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THURSDAY, JULY 21

THURSDAY MORNING
The Rev. Edward L. Kellogg, Moderator of the Fifteenth General Assembly, opened the devotional service preceding the Sixteenth General Assembly at 11:00 a.m., July 21, 1949, at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. Mr. Kellogg preached a sermon entitled, "The Unity and Development of the Church," based on Ephesians 4:11-13. Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Mr. Kellogg, assisted by the Rev. Egbert W. Andrews and the Rev. Glenn R. Coie and by Ruling Elders Henry E. Wade, George D. Moore, Cyrus B. Ferguson, and Frank P. Carter.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
The Sixteenth General Assembly was convened at 2:15 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 1949, with prayer by Mr. Kellogg.

The roll was called by the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt, Clerk of the Fifteenth General Assembly. The roll is as follows:

THE ROLL OF THE ASSEMBLY

Presbytery of California
Elders: Henry L. Albright, Wm. Russell Malcor (Paul Walker, alt.), David L. Neilands (George D. Moore, alt.), Henry E. Wade (Walter Saumert, alt.).

Presbytery of the Dakotas
Ministers: W. Benson Male, Arthur O. Olson, Russell D. Piper.

Presbytery of New Jersey

Presbytery of New York and New England
Ministers: John Murray, Herman T. Petersen.

Presbytery of Philadelphia
Elder: Cyrus B. Ferguson.

Presbytery of Wisconsin

On motion, the Assembly sent its regrets to the Rev. James W. Price and family regarding their automobile accident and their inability to be present at the Assembly. The Clerk and Mr. Graham were appointed by the Moderator to send this message. Mr. Graham led the Assembly in prayer for Mr. Price and his family.

The Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly were presented in printed form and approved as presented.
The Statistical Report was presented.

Informal communications from the Rev. I. Lyle Shaw and the Rev. Henry Tavares stating their inability to be present were read by the Moderator.

For the office of Clerk the following were nominated: Messrs. Eckardt, Atwell, and Piper. Mr. Eckardt was elected on the first ballot.

For the office of Moderator the following were nominated: Messrs. Cummings, Eyres, Coray, Atwell, and Poundstone.

An informal communication from the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt, telling of present difficulties in Korea, was read by the Moderator.

Mr. Poundstone was elected Moderator on the fourth ballot.

Mr. Kellogg welcomed Mr. Poundstone to the chair and presented him with the gavel.

Mr. Poundstone responded briefly.

The following were nominated for the office of Assistant Clerk: Messrs. Schowalter, Andrews, Elliott, and Piper.

The Clerk read the following papers and communications:

June 11, 1949

At the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, January 17, 1949, it was moved and carried that Presbytery send the following overture to the Sixteenth General Assembly and direct its stated clerk to urge other Presbyteries to join in this overture:

In view of the invitation extended to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send a representative to The Ecumenical Synod to be held in The Netherlands in August 1949;

Inasmuch as Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse will be in Europe in the summer of 1949 and inasmuch as it is highly important that our communion be represented at this synod,

The Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the Sixteenth General Assembly to appoint Dr. N. B. Stonehouse its delegate to the Ecumenical Synod.

EDWARDS E. ELLIOTT, Stated Clerk

May 20, 1949

Rev. Robert W. Eckardt, Clerk
Fifteenth General Assembly
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
340 Highland Avenue
Westville, N. J.

Dear Mr. Eckardt:

From the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1949 of the Presbytery of New Jersey of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church I herewith call to your attention the following action:

It was moved and carried that the Presbytery of New Jersey concur with the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the overture to the Sixteenth General Assembly to appoint Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse its delegate to the Ecumenical Synod to be held in The Netherlands in August of 1949.

Cordially yours,
CHARLES H. ELLIS, Stated Clerk

The Presbytery of New York and New England

"Moved and carried that the Presbytery send the following overture to the 16th General Assembly:

"In view of the invitation extended to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send a representative to the Ecumenical Synod to be held in The Netherlands in August 1949;

"Inasmuch as Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse will be in Europe in the summer of 1949;

"The Presbytery of New York and New England overtures the 16th General Assembly to appoint Dr. N. B. Stonehouse its delegate to the Ecumenical Synod."

Sincerely in Christ,
HERMAN T. PETERSEN, Stated Clerk

It was moved and carried that the Presbytery of California concur in the overture
from the Presbytery of Philadelphia and that the clerk of the General Assembly be so notified. The text of the overture is as follows:

"In view of the invitation extended to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send a representative to the Ecumenical Synod to be held in The Netherlands in August 1949:
   Inasmuch as Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse will be in Europe in the summer of 1949; and
   Inasmuch as it is highly important that our communion be represented at this synod,
   The Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the Sixteenth General Assembly to appoint Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse its delegate to the Ecumenical Synod.
   And it directs its Stated Clerk to urge other Presbyteries to join in this overture."

Very truly yours,
H. WILSON ALBRIGHT, Stated Clerk
February 14, 1949

Rev. Robert W. Eckardt, Stated Clerk
Fifteenth General Assembly, of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
340 Highland Avenue
Westville, N. J.
Dear Mr. Eckardt:

At a regular meeting of the Presbytery of New Jersey of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, said meeting having taken place on January 18, 1949, at Crescent Park, N. J., the following action was taken:

That the Presbytery of New Jersey go on record as approving the overture; Resolved: that the Sixteenth General Assembly be authorized and requested to seek admission as a general constituent member of the American Council of Christian Churches for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

This memorandum you will have received in the minutes, but I thought you perhaps ought to have it in this form, too.

Cordially yours,
CHARLES H. ELLIS, Stated Clerk
May 4, 1949

Rev. Robert Eckardt
13 Romana Avenue
Crescent Park, N. J.
Dear Mr. Eckardt:

The Presbytery of California of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church meeting on April 20 and 21, 1949 at the Beverley Church took the following action which is of concern to the Sixteenth General Assembly:

Upon motion the overture was adopted which had been sent down to the Presbyteries by the Fifteenth General Assembly, which overture authorizes the Sixteenth General Assembly to seek admission as a general constituent member of the American Council of Christian Churches for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

H. WILSON ALBRIGHT, Stated Clerk
Rev. Herman T. Petersen, Stated Clerk
Stop 15, Central Avenue
Albany 5, New York
June 21, 1949

Rev. R. W. Eckardt, Clerk
15th General Assembly, Orthodox Presbyterian Church
340 Highland Avenue
Westville, N. J.
Dear Mr. Eckardt:

Enclosed please find the Statistical Report of the New York and New England Pres-
At the Spring meeting Presbytery took the following action:
"Moved and carried that Presbytery disapprove the overture from the Presbytery of California, authorizing the 16th General Assembly to seek admission as a general constituent member of the American Council of Christian Churches."

