisory committee and the Assembly to become "instant experts" concerning the matter before them. In other words, in the parallel situation in a civil court, the judge may take many weeks in investigating the matter and in forming a judgment, whereas the Assembly must become "expert" and form a judgment in a matter of hours; and witnesses are a great help in this regard.)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Eckardt

It was moved to adopt the recommendation of Advisory Committee #5 (part C. of its report).

On motion Mr. Kuschke was granted ten additional minutes to speak to the motion. On motion Mr. Kuschke was granted the opportunity to speak to the motion a third time.

On motion the order of the day was extended to 9:30 p.m.

The pending question was carried.

On motion it was determined to advance the time of recess to the present time.

The Assembly sang the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!," and recessed at 9:18 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Champness.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 24

Following a devotional service led by Mr. Stanton, the Assembly reconvened at 8:15 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "A debtor to mercy alone." Mr. H. D. Phillips led in prayer.

The minutes of the sessions of Wednesday, May 23, were approved as corrected.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Gerber, Chairman of the Committee on Presbyterial Records, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

[Note: In the citation of Rules, letter A refers to the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes, and letter B refers to the Assembly's Rules for Examining Presbyterial Minutes.]

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas be approved with the following exceptions:

   a. There is no reference (at p. 232, par. 13, or in the following minutes) to Mr. Bomer's having been installed as pastor of the Grand Junction church (cf. Rule A.12, and F. of G. XX, 6, & XXIII, 11).

   b. Mr. Vandenbroek is referred to as having been installed at Cheyenne, Wyoming, although no specific reference has been made previously to his installation by the Presbytery or a commission of the presbytery, p. 236, par. 19, and p. 245 (cf. Rule A.12 and F. of G. XXIII, 11).
2. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic be approved with the following exceptions:
   a. The church that ruling elder Hake represents is not indicated, p. 119, line 7 (cf. Rule A.7.b).
   b. There is designation of whether Messrs. R. Lucas and Nelson are ministers or ruling elders, p. 119, line 8 (cf. Rule A.7).
   c. There is no record of subsequent approval of Minutes of 2-11-78, p. 129-132 (cf. Rule A.11).
   d. There is no record of subsequent approval of Minutes of 7-14-78, p. 139-140 (cf. Rule A.11).
   e. The person who prayed at the end of the day is not named, p. 125, last line (cf. Rule A.10).
   f. The letter from Dr. Countess should have been transcribed into the record and the original filed, not pasted into the book, p. 127, 128A, line 20 (cf. Rule A.16).
   g. A proposed amendment to the by-laws should have been specified in the Minutes, p. 129, lines 3-5 (cf. Rule A.12).
   h. The person who prayed at the end of the day is not named, p. 134, line 15 (cf. Rule A.10).
   i. The churches which the ruling elders represented are not specified, p. 139, lines 1 & 2 from bottom (cf. Rule A.7).
   j. It is not specified that the 45th General Assembly took exception to the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. The exceptions and their disposition by the presbytery are to be noted in the Minutes (p. 141, item 16, and p. 142, item 16 (cf. Rule B.8).

3. That the Presbytery of the Midwest be admonished for failing to present their Minutes for approval to both the 45th and the 46th General Assembly.

4. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved with the following exceptions:
   a. Minutes of 5-11-78 are not signed, p. 21 (cf. Rule A.18).
   b. Incomplete sentence, with a blank to be filled in, p. 29, item 31, line 5 (cf. Rule A.12).

5. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved with the following exception:
   a. A ruling elder commissioner from the Houlton church is not listed as being either present or absent, p. 146, line 24 (cf. Rule A.8).

6. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Northern California be approved with the following exception:
   a. Time of adjournment is omitted, p. 464, line 26 (cf. Rule A.3).

7. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Northwest be approved with the following exception:
   a. The date for Mr. McKenzie's installation is left indefinite at the 7-7-78 meeting. As of the 4-27 & 28-79 meeting there is no subsequent reference to his having
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been installed, p. 256, par. 5 (cf. Rule A.12 and old F. of G. XV, 8, new F. of G XX, 6 & XXIII, 11).

8. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved without exception.

9. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved without exception.

10. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of the South be approved with the following exceptions:

   a. Calls are found in order and placed in the hands of ministers without the terms of these calls being recorded in the Minutes, p. 289, line 32; p. 302, line 18; and p. 290, line 5 (cf. Minutes, 42nd General Assembly, p. 162).

   b. It is unclear whether the candidate for reception into presbytery gave “evidence of possessing the qualifications in regard to piety, faith, and learning . . . demanded of candidates for ordination,” required by (old) F. of G. XV, 16. Several parts of examinations were waived and no testimonials were indicated, p. 290, line 5.


11. That the Minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California be approved with the following exceptions:

   a. By going into executive session the presbytery prevented the protest of Mr. Duff from being spread on the Minutes, p. 621 & 634. This violates the Book of Discipline, Chapter IX, Section 2, last sentence.

   b. The Minutes of two executive sessions of the presbytery were not submitted for approval, pp. 600 & 634 (cf. Rule A.19).

On separate motions the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. N. J. Lodge, Chairman of the Committee on Standing Committee Records, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the Minutes of the Committee on Christian Education be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

2. That the Minutes of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel be approved without exception and with the notation listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

3. That the Minutes of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records.

4. That the Minutes of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be approved with the notation listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records and with the following exception to the Assembly’s Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records: page 194, the Minutes are not signed by the secretary (Rule 18).

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.
7. That the Minutes of the Committee on Pensions be approved with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records and with the following exception to the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records: pp. 533-535, it cannot be determined who is serving the meeting as chairman (Rule 5).

8. That the Minutes of the Committee on Stewardship be approved with the notations listed by the Committee on Standing Committee Records and with the following exception to the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records: the enclosed copy of the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records is incomplete (Rule 20).

9. That the Minutes of the Trustees of the General Assembly be approved without exception.

On separate motions the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, presented its report concerning the PRCCMP (cf. p. 183).

On separate motions recommendations II.1. through 5. were adopted.

Recommendation II.6. was adopted with the addition at the beginning of the words "That the Orthodox Presbyterian members of the PRCCMP be constituted the Chaplains Commission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and."

Recommendation II.7. was adopted.

It was moved that the Assembly approve a budget of $1500 for the Chaplains Commission.

On motion it was determined that the pending question be referred to the Committee on General Assembly Fund Review.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Chaplains Commission. The following were nominated: J. S. Atwell, Robert W. Eckardt, Peterson, Prutow, and Paul Stone (San Antonio).

The Moderator later announced the election of Mr. Prutow to the Class of 1982 and Mr. Eckardt to the Class of 1981.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications.

On motion the recommendation in part I. of the report was adopted, and Standing Rule Chapter VI, Section 8, was suspended so as to make the proposal operative for the 47th General Assembly.

The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Who is this so weak and helpless." Dr. MacDonald led in prayer.

It was moved to adopt the recommendation in part III. of the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications.

The Assembly recessed at 12:19 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. R. S. Lodge.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 24

The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O God of mercy, God of might." The Moderator led in prayer.

After a series of amendments the pending question was adopted in the following form: That the Assembly urge each presbytery to erect a study committee to review the denominational name and report to the 47th General Assembly.
Mr. Olson reported further for Advisory Committee #10 (cf. p. 85).

On separate motions the recommendations in parts A., B., and C of the report of Advisory Committee #10 were adopted.

Mr. Galbraith presented the report of the Missions Correspondent for the Reformed Ecumenical Synod. 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 MISSIONS CORRESPONDENT FOR THE REFORMED ECUMENICAL SYNOD**

The plans for a Missions Conference for all the churches of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, reported to the previous General Assembly, have been nearly finalized. The Conference is scheduled to be held in the first week of August, 1980, at Nimes, France, immediately prior to the meeting of the RES. The theme of the conference is "Prophetic Witness in a Bewildered World."

Among the speakers at the conference are two ministers of our church: Dr. C. John Miller is to present a paper on "Prophetic Witness to Youth Outside the Church," and the undersigned, who is to give the opening address. The other addresses are to be "Prophetic Witness by the Church," by Prof. Adrio Konig of the University of South Africa, and "Prophetic Witness and the Role of Christian Parents," by the Rev. Joshua Yakobu of the Church of Christ of the Sudan Among the Tiv, Nigeria.