HERMAN T. PETERSEN, Stated Clerk
June 3, 1949

To the Clerk
Sixteenth General Assembly
The Presbytery of Wisconsin meeting in Waterloo, Iowa, October 11-12, 1948 took the following action on an overture before it:
On motion the overture granting the General Assembly authority and direction to commit the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to membership in the American Council of Christian Churches (G. A. Minutes p. 56) was disapproved.

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk
March 25, 1949

The Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Stated Clerk of the Assembly,
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
13 Romana Avenue
Crescent Park, N. J.
Dear Mr. Eckardt:
At its regular Spring meeting held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 8-9, 1949, The Presbytery of the Dakotas took the following action:
"It was moved and carried that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, namely: that the Presbytery of the Dakotas inform the 16th General Assembly that the Presbytery favors the affiliation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with the American Council of Christian Churches." (Minutes, page 213.)

Yours in Christ,
MELVIN B. NONHOF, Stated Clerk

The Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Stated Clerk,
Fifteenth General Assembly
On May 16, 1949, the following action was taken by our Presbytery:
The Presbytery of Philadelphia of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church respectfully overtures the 16th General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to inform The American Council of Christian Churches
That for a number of years The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has watched with interest the development of The American Council of Christian Churches and has given much study to the possibility of affiliating ourselves with The American Council of Christian Churches,
That The Orthodox Presbyterian Church appreciates various efforts which The American Council of Christian Churches has made to maintain freedom for the proclamation of the gospel in America, and
That at least until The American Council of Christian Churches should make it its policy to refrain from entering into politics and from engaging in preaching and teaching various interpretations of the Bible, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church regrets that it cannot affiliate itself with The American Council of Christian Churches, and
Respectfully urges The American Council of Christian Churches to desist from these activities at the earliest possible time.

EDWARDS E. ELLIOTT, Stated Clerk
June 21, 1949
On January 17, 1949, the following action was taken by our Presbytery:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia respectfully overtures the Sixteenth General Assembly to elect a committee of seven to prepare and publish a hymnal (or hymnals) in accordance with the following regulations:

1. That the committee be authorized to publish, if it deem practicable, two hymnals — a larger hymnal, and a shorter hymnal for more general use.
2. That the committee be instructed to proceed with the preparation and publication of the larger hymnal first.
3. That the larger hymnal contain both metrical psalms and hymns.
4. That the approximate composition of the musical portion of the larger hymnal be 80 percent hymns and 20 percent psalms.
5. That the larger hymnal contain psalms for responsive reading.
6. That the committee be authorized to raise and expend funds for the publication of the hymnal.
7. That the committee report to successive General Assemblies until its task is completed.
8. That the committee be unauthorized to publish any hymnal before a General Assembly has had opportunity to give at least general approval to a preliminary draft of its contemplated publication.

EDWARDS E. ELLIOTT, Stated Clerk
June 3, 1949

To the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Clerk of the Assembly

On motion the following overture was adopted by the Presbytery of Wisconsin at its fall meeting held in Waterloo, Iowa, October 11-12, 1948:

WHEREAS the General Assembly fund, used to pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the decisions of the Assembly, the printing of minutes, committee travel expense, etc., has frequently shown a deficit, and

WHEREAS, the funds of the Home Missions Committee, given in good faith by individuals and churches for other purposes have been used, temporarily at least, for General Assembly purposes,

NOW THEREFORE The Presbytery of Wisconsin respectfully overtures the Sixteenth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to adopt the following practices concerning its financial affairs:

(a) That the Clerk of each Assembly be required to submit to each Assembly before it adjourns a budget showing the amount of money required for the ensuing fiscal year to meet all obligations undertaken by that Assembly or previous Assemblies and to liquidate the deficit, if any, in the General Assembly Fund.

(b) That the Assembly set a quota for each church of its share of this budget based on the proportion of its communicant members to the total number of members in the denomination.

(c) That the Clerk be required to inform each congregation of the amount of its quota.

(d) That the Clerk be required to report to the following Assembly the quotas set for and the amounts received from each congregation.

(e) That this information be incorporated each year into the Minutes of the Assembly along with the other congregational statistics.

Cordially yours,

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk
June 3, 1949

To the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Clerk of the Assembly

On motion the following overture was adopted by Presbytery at its spring meeting in Calvary Church, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS the 15th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has entered into fraternal relations with The Christian Reformed Church, and,
WHEREAS conference on questions of faith and practice is a valuable advantage of such a relationship, and one which leads to a better mutual understanding, now,

THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Wisconsin respectfully overtures the 16th General Assembly to commence conferences with the Synod of The Christian Reformed Church in order to explore and compare viewpoints in the two communions with regard to matters of faith and practice with a view to a better understanding and closer cooperation looking toward possible union between the two bodies.

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk

June 3, 1949

To the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Clerk of the Assembly

The following recommendations were adopted by the Presbytery of Wisconsin meeting in Cedar Grove, April 12, 1949:

The Presbytery of Wisconsin reports to the Sixteenth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that it has studied the doctrines in dispute in conjunction with relative papers committed to it by the 15th General Assembly:

WHEREAS these doctrines have been studied and discussed at great length among us, and,

WHEREAS the purity, peace, and unity of our church would be better served at this time if any who descry heretical opinions in our midst would deal directly with the individuals concerned according to our constitutional procedure,

NOW THEREFORE, Presbytery recommends that the official consideration of these matters by the legislative bodies of the church be now terminated.

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk

June 3, 1949

To the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Clerk of the Assembly

On motion the following overture was adopted by Presbytery at its spring meeting in Calvary Church, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin.

The Presbytery of Wisconsin respectfully overtures the 16th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

That it extend the bounds of the Presbytery of Wisconsin to include the state of Illinois.

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church,
Schaff Building, 1505 Race St.,

INVITATION ECUMENICAL SYNOD

The Church Council of the Reformed Church of Amsterdam (566, Keizersgracht), has been authorized by the General Synod of Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, held at Zwolle (1946) to inform you that it is intended to convene at Amsterdam, on August 7th, 1949, an Ecumenical Synod of Churches of the Reformed denomination. This decision has been taken by the Christian Reformed Church of America, the Reformed Church in South Africa, and the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, after a meeting of representatives of these churches at Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A. in August 1946, under the name of First Reformed Ecumenical Synod, the purpose of this meeting being to take preparatory measures for the meeting of an ecumenical Reformed Synod on a broader basis.

The church Council of the Reformed Church at Amsterdam has now the pleasure of inviting to take part in the Ecumenical Synod at Amsterdam in August 1949, by sending three representatives with instruction and powers to act in their name.

To enable you to take a justified decision, the Church Council is sending you enclosed a copy of the Acts of the meeting at Grand Rapids, and draws your special attention to the explanation given in Article 121 (pages 62-64).

The Church Council would point out that the Zwolle Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (1946) has decided that in the enumeration of the reformed creeds the first Helvetician Confession shall be replaced by the second Helvetician Confession and
that the Scottish Confession shall be left out. The Zwolle Synod has decided to submit these alterations for approval to the Ecumenical Synod to be convened.

The Church Council trusts that, after taking cognizance of the documents, your church will be prepared to accept this invitation and to cooperate to make the Ecumenical Synod a success.

(1) the names of the representatives appointed by you;
(2) whether, there are any points that you would like to have placed on the agenda of the Synod. Letters on this subject should be received before January 1st, 1949, or, if this should be impossible, soon after this date.

Further the Church Council would like to receive from you a statement of names and addresses of persons who usually act as preliminary advisers, at your Synods, so that in due course invitations may be sent to take part in this Ecumenical Synod as pre-advisers.

It goes without saying that this Council is prepared to furnish all further information that you should require before taking your decision on this matter.

May the Lord shine upon your Church with the light of His grace and make all Churches of the Reformed denomination faithful in fulfilling their task in this world, in obedience to His holy Word. To this end we all shall have to put ourselves under the discipline of God's holy Word and, in practicing fellowship through the belief at the same time, confess that we are guilty of the discord among those who have the same belief.

May it please the Lord to make the Ecumenical Synod of Amsterdam subservient to the coming of His kingdom and the gathering of all who believe in Christ (Eph. 3:20 and 21; 4:13 and 15; 1 Cor. 12:12 foll.; St. John 17:11.)

The Church Council of the
REFORMED CHURCH of AMSTERDAM
P. C. KUNST
D. RINGNALDA

N. B. This invitation has also been sent to the following Churches in your country:
The Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod: Rev. R. D. Stewart, Sparta, Illinois.
The Associate Presbyterian Church: Rev. A. M. Malcomb, 210 South 2nd St., Albia, Iowa.

To the 16th General Assembly
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
c/o Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
13 Romana Avenue,
Crescent Park,
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I wish to lodge a complaint to the 16th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, against the action of the O. P. denomination in respect of affording the courtesy of the supplying of the pulpits of the O. P. Churches to ministers in good standing in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

It has happened repeatedly that ministers of known integrity and faithful to the Word of God were denied the privilege of preaching in our churches of the O. P. denomination, because they happened to belong to the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

In our O. P. Church in Waterloo, Iowa, we could have secured godly ministers to supply our pulpit on several occasions, but this was not done. Instead some of the Elders of the church read a sermon from a book. This was not serving the edification of the people as a sermon would have served, delivered by retired ministers living in our community and available for pulpit supply.

I have several such men in mind and yet they were passed over and denied the opportunity to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Personally I believe that such a procedure on the part of our denomination is wrong and unscriptural. These able, though aged ministers appreciate an occasional opportunity.
to preach, but they resent to be examined by our session as to their orthodoxy. They wish
to obey the command of Christ in the Great Commission to preach the Gospel.

I believe that it is downright pharisaical on our part to deny these old ministers of the
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the privilege of witnessing their faith and convictions.

I therefore wish to petition the 16th General Assembly to rescind that part of the
Standards of our denomination which singles out ministers of the Presbyterian Church,
U.S.A., as not acceptable to fill our pulpits.

I know many Presbyterian U.S.A., ministers personally, and consider the denial of our
denomination of the privileges of our pulpits as a personal affront to many sincere ministers
of the Word.

I trust that you will bring this petition to the Attention of the General Assembly, and
that appropriate action will be taken by the General Assembly at its 16th meeting in Los
Angeles, California, to remedy the present situation.

With personal greetings and regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN ROSKAMP,
1721 Franklin Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

June 3, 1949

To the Rev. Robert W. Eckardt
Clerk of the Assembly

Dear Mr. Eckardt:

The enclosure is the action taken by Presbytery at its fall meeting in Waterloo, Iowa.
The complainant is not satisfied with the action of Presbytery and is appealing to the Six-
teenth General Assembly. We felt that this material on the action of Presbytery may be of
some help to the committee of the General Assembly which will study the complaint.

Cordially yours,

JOHN VERHAGE, Clerk

On motion it was determined that the Complaint of Mr. John Roskamp dated April
13, 1948, be not sustained, that the Report of the Committee be adopted as the reasons for
Presbytery’s action, that the Clerk be instructed to incorporate the report in its entirety into
the minutes of Presbytery and that the Clerk address Mr. Roskamp as recommended therein.

The Report is as follows:

“Report of the Committee on the Complaint against the Session of the First
Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, Iowa by Mr. John Roskamp.”

“To the complaint committed to us, which is as follows:

“And now, this 13th day of April, A. D. 1948 comes John Roskamp and com-
plains against the action of the Session of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church
of Waterloo, Iowa in connection with the decision to bar ministers from the Presbyterian
Church in the U. S. A. from preaching in the pulpit of the First Orthodox Church
of Waterloo.

“Reasons:
1. Because they are servants of God and commanded by the King of the Church
to preach.
2. Because it practically abolishes the communion of saints between the two
churches.
3. Because it is undiplomatic and hinders the growth of the Church.”

“We recommend that the following answer be addressed by the Presbytery of
Wisconsin to Mr. J. Roskamp:

“The Presbytery of Wisconsin meeting at Waterloo, Iowa on October 11, 1948
does not sustain your complaint of the 13th day of April, A. D. 1948 against the
Session of the First O. P. C. of Waterloo, Iowa in connection with the decision to bar
ministers from the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. from preaching in the pulpit
of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, for the following reasons:
1. There are two proper grounds upon which a session of the O. P. C. might
conceivably base a decision to bar ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the
U. S. A. from the pulpit over which it has supervision (Form of Government
IX: 6; Directory for Worship VI B:2).

a. The session might judge as follows:
Many ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. are apostates; most conservative ministers even though not themselves tainted with unbelief, are guilty of the grievous sin of condoning that which the Holy Spirit anathematizes (Gal. 1: 8, 9) in that they fail to obey their ordination vows to guard the purity of the church by rejecting heretics through disciplinary procedure. It is conceivable that some individual ministers in that organization are actively prosecuting heresy, and might be invited to the pulpit. But for the session to determine what ministers might be uncompromised would involve considerable investigation and might cause embarrassment. Because of the dubious practicality of such a policy a session might well determine to adhere to a stated policy of barring Presbyterian U. S. A. ministers from the pulpit.

b. Or, the session might deem the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. to be apostate (cf. the Adopting Act of the Presbyterian Church of America, which declares that the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. has abandoned its true spiritual succession (p I, minutes of the First General Assembly page one) and consider that a minister affiliated with a synagogue of Satan might not properly enter the pulpit of a true church of Jesus Christ.