An updated edition of the World Survey of Reformed Missions is being prepared, and the General Secretary of the RES, who serves in a similar capacity for the Missions Committee, is seeking to accomplish two things: to enable the Committee to provide insights for the RES-member churches into solutions to problems that face the churches in their missionary endeavors, and to coordinate the work of the Committee with the other efforts of the RES. The Committee is to meet in Boston in July in conjunction with a meeting of the RES Interim Committee.

Your Correspondent has continued to serve as Chairman of the Missions Committee, but believes that the General Assembly following that conference should appoint a new Missions Correspondent.

Recommendation: that the Assembly elect two representatives to serve as delegates to the RES Missions Conference at Nimes, France, in 1980. Budget for delegates: $250.

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Galbraith

The recommendation of the report was adopted.

On motion Messrs. Galbraith and Vail were appointed as delegates to the RES Missions Conference, 1980.

On motion it was determined to elect an alternate Missions Correspondent for the RES who would become the Missions Correspondent in the event of Mr. Galbraith's resignation.

The floor was declared open for nominations for alternate Missions Correspondent for the RES. The following was nominated: Mr. Vail.

On motion nominations were closed, and the Moderator declared Mr. Vail elected.

Mr. D. E. Johnson presented the final report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Assembly accept the invitation of Geneva College to hold the 47th General Assembly on the Geneva campus beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 1980, with a projected terminus of noon, Thursday, May 29.

2. That the Assembly direct the Stated Clerk to express its thanks to Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, for its invitation to hold the 47th General Assembly on the Covenant campus, and to explain that travel costs prevent the Assembly from accepting the invitation at this time.

3. That the Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 1980 at the rate of $3.00 per communicant member.

ELECTION

The term of the Rev. Daniel H. Overduin expires at this assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis E. Johnson
Daniel E. McElwain
Herbert Vandenbroek, Chairman pro tem

Recommendation 1 was adopted after substituting the words “Thursday, May 15,” for the words “Wednesday, May 21,” and the words “3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 22,” for the words “noon, Thursday, May 29.”

Recommendations 2 and 3 were adopted.

On motion it was determined to encourage commissioners to the General Assembly to make their airline reservations for travel to and from the Assembly as early as possible in order to obtain the lowest fares possible.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Date, Place and Travel. The following were nominated: Messrs. D. W. Kiester, and Ruff. On motion nominations were closed.

The Moderator later announced the election of Mr. Ruff to the class of 1982.

The motion to substitute recommendation C.3. of Advisory Committee #12 for the motion to adopt recommendation 2.b. of the Committee on Race, action on which was postponed to this time, was carried, and the motion was further amended by the substitution of the word “Request” for the word “Direct” and the words “consider planning and arranging for” for the words “plan and execute.” The substitute was carried in the amended form.
During consideration of the previous question, the time of dissolution of the Assembly was extended until the completion of the docket.

The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints. The following was nominated: Mr. Mitchell. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Mitchell elected to the class of 1982.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the Committee on General Assembly Fund Review.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUND REVIEW

Your committee recommends that the following budget be adopted and that the Assembly request the churches to contribute $4.00 per communicant member to meet the budget needs.

BUDGET 1979 - 1980

**Anticipated Receipts**

- Contributions from the churches .................................. $32,025.00
- Sale of Minutes .................................................. 300.00
- Sale of Form of Government ...................................... 50.00
- Proceeds from Knollwood Lodge .................................. 1,200.00

Total ............................................................................. $33,575.00

**Anticipated Expenditures**

- Honoraria
  - Stated Clerk ........................................................... $3,600.00
  - Assistant Clerk .................................................... 225.00
  - Statistician ........................................................... 175.00
  - Historian .............................................................. 125.00
- Printing and mailing of Agenda and Minutes, 46th G.A. ............. 6,000.00
- Miscellaneous office and other expense ................................ 1,000.00

Assessments

- Reformed Ecumenical Synod ........................................ 3,210.00
- North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council ................ 50.00

Committee expenses

- Arrangements, 47th G.A. ............................................ 150.00
- Book of Discipline ................................................... 1,100.00
- Chaplains Commission ............................................... 1,050.00
- Directory for Worship ............................................... 50.00
- Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations ............................ 4,000.00
- Linguistic Revisions to the Westminster Standards ................ 300.00
- Ministerial Training ................................................ 1,000.00
- Race ........................................................................... 1,000.00
- R.E.S. Matters .......................................................... 50.00
- Trustees of the G.A. .................................................. 50.00