2. In view of these possible proper grounds the reasons in support of the Complaint do not give it validity.

3. The reasons given in support of the Complaint omit considerations of primary importance.

a. The God who commands His servants to preach the gospel also commands them to guard that good deposit which is committed unto them, to reject heretics and to refuse to be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

b. The doctrine of the communion of the saints requires us to “employ our gifts readily and cheerfully for the salvation of other members” Heid Cat. Q. 55. A policy which emphasizes the perilous spiritual condition of the Presbyterian U. S. A. expresses the communion of the saints toward believers in that church by testifying to them of the critical condition of their church and of the need of radical reformation or separation if their own spiritual welfare is to be advanced.

c. Loyalty to the Word is frequently ‘undiplomatic’, but it never hinders true growth.”

Mr. Elliott was elected Assistant Clerk on the second ballot.
The proposed docket was presented by the Clerk, and adopted as amended.
The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Committee on Overtures and Communications: Messrs. Olson, Cummings, Male, and Malcor.
Committee on Presbyterial Records: Messrs. Ahlfeldt, Kuschke, and Neilands.
Committee on Date and Place of the Next Assembly: Messrs. Marsden and Nicholas.
Mr. Graham reported for the Committee on Arrangements, as follows:
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Fathers and Brethren:
Your Committee on Arrangements for the Sixteenth General Assembly reports as follows:
The Committee of the Assembly has worked with the Committee on Arrangements elected by the Presbytery of California. This Committee consisted of Dr. Calderwood, Elder Wade, Rev. D. Poundstone, Elder Walker, and the Rev. R. H. Graham. These Committees have secured the accommodations of The Bible Institute of Los Angeles for rooms and meeting place. These Committees have labored to the end that the visit of Commissioners to the General Assembly and California be made comfortable and pleasant.
The Committee of the General Assembly recommends that the 16th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church extend its grateful appreciation to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for its gracious hospitality in the use of the dormitories and meeting room.
Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Arrangements
R. H. GRAHAM, Convener

On motion, the recommendation was adopted.
Dr. Bordeaux reported for the Committee on Travel Fund and Travel, stating orally that the committee’s appeal for funds had met with small success and that there was on hand $309.56.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Messrs. Graham and Moore to serve with Dr. Bordeaux on the Committee on Travel Fund and Travel.

The following substitute motion was carried: that in accordance with overtures from the Presbyteries of Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York and New England, and California, the Rev. Dr. N. B. Stonehouse be appointed a delegate to represent The Orthodox Presbyterian Church at the Reformed Ecumenical Synod meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in August 1949.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Stonehouse and Dr. P. G. Kunst be notified of this action of the Assembly at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Coie began to read the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, as follows:

REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO
THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949 the following missionaries were either wholly or partially supported through this Committee:

- Rev. H. Wilson Albright, White Horse, N. J.
- Rev. Ralph E. Clough, Hamden, Conn.
- Rev. Edmund P. Clowney, La Grange, Ill.
- Rev. Bruce A. Coie, Fair Lawn, N. J.
- Rev. John Davies, Morgan Siding, Wis.
- Rev. Robert W. Eckardt, Crescent Park, N. J.
- Rev. Edwards E. Elliott, Baltimore, Md.
- Rev. Charles H. Ellis, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Rev. Lawrence E. Eyres, Portland, Oregon
- Rev. Robert H. Graham, Los Angeles, California
- Rev. John C. Hills, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Rev. George W. Marston, Evergreen Park, Illinois
- Rev. Raymond E. Meiners, Schenectady, N. Y.
- Rev. Herman T. Petersen, Albany, N. Y.
- Rev. Russell D. Piper, Bridgewater and Alexandria, So. Dakota
- Rev. Charles G. Schauffle, National City, California
- Rev. J. Lyle Shaw, D.D., Newport, Kentucky
- Rev. Henry A. Tavares, Center Square, Pa.
- Miss Harriet Z. Teal, Oak Creek, Colorado
- Rev. Robert L. Vining, Franklin Square, Long Island, N. Y.
- Rev. Reginald Voorhees, Omaha, Nebraska
- Rev. Earl E. Zetterholm, Seattle, Washington

Of those receiving aid the aid to the following was discontinued during the year:

- Rev. H. Wilson Albright
- Rev. Charles H. Ellis

Of those receiving aid the aid was instituted during the year:

- Rev. Henry A. Tavares
- Rev. Earl E. Zetterholm
- Miss Harriet Z. Teal
Aid to the following fields was permanently concluded as of March 31, 1949:
- Covenant Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- First Church, Hamden, Conn.
- First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Calvary Church, Schenectady, N. Y.
- Omaha Church, Omaha, Nebraska

Those receiving their entire support from mission funds are:
- Rev. Bruce A. Coie
- Rev. Edmund P. Clowney
- Rev. George W. Marston
- Rev. J. Lyle Shaw

**SALARY SCALE**

The salary scale reported to the Fifteenth General Assembly is still in force. Support to missionaries ranges from $60 to $310 per month in accordance with the scale.

The churches benefiting by the salary scale are to be commended for their continued successful effort to move toward self support. In particular do we commend those churches which this year became self-supporting: Covenant, Pittsburgh, Pa.; First, Cincinnati, O.; Calvary, Schenectady, N. Y.; Omaha, Omaha, Neb.; Grace, White Horse, N. J.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUNDS**

The Fourteenth General Assembly granted the Committee the right to lend up to $1,000 to the General Assembly Fund. As of April 1, 1948 that Fund owed the Committee $524.55. During the year bills in the amount of $1,427.70 were paid for the General Assembly, and the sum of $958.75 was received in contributions to the Fund. Thus the Fund's deficit of $524.55 which existed at the end of the previous year was increased this year by $468.95 to a total of $993.50. In addition, the stated clerks of the two previous assemblies have not been paid. It can be seen that the present deficit is greater than the entire amount of contributions during the past year.

In view of this fact, and in view of the additional fact that this year gives evidence of being a very difficult one for the Committee, and of the further fact that we must use to pay General Assembly bills, funds which were entrusted to us for missionary purposes, the Committee informs the General Assembly that it will pay no further bills until present bills have been paid and assurance is given that future bills will be paid before the meeting of the following General Assembly.

**MISSION ACTIVITIES**

During the past year two new fields were entered - Center Square, Pennsylvania, and Seattle, Washington. The Rev. Henry A. Tavares is pastor in the former field, and the Rev. Earl E. Zetterholm in the latter.

A brick church building is at present under construction in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Plans for the construction of buildings in La Grange, Illinois and in Fair Lawn, New Jersey have been drawn up, and building is expected to begin in the very near future.

Our missionaries are in many instances required to labor under very trying circumstances, and face many difficult problems. We commend them for their steadfastness and give thanks to God for His grace which has been manifested in many ways in all our fields, without exception.

Though there are before us at the present time opportunities to open new fields the Committee can not plan to enter into any new fields during the coming year nor until the church proves itself able to carry such added responsibility as new fields entail.

**THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

On June 21, 1948 the Rev. Robert S. Marsden, General Secretary of the Committee since July 15, 1938, submitted his resignation to the Committee so that he might be able to accept the position of Executive Secretary of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The resignation was accepted and the Committee adopted jointly with the Committee on Foreign Missions a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Marsden "for the very faithful and exceptionally efficient service he has rendered The Orthodox Presbyterian Church during the ten years of his service as General Secretary of the committees, and that the committees commend him to God with the earnest prayer that God in His good providence may continue to use his gifts for the furtherance of the gospel in the new work to which he has been
called'. Mr. Marsden continued to serve the Committee on a part-time basis until October, 1948 when the new General Secretary assumed his duties.

The Rev. John P. Gabraitn, pastor of the Kirkwood, Pennsylvania, Church, was elected General Secretary at the meeting on June 21, 1948. At a subsequent date he accepted the call to this work and assumed his labors in October.

CONTRIBUTIONS

During the past year there were several months in which contributions were extremely low—less than $1,000 in each of three months. The report of the Committee to the Fifteenth General Assembly drew attention to the fact that normal contributions during the year 1947-48 had been about $800 less than during the year 1946-47. This trend continued through the 1948-49 fiscal year until the month of November at which time contributions were about $2,000 below the comparable period of the previous year. The tremendously encouraging response of the church and individuals to the Committee's November appeal for funds reversed this trend and enabled us to end the year with contributions for the year about $1,500 above last year.

The Committee reported to the Fifteenth General Assembly that "it can see how its present scale of work can be maintained during the fiscal year 1948-49 if the churches increase their contributions only ten per cent above the 1946-47 level, but if all the work is to be maintained beyond this year the churches must show a very decided increase in gifts. The Committee cannot anticipate any very large gifts from individuals beyond the present fiscal year."

The increase of the year 1948-49 over 1946-47 was only 3.4 per cent rather than the ten per cent mentioned in last year's report. The Committee has no expectation of receiving any large gifts from individuals this year, which means that the churches must immediately increase their contributions to meet the needs of the missionaries.

BUDGET

The budget of our General Fund, has been reduced by about $9,000 in comparison with last year. The church extension expense item has been reduced about $3,000. The missionaries' salary item has been reduced by about $6,000 through normal reductions in aid in accordance with the salary scale, and through the achieving of self-support by several of the churches.

Contributions from the churches and individuals in the same amount as during the past year will result in our being about $1,000 short of our needs each month.

The budget which follows has been adopted simply on faith that God will supply our needs. Of the $37,500 called for by the budget only $25,000 is in sight by the standards of last years contributions. If the needs are not provided several of the fields will have to be eliminated from support and available funds prorated among those remaining. We trust that the church will realize the urgency of the need and support the work accordingly. The Committee believes that a church which hopes to grow both at home and on the foreign field must have a strong home missions program. The Committee also believes that God has given to our church the financial resources with which to have such a program through consistent proportional giving.

The following budget has been adopted by the Committee:

GENERAL BUDGET

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CONTINGENT BUDGET

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SPECIAL THANK OFFERING

The Committee requests the General Assembly to exhort the churches to support the plan of the Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, and
Christian Education, in setting aside the month of November as a month of special thank offering for missionary work.

The Committees have set before the churches for that offering a goal of $15 for each communicant member and plan to divide the gifts between the Home and Foreign Missions Committees and the Committee on Christian Education in the respective percentages as follows — 45, 40, 15.

ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly: Ministers — Robert L. Atwell, R. B. Kuiper, Arthur O. Olson; Elders — Frank U. Remien, Bernardus Vos.

The Rev. Herbert J. Hoeflinger of the Class of 1951 is not now a member of the denomination, and the Rev. John P. Galbraith, of the Class of 1950, resigned when he became General Secretary of the Committee.

(The Auditor's report was made at the next session).

The Assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Churchill.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Friday Morning

After a devotional service conducted by Mr. Churchill, the assembly was called to order at 8:50 a.m. with prayer by Mr. Murray.

The minutes of the previous day were approved as corrected.

Mr. Olson, reporting for the Committee on Overtures and Communications, indicated no preliminary report.

Mr. Coie continued reading the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, as follows:

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.
APRIL 27, 1949

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The
Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your authorization we have examined the cash accounts of the treasurer of
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.
for the year ended March 31, 1949, and submit herewith a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

We examined cancelled checks for a portion of the year and traced them to warrants authorizing the disbursements and to recorded disbursements in the cash book. Recorded receipts were traced to the bank statements for a portion of the year, and the balance reconciled to the bank balance at March 31, 1949. This latter balance was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository. Petty cash was checked by count during the period of our examination.

We examined the notes receivable held by the Committee in evidence of loans to the various churches and individuals shown in our schedule of Assets of the Committee. We examined deeds evidencing the ownership of land owned by the Committee. The deed of Fairlawn, New Jersey property recites that the property is subject to an easement granted the Borough of Fairlawn for laying and maintenance of a sewer and is subject to unconfirmed sewer assessment. Examination of the deed and settlement report for the property in Evergreen Park, Illinois, revealed the purchase price to have been $4,000.00 instead of the $3,500.00 recorded on the books of the Committee. An examination of correspondence however revealed that a $500.00 contribution shown on the settlement sheet as cash deposited, was actually a gift of the sellers to the Committee. We have considered this gift as a reduction of the sales price for the land and have carried the land at a value equal to the reduced cost to the Committee.