Expense total ....................................................................... $23,135.00

RES 1980 expense reserve ............................................... 1,300.00

Deficit 4/30/79 .................................................................. 9,140.00

Total ............................................................................. $33,575.00

Respectfully submitted,
Larry D. Conard
John J. Mitchell
The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The 46th General Assembly expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who have so thoroughly provided for the needs of its commissioners throughout the course of this Assembly. We thank Geneva College for the use of its excellent facilities. To Mr. Paul Bischoff and his secretary, Mrs. Betty Fenchel, as well as the kitchen staff, go our deepest thanks for the constant courtesy and consideration shown to the Assembly's commissioners. We further express our gratitude to the ladies of the churches of the Presbytery of Ohio for their gracious contribution of refreshments. To Mrs. Floyd Stinedurf, Mrs. Alvera Billingsley, and Mrs. David Gregg go our thanks for providing secretarial services to this Assembly. Finally, we thank the Rev. Messrs. Leonard Coppes for organizing the communion service, David Kiester for overseeing the telling of the elections, and Charles Dennison for his labors on arrangements and his help in getting delegates to and from the airport.

On amended motion the Committee on Christian Education was requested to study the matter of the inequities involved in the policy of taxation of Christian parents in the United States who have their children enrolled in Christian schools and to report its findings to the 47th General Assembly, and to make such recommendations to the Assembly as it may deem proper in the matter.

On motion the Committee on Stewardship was requested, in its next regular mailing, to remind churches that did not contribute to the General Assembly Budget Fund last year of the urgency of supporting the fund, and include in that mailing statistics regarding the reception of the fund, and a reminder of what the General Assembly Budget Fund is.

On motion the Moderator and the Stated Clerk were requested to present to the 47th General Assembly a proposal for the use of the offering received in the worship service at the opening of each Assembly.

On amended motion the Committee on Christian Education was authorized to reprint the Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and that the project be capitalized by a loan from the General Assembly Travel Fund.

The Moderator appointed Messrs. Coppes, Dennison, and Karns as the Committee on Arrangements for the 47th General Assembly.

The minutes of the sessions of Thursday, May 24, 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 declaration: 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 here at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on the Fifteenth day of May, A.D. 1980.

The Assembly sang the hymn “I love Thy Kingdom, Lord.”

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer. Mr. Haney, Moderator of the 46th General Assembly, pronounced the benediction. The 46th General Assembly closed at 3:52 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk
### PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

**Stated Meetings — Fourth Tuesday of March and September**

The Rev. Glenn D. Jerrell, Stated Clerk

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Ordinations: Gerald S. Taylor, 4-26-78; C. Herbert Swanson, 4-28-78; J. Anthony Blair, 8-25-78; Duane E. Spencer, 9-27-78

Ministers Received: Sidney Van Camp, from Presbytery of Southern California, 7-29-78

Ministers Removed from Roll: Donald J. Duff, dismissed to Presbytery of Southern California, 6-15-78; Allen P. Moran, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of Northwest, 7-29-78

Changes in Congregations: Grace Church of San Antonio, received 6-15-78

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge: (9)

Glenn T. Black
Robert K. Churchill
Richard G. Hodgson
W. Benson Male
Richard G. Mitchell
V. Robert Nilson
Huibert J. Vandenbroek
John Verhage
Reginald Voorhees

Total Number of Ministers — 26

Total Number of Churches — 19

Total Number of Chapels — 7
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Bereu
609 West Market St. (No Mail)
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Douglas A. Felch, Assoc. Pastor

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Allen H. Harris, Assoc. Pastor
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Oakland Mills Meeting House
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Pirritan
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Leonard N. Stewart, Assoc. Pastor

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Stated Meetings-Third Friday and Saturday of April and September; Second Friday and Saturday of December
Mr. Allan W. Bjerkaas, 11012 Bushwood Way, Columbia, M D 21044, Stated Clerk

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member

a Based on 113 communicant members (Covenant, Burtonsville and Columbia Presbyterian, Columbia)

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Ordinations: Douglas A. Felch, 12/9/78

Ministers Received: George W. Hall, Jr., from Presbytery of the Midwest, 4/22/78
    Allen H. Harris, from Presbytery of New York & New England, 7/1/78