We did not examine the certificates of ownership for the 50 shares of Rath Packing Company listed as an asset on March 31, 1949 due to the fact that this stock had been sold...
in April prior to our beginning our examination. We did however examine the brokers confirmation of the sale of the stock.

In the year under review, the loans receivable held in the General Fund at March 31, 1948 were transferred to the Contingent Fund in exchange for uninvested principal cash of that fund. The value of the notes transferred was $12,405.47 and the cash transfer was effected in the following manner:

Cash transferred to General Fund 1947-8 $2,263.48
Cash transferred to General Fund 1948-9 10,141.99

$12,405.47

The bond owned in the Contingent Fund on March 31, 1948 was sold during the year for $10,068.75 thus realizing a profit of $25.00. The Committee is agent for loans to designated churches and is responsible for the transmission annually of all interest and principal receipts, on account of these loans, to the principal for whom the Committee has acted. These loans have been reduced from an original amount of $9,000.00 to $7,095.00 as at March 31, 1949. Collection on account of these loans and distribution of such proceeds is shown on the attached statements. The Committee is not guarantor for these loans. The Committee is guarantor of notes of the Covenant Church of Pittsburgh in the reduced amount of $500.00. The Committee is also guarantor of a $6,000.00 installment note of the Knox Presbyterian Church of Silver Spring, Maryland. We have been informed that certain reductions have been made on this latter note but that the Committee has no records available to determine the balance outstanding thereon.

We express our appreciation for the courtesy extended our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,
MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1949
THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Balance, April 1, 1948
General Fund $589.64
General Assembly (524.55)
Committee on Constitution
General Assembly 208.65
Intermediary (14.16)
Contingent Fund 3,527.55 3,787.13

General Fund
RECEIPTS
Contributions
General Fund 22,474.14
Support of designated missionaries 1,423.89
Amsterdam meeting 1,008.85

24,906.88
General Assembly 958.75 25,865.63
Transfer from Contingent Fund 10,141.99
Proceeds from sale of securities 15,584.20
Dividend income 297.50
Rental income 240.00
Bequest of Theresa M. Grosvenor 750.00
Bequest of Estate of Viola E. Hughes 5,000.00

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**Disbursements**

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<td>Paid from designated contributions</td>
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<td>New Investments</td>
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<td>Land and building Westminster Chapel</td>
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**Contingent Fund**

**Receipts**

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<td>First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California</td>
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<td>First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, New Haven, Conn.</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
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Gethsemane Orthodox Presbyterian Church,  
Committee on Christian Education  
George W. and Pauline R. Marston  
H. Tavares  

1,000.00  
1,000.00  
54.17  
15.00  

16,237.59

**DISBURSEMENTS**

| New investments | Amount  
|-----------------|--------  
| Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Orthodox Presbyterian Church | 3,000.00  
| Gethsemane Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. | 1,000.00  
| Committee on Christian Education | 1,000.00  
| E. P. Clowney | 1,050.00  
| H. Tavares | 350.00  
| Transferred to General Fund | 10,141.99  

**Receivables**

| Description | Amount  
|------------|--------  
| Principal | 680.00  
| Interest | 299.97  

**Balance, March 31, 1949**

$6,584.13

**Accounted for as follows:**

| Description | Amount  
|------------|--------  
| General Fund | 4,009.08  
| General Assembly | (993.50)  
| Committee on Constitution General Assembly | 195.40  
| Intermediary | 150.00  
| Contingent Fund | 3,223.15  

$6,584.13

**Represented by:**

| Description | Amount  
|------------|--------  
| Cash in bank | 6,559.13  
| Petty cash | 25.00  

$6,584.13

**NOTES:** (1) Net of refunds.

Subject to accompanying comment.

**Cash on hand and in bank**

$6,584.13

**General Fund Assets**

| Description | Amount  
|------------|--------  
| 50 shares with Rath Packing Co., common stock | 1,237.50  
| House, Saddle River, New Jersey | 8,667.50(1)  
| House, La Grange, Illinois | 7,838.51(1)  
| Lot, Fairlawn, New Jersey | 1,000.00  
| Lot and Westminster Chapel, Evergreen Park, Illinois | 5,967.87  
| Lot, La Grange, Illinois | 3,350.00  

$28,060.93

**Contingent Fund Assets**

| Description | Amount  
|------------|--------  
| Notes Receivable |  
| First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo. | 300.00  
| First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California | 904.00  
| Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California | 5,500.00  

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Fort Lauderdale Orthodox Presbyterian Church,
Fort Lauderdale, Florida .................................................. 3,000.00
George W. and Pauline P. Marston ................................... 1,851.30
E. P. Clowney ................................................................. 1,050.00
H. Tavares ........................................................................... 335.00

Total assets of the committee .............................................. $47,585.36

BALANCE OF "LOANS TO DESIGNATED CHURCHES"
First Church of Portland, Oregon ......................................... $ 5,000.00
Covenant Church of Berkeley, California ............................. 2,095.00

Total agency accounts .......................................................... $ 7,095.00

NOTES: (1) Subject to mortgages in total amount of $10,651.95.
Subject to accompanying comment.

It was moved that the Assembly exhort the churches to support the plan of the Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, and Christian Education in setting aside the month of November as a month of special thank offering for missionary work and Christian education. The Committees have set before the churches for that offering a goal of $15 for each communicant member and plan to divide the gifts between the Home and Foreign missions committees and the Committee on Christian Education in the respective percentages as follows — 45, 40, 15.

This motion was laid on the table until completion of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Frank De Jong of the Christian Reformed Church was seated as a corresponding member of the Assembly. Mr. De Jong addressed the Assembly as fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church.

On motion, the resignation of Elder Samuel Pitt from the class of 1951 of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented through Mr. Galbraith, was accepted with regret.

The following were nominated for membership on the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension:


Mr. Olson took the chair at the Moderator's request.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Dr. Bordeaux presented a preliminary report for the Committee on Travel Fund and Travel.

On the first ballot, the following were elected to the class of 1952 of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension: Messrs. Stonehouse, Atwell, Clough, and Elders Kellogg and Vos. Elder Roeber was elected to the class of 1951.

On the second ballot, Mr. Eckardt was elected to the class of 1951.

On the third ballot, Mr. Olson was elected to the class of 1950.

Mr. Cummings read the report of the Committee on Christian Education, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee on Christian Education reports for the period extending from April 1, 1948, to June 1, 1949, except for the financial report which is for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1949.

PUBLICATIONS SECRETARY

As of July 20, 1948 the Committee has employed the services of the Rev. Lewis J. Grotenhuis as the Publications Secretary of the Committee at the salary of $50 per month. Mr. Grotenhuis was given the responsibility of managing the publication of Committee materials. The quantity of work produced by Mr. Grotenhuis and his limited staff of helpers has been prodigious. His efficiency in this work is apparent to all who have used the publications of the Committee. He has quite frequently given three days of his week to the Committee. Obviously this arrangement cannot much longer be maintained. The
Church owes a great debt to the Publications Secretary for his efficient and self-sacrificing labors. Mr. Grotenhuis has indicated his willingness to continue his labors for the Committee through the summer months.

The Committee will be faced with a decided crisis in its work if funds are not available in the Fall to employ more office help to assist in the onerous work of managing publication matters. This critical need should receive the careful and prayerful attention of the Assembly.

PUBLICATIONS

Sunday School Lessons. The Committee has been revising the Beginners Teacher’s manuals and pupil work books. The Rev. Edmund P. Clowney has been doing the art work involved. The three year course for the Primary age children, being written by Miss Harriet Z. Teal, has been completed. “Good News for the Little Ones” has been substituted for the take-home pictures for the Beginners. There are only 34 churches using the Beginners and 16 using the Primary materials. This constitutes one of the major problems confronting the Committee. Is the Committee justified in spending the time, energy and money on these lessons if the church does not want them? We have endeavored to improve the lessons as much as our strength and time permit. We have solicited the suggestions and criticisms of every pastor and session of the denomination, but there has been virtually no response. These materials have been prepared because the Committee was requested to do so. The majority of our pastors stated in answer to a questionnaire that other available materials for these age groups either were not Reformed or were not pedagogically satisfactory. The Committee is quite aware that the present materials could be considerably improved if the funds were available to do so, and it is anxious to make these improvements because, to the best of our knowledge, there are no other materials available that seriously attempt to combine Reformed teaching with sound pedagogy.

Mr. Grotenhuis has published and made available to the churches work books for use among Junior age children. These work books are synchronized with the Bible story books written by Egermier and Mrs. Vos. The churches using them have found them to be quite helpful. Since most churches find The Key very satisfactory for the intermediate and above, the Committee does not contemplate publications for any group above the junior ages.

The Committee has established contact with the publishers of the materials for the mission Sunday Schools of the Christian Reformed Church with a view to ascertaining what degree of cooperation might be possible in the publication of Sunday School materials for the younger children of the Sunday School.

Summer Bible School Materials. This year we published the third part of our three-year series. As of June 1, 38 churches of our denomination, together with 13 other churches, have availed themselves of this material. This is the largest circulation since the Committee publication of Summer Bible School materials was instituted. With the art work being done by Mr. Clowney, and with the aid of the Multilith, this year’s material, from the standpoint of appearance, is the best the Committee has ever published. The Committee is glad to report that between four and five thousand children will be served by these materials this summer. If the Committee is to continue the Summer Bible School materials, the question of the revision and republication of the present three-year series or the addition of a new series will have to be decided in the very near future. The Committee welcomes the opinions of the users of this material.

Young People’s Lessons. Several new series of lessons for young people were published during the period covered by this report. The Rev. Leslie Dunn prepared a series using as a basis some of the tracts published by the Committee, and the Rev. Robert Marsden wrote a series dealing with the missionaries of our church. The latter series could well be used in other than young people’s groups. Still available are copies of our three-year cycle of lessons previously published. The needed revision of these lessons will be made as soon as we are able to do so. During the early part of the year 12 churches were receiving the young people’s lessons prepared by the Committee. During the latter part of the year, however, this service has been all but discontinued due largely to the fact that a dozen or more series of lessons promised by writers simply did not arrive at the office. There is a great need here. Scarcely a week passes without someone inquiring about young people’s lessons.
Tracts. During the past year the Committee has continued the publication of tracts. One new tract, "God's Will and God's Word," by the Rev. R. B. Kuiper, has been added, with an edition of 5,000. This tract has been sponsored by a member of the church, proceeds from the sale of which return to the Committee. During the year the Committee has reprinted on the Multilith 8,000 copies of "What About the Bible?" 10,000 copies of "Life's Greatest Question," 1,500 copies of "Are You a Catholic?" 3,000 copies of "Why I Believe in God," 1,000 copies of "The Separated Life" and 1,000 copies of "Christianity and Crisis Theology."

A number of new tracts will be published if and when funds permit. We believe that tract distribution could be considerably increased, and we would urge the sessions to discuss this problem and bring to their people the great need of this ministry. The Committee would also call the attention of the churches to the series of new tracts published by the Synodical Tract Committee of the Christian Reformed Church.

Tract Bulletin. Largely through the labor of one of our ministers there will be made available to the churches a new tract bulletin. Samples have been mailed to pastors and sessions and they have been requested to indicate if they are interested in this service. If there are sufficient orders the new tract-bulletin will appear in the Fall. A different bulletin will appear each week. They will be thoroughly Reformed in content, attractive in appearance and reasonable in cost.

SEX EDUCATION

In response to the Twelfth General Assembly's mandate that the Committee prepare or recommend suitable material in the field of sex education (Minutes, pp. 49, 55) the Committee has been conducting a study of available materials. This study is not complete, but considerable work has been done and the Committee hopes that tangible results will be forthcoming in the ensuing year.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

The Committee urges the respective presbyteries to do all within their power to encourage the formation of Christian School societies within their borders. A good beginning has been made in this all-important phase of Christian education. However, it is necessary that its importance never be lost sight of and that every effort be made to establish more local Christian day schools.

FUTURE PLANS

At a meeting of the Committee in May the following course of action for the immediate future was decided upon:

1. No new publication work will be attempted until more office help is available;
2. The Committee will seek to obtain funds to employ additional office help;
3. A sub-committee was appointed to bring in recommendations to the first meeting of the Committee after the 16th General Assembly as to the future policy of the Committee, the sub-committee being authorized to explore the possibilities of cooperation with the Christian Reformed Church with regard to our publications program.

FINANCES

The Committee received a legacy of $3,000 from the Viola Hughes Estate. This enabled the Committee to liquidate all indebtedness.

Contributions during the past year were $1,600 less than during the year ending March 31, 1948. As a result the Committee has had less hired help than it has had for a number of years.

In order to finance the publication of Summer Bible School material it was necessary to borrow $750. Sales of these materials will enable the Committee to liquidate this debt, but it should be apparent that the Committee will be faced with a growing indebtedness unless the churches contribute more during the coming year.