Ministers Removed from Roll: Robert H. Countess, by erasure, 12/9/78

Changes in Congregation: Covenant, Burtonsville, divided to form Columbia Presbyterian Church (OPC), Columbia

Roll of Licentiates: Michael Bushell

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (4):
    Stephen R. Hake
    Robert M. Lucas
    David M. Moore
    Laurence N. Vail

Total Number of Ministers — 19
Total Number of Churches — 13
Total Number of Chapels — 1
PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST
Stated Meetings — Second Friday and Saturday of March;
Second Monday and Tuesday after Labor Day
The Rev. David A. George, Stated Clerk

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**Average Contribution per Communicant Member**

- a Included with *Westminster, Westchester*
- b Included with *Falls, Menominee Falls*
- c Based on 102 communicant members
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- e Based on 50 communicant members
- f Included with *Spencer Mills, Gowen*
- g Does not include bequest of $1,047
- h Based on 64 communicant members
- i Based on 97 communicant members
- j Does not include bequest of $6,632
- k Based on 322 communicant members
- l Included with *Old Stockbridge, Gresham*

**Licensures:**
- John Wiers, 3/10/78; Daniel Koerner, 3/11/78

**Ministers Received:**
- Robert W. Eckardt, from Presbytery of New Jersey, 10/2/78

**Ministers Removed from Roll:**
- George W. Hall, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 5/31/78
Roll of Licentiates:  Jay E. Fluck  

John Wiers  

Daniel Koerner (In transit)  

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (7):  

Victor B. Atallah  

Vincent L. Crossett  

John N. Fikkert  

Richard B. Gaffin, Sr.  

George E. Haney, Jr.  

Donald M. Parker  

Carl J. Reitsma  

Total Number of Ministers — 22  

Total Number of Churches — 11  

Total Number of Chapels — 9
### 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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- CONNECTICUT
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- **CONNECTICUT**
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- **Sunday School Ave. Attend. Per Week**
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- **Av. Conf. per Comm. Mem.**

- **The Rev. Richard J. Wirth, Stated Clerk**
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**MASSACHUSETTS**

**CAPE COD, Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod**
Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**FALL RIVER, Grace, V.**
150 Cherry St.
(Stephen A. Larson, Pastor-Elect)

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**HAMILTON, First**
121 Railroad Ave.
Kenneth A. Ironside

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**NEW YORK**

**AMSTERDAM, Covenant OP Chapel**
Stuart R. Jones

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**FRANKLIN SQUARE, OPC**
Franklin & Soho Aves.
John C. Hills, Jr.

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**NEW ROCHELLE, OP Chapel**
175 Memorial Hwy.
(Malcolm L. Wright, Stated Supply)

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**LISBON, OPC**
Lisbon-Flackville Rd.
Richard J. Wirth

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**ROCHESTER, Covenant**
55 Hoover Dr.
Theodore J. Georgian
Richard E. Knodel, Jr., Assoc. Pastor

| Service Times | Added | Removed | Conf. Faith | Faith | CI |
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**General Receipts**

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**Benevolence Receipts**

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**Special Receipts**

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**Avg. Contr. per Comm. Mem.**

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**FORTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**209**
PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND (Continued)

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Licenses: Stephen R. Williams, 10/10/78

Ministers Received: Samuel T. Logan, Jr., from Presbytery of Central Mississippi, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., 10/10/78
Richard E. Knodel, Jr., from Presbytery of the Ascension, Presbyterian Church in America, 4/11/78
Ministers Removed from Roll: Allen H. Harris, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 7/1/78
   Ronald E. Jenkins, deceased, 12/31/78

Roll of Licentiates:  Stephen R. Williams  Stephen A. Larson

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (6):  Burton L. Goddard  Charles G. Schaufele  Kelly G. Tucker
   Samuel T. Logan, Jr.  John H. Skilton  Malcolm L. Wright

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Average Contribution per Communicant Member

- Based on 39 communicant members
- Does not include bequest of $2,360

Ministers Received: Salvador M. Solis, from Presbytery of Southern California, 3/5/78

Changes in Congregations: First, Manteca, dissolved, 3/18/78

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (6):
- Robert D. Abbot
- Gerald G. Latal
- Charles Y. Lee
- Melvin B. Nonhof
- Arthur G. Riffel
- Jim West

Total Number of Ministers — 16
Total Number of Churches — 9
Total Number of Chapels — 1
# PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

Stated Meetings — Fourth Friday and Saturday of January, April and September

The Rev. Donald M. Poundstone, Stated Clerk

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**Southern Oregon OP Church (a)**  
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| **Grants Pass, Faith** | 11:00           | (19)               | (22)               |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | figures included above (15) (25) |
| S.D.A. School   | 6:00             |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             |                                   |                      |
| 1121 N. E. 7th St. (No Mail)\n\n**Medford, Trinity** | 10:00           | (21)               | (6)                |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | figures included above (20) (30) |
| **Oregon Coll. of Business** | 6:30           |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             |                                   |                      |
| 400 Earhart (No Mail) |                  |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             |                                   |                      |

(a) Two congregations with one session constituting one church.

### Washington

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| **Bothell, Trinity** | 11:00           | 69                 | 72                  | 50     | 22          | 1              | 0        | 3     | 3           | 1                    | 6           | 1            | 58                  | 59                    |
| 23211 S. Meridian Ave.\n| **Patrick H. Morrison** | 6:00             |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $19,914            | $1,989               |
| **Glenwood, Pioneer Community Chapel** | 11:00           | 8e                 |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $2,144              | $24,047             |
| **TOTALS**      | 628              | 653                | 443                 | 210    | 6           | 4              | 19       | 51    | 7           | 47                   | 18          | 17           | 381                | 430                   |
| **Average Contribution per Communicant Member** |                  |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $206,437            | $49,147              |
| a Included with Mission Valley, Ronan |                  |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $10,240             | $265,824             |
| b Based on 13 communicant members |                  |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $466                | $411                 |
| c Does not include bequest of $185 |                  |                    |                    |        |             |               |          |       |           |                      |             |             | $23                 | $600                 |

### Licensor:
William J. Fredericks, 9/23/78

### Ministers Received:
Allen P. Moran, Jr., from Presbytery of the Dakotas, 9/23/78

### Changes in Congregations:
*
**OPC**, Gladstone, divided to create Southern Oregon OP Church (Faith, Grants Pass and Trinity, Medford), 4/29/78

**OPC**, Gladstone moved to Milwaukie and changed name to Faith

### Roll of Licentiates:
William J. Fredericks

### Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (2):
George Y. Uomoto
Eugene B. Williams

### Total of Ministers — 12
Total Number of Churches — 8
Total Number of Chapels — 4
**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO**

Stated Meetings — Third Friday and Saturday, April and October

Mr. John C. Smith, 105 Sycamore St. W., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15211, Stated Clerk

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**ALLIANCE/NORTH CANTON (a)**

*Christ Reformed, YMCA*

Arch & Market Sts. (No Mail) 6:00

David W. King

OPC, Northwood Elem. School (No Mail)

David W. King

**COLUMBUS, Grace Chapel**

(Robert Y. Eckardt, Licentiate)

**DAYTON, Redeemer**

5901 Chambersburg Rd. (No Mail)

1st Sun. 1:30

Lawrence R. Eyres

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**EDINBURG, Neshwa, V. R.D. 1**

11:00 144 154 78 76 4 0 1 1 1 0 0 6 50 54 12,045 3,665 0 15,710 201

3:00

**GROVE CITY, Covenant**

140 E. Poplar St. (No Mail)

Henry P. Tavares

**HARRISVILLE, Calvary**

North on Route 8

Leonard J. Coppes

**HOLLIDAYSBURG, Westminster Presbytery**

Presbyterian Chapel

YMCA (No Mail)

Mark B. Brown, Evangelist

(a) Two congregations with one session constituting one church
PITTSBURGH, Covenant.
1608 Graham Blvd.
Edward L. Volz
11:00
1608 Graham Blvd.
7:00
Edward L. Volz

SEWICKLEY, Grace
Beaver Rd., Osborne
Charles G. Dennison
11:00
6:30

Ordinations: Mark R. Brown, Evangelist, 6/2/78

Ministers Received: Thomas M. Corey, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, 10/21/78

Ministers Removed from Roll: Arnold S. Kress, removed, 5/24/78
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of New York & New England, 10/20/78 (In transit)

Roll of Licentiate: Robert Y. Eckardt

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge: (6)
Robert L. Atwell
Marren O. Bowman, Jr.
Thomas M. Corey

Lawrence Semel
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.
William A. Van Gemeren

Total Number of Ministers — 13
Total Number of Churches — 7
Total Number of Chapels — 2
## PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

**Stated Meetings — Third Monday of September, January and May; Third Saturday of November and March**

The Rev. A. LeRoy Greer, Stated Clerk

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**Licensures:**
- Eric Sigward 3/17/78
- Robert P. Harting, Jr. 3/17/78
- William O. Rudolph, Jr. 3/17/78
- David G. Tickner 3/18/78
- John P. Smith 5/15/78
- Jay M. Milojevich 5/15/78
- Stephan A. Larson 9/23/78
- William P. Scott 9/23/78
- Calvin K. Cummings, Jr. 9/23/78
- Jack D. Kinneer 11/18/78

**Ordinations:**
- Douglas A. Watson, 2/4/78

**Ministers Received:**
- Daniel R. Morse, from Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, Presbyterian Church in America, 5/15/78
- Stephen M. Reynolds, from Presbytery of the Philadelphia Area, Bible Presbyterian Church, 5/15/78

**Ministers Removed from Roll:**
- Thomas M. Corey, dismissed to Presbytery of Ohio, 5/15/78
- Samuel S. Chang, dismissed to Korean American Presbyterian Church, 5/15/78
- John W. Betzold, deceased

**Changes in Congregations:**
- Southwest Philadelphia Reformed Fellowship, constituted a particular congregation, 1/16/78

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (27):

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Total Number of Ministers — 44

Total Number of Churches — 15

Total Number of Chapels — 3
PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH
Stated Meetings — Fourth Friday/Saturday, April; Third Tuesday/Wednesday, October
The Rev. Thomas S. Champness, Jr., Stated Clerk

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Ministers Received: Robert Minnig, from Bible Fellowship Church, 11/26/78

Minister Removed from Roll: James K. Workman, dismissed to Eastern Carolina Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America, 10/18/78

Ministers not in Pastoral Charge (6):
- Elmer M. Dortzbach
- Clarence W. Duff
- David Freeman
- Louis Kickasola
- Hendrik Krabbendam
- Robert L. Vining

Total Number of Ministers — 13
Total Number of Churches — 7
Total Number of Chapels — 0
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

First Friday and Saturday of February; Third Friday and Saturday of April, June and October

The Rev. Daniel H. Overduin, Stated Clerk

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Donald J. Duff, from Presbytery of the Dakotas, 7/22/78
George C. Miladin, from The Southern Presbytery, Reformed Presbyterian Church (Evangelical Synod), 2/1/78

Ministers Removed from Roll: Salvador M. Solis, dismissed to the Presbytery of Northern California, 3/5/78
Sidney Van Camp, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Dakotas, 7/22/78
Bruce F. Hunt, dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 12/16/78 (In transit)

Roll of Licentiates: William O. Rudolph, Jr., Jack L. Smith, David G. Tickner

Ministers not in Pastoral Charges (15):
Gregory L. Bahnsen, Thomas A. Foh, Dwight H. Poundstone
Bruce A. Coie, John W. Garrisi, Robert D. Raglin
Larry D. Conard, Louis E. Knowles, Wilson H. Rinker
Thomas M. Cooper, George W. Marston, Daniel van Houte
Henry W. Coray, Robert E. Nicholas, Bruce F. Hunt (In transit)

Total Number of Ministers — 30
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Does not include bequests received in the amount of: a $80,305  b $30,452  c $58,997
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### APPORTIONMENT OF 47TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Chapter I of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, voting commissioners to the 47th General Assembly are apportioned as follows:

**Presbytery** | **Ministers** | **Ruling Elders**
--- | --- | ---
Dakotas | 9 | 6
Mid-Atlantic | 7 | 4
Midwest | 8 | 9
New Jersey | 11 | 8
New York and New England | 8 | 6
Northern California | 6 | 3
Northwest | 4 | 2
Ohio | 5 | 3
Philadelphia | 16 | 8
South | 5 | 3
Southern California | 11 | 8
Moderator, 46th G. A. | 1 | —
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