BUDGET FOR 1949-1950

The Committee has adopted the following budget for the fiscal year which will end March 31, 1950:

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<td>Salaries</td>
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<td>Travel expenses</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Office rental, etc.</td>
<td>800</td>
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ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The terms of office of the following members of the Committee expire with this Assembly: Ministers: Calvin K. Cummings, Lawrence B. Gilmore, Th.D., Burton L. Goddard, Th.D.; Elders: Leslie Gibson, Albert S. O'Brien, Ph.D.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to the Sixteenth General Assembly that it exhort the churches to support the plan of the Missions Committees, concurred in by the Committee on Christian Education, in setting aside the month of November as a special thank-offering month for the work of missions and Christian education. Our proposed budget anticipates the hiring of a General Secretary and additional office help, and can be met only if this plan is endorsed by the General Assembly and enthusiastically supported by the particular churches.

2103 Chelsea Terrace
Baltimore 16, Md.
June 11, 1949

Committee on Christian Education
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Room 728 Schaff Building
Philadelphia 2, Penna.

Gentlemen:

At the request of your treasurer, Mr. Elliott, I have examined the books of account of your Committee and without checking each transaction in detail have ascertained that proper records have been kept in accordance with sound accounting principles. It is my opinion that the enclosed reports give an accurate picture of the financial operations of your Committee for the period April 1, 1948 through March 31, 1949, inclusive and its financial condition as at March 31, 1949. These reports have been prepared in the light of available information which might have effected them.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD A. PORTER, Accountant

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OPERATING STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR – APRIL 1948 – MARCH 1949

INCOME:
From Sales of Tracts $ 577.75
From Sales of Covenant Children's Catechumen 16.80
From Sales of Summer Bible School Materials 696.74
From Sales of Young People's Lessons 234.69
From Sales of Beginner's Sunday School Lessons 1,014.85
From Sales of Primary Sunday School Lessons 197.19
From Sales of Sunday School Supplementary 87.97
From Sales of Miscellaneous 643.34
From Sales of Junior Sunday School Materials 17.52
From Postage 197.33
Total Income from Sales $ 3,684.18

EXPENSES:
Salaries $ 3,718.61
Travel Expense 135.37
Postage 327.06
Stationery and Office Supplies, etc. 168.83
Advertising 139.03
Printing .................................................. 586.40
Production Supplies ................................. 1,139.83
Office Rent and Utilities ......................... 494.15
Miscellaneous ......................................... 713.70
Beginners Sunday School .......................... 180.06
Summer Bible School ............................... 93.41

Total Expenses ...................................... $ 7,696.45
Operating Deficit .................................. $ 4,012.27

OTHER INCOME:
Gifts .................................................. 6,811.66

Net operating Profit ............................... $ 2,799.39

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ANALYSIS OF CASH TRANSACTIONS
FISCAL YEAR – APRIL 1, 1948 – MARCH 31, 1949

BALANCE – April 1, 1948
Cash in Bank .......................................... $ 677.33
Petty Cash Fund ..................................... 50.00

Total .................................................... $ 727.33

RECEIPTS DURING YEAR:
Collections of Account Receivable ............. $ 3,348.40
Gifts ................................................... 3,811.66
Hughes Estate ......................................... 3,000.00
Loans .................................................. 2,000.00

Total Receipts ...................................... $12,160.06

ACCOUNTABLE: ...................................... $12,887.39

DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR:
Purchase of Equipment ............................ $ 2,544.21
Payment of Accounts Payable................... 251.90
Payment of Operating Expenses ................. 7,275.11
Retirement of Loans ................................. 2,450.00

Total Disbursements ............................... $12,521.22

BALANCE – March 31, 1949
Consisting of:
Cash in Bank ........................................ $ 316.17
Petty Cash Fund ..................................... 50.00

$ 366.17

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1949

ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash in Bank ........................................ $ 316.17
Petty Cash Fund ..................................... 50.00
Accounts Receivable ................................ 436.19

Total Current Assets .............................. $ 802.36

Fixed Assets

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**Total Liabilities and Net Worth**

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The following were nominated to the Committee on Christian Education: Ministers Burton L. Goddard, Cummings, Schauffele, and Elders: S. Warren Windle and James Harkema, Ph.D.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk cast a white ballot for the election of these men to the class of 1952.

The Assembly recessed at noon, with prayer by Elder Neilands.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The Assembly reconvened at 1:45 p.m., with prayer by Dr. Calderwood.

The Moderator read an informal letter from Mr. Price, containing an account of his automobile accident.

The Moderator read a communication from the Presbytery of Ohio, as follows:

1014 N. Sterling Street
Indianapolis 1, Indiana
July 11, 1949

Rev. Robert Eckardt, Stated Clerk
General Assembly, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Bible Institute of Los Angeles
558 So. Hope Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Eckardt:

Enclosed please find the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio. Will you please ask the Clerk of the Sixteenth Assembly to return them to me after they have been reviewed.

Thank you.

Concerning the various decisions to be made by presbyteries, the following actions were taken by the Presbytery of Ohio:

Concerning the overture cited on p. 59 of the Fifteenth General Assembly Minutes, it was moved that we do not join the American Council of Christian Churches. It was then moved that we amend the previous motion to the effect that we take no action. The amendment was carried. The motion as amended carried.

The motion was made that the General Assembly be instructed to accept the Minority Reports on 1—the effect of regeneration on the intellective activity of the soul and 2—the free offer of the gospel. Carried.

The motion was made that no action be taken on the matter of the incomprehensibility of God. Carried.

The foregoing statements have been taken from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio for the meeting of April 16, 1949.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN J. BOHN, Stated Clerk
The Presbytery of Ohio

On motion, this communication was committed to the Committee on Overtures and Communications.
Mr. Kellogg read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MISSIONARY ROLL OF THE COMMITTEE

During the year the following were on the missionary roll of the Committee:

Rev. Egbert W. Andrews
Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff
Rev. Malcolm C. Frehn
Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Gaffin
Miss Florence B. Handyside
Miss L. Frances Healy, R. N.
Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt
Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy
Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine
Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Stanton

The Rev. Malcolm C. Frehn resigned during the year and his name was removed from the roll of missionaries as of March 31, 1949.

The Rev. R. Heber McIlwaine has continued to serve with the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in Formosa.

Miss Florence B. Handyside

The Committee and the entire church were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Miss Florence B. Handyside who went to be with the Lord on February 12, 1949. Death was caused by poliomyelitis. She was the first Orthodox Presbyterian missionary to die while on active missionary duty. At the time of her death, Miss Handyside had served under our church only since January 17, 1949—a term of less than one month. She had shown great promise of being a most excellent missionary of the cross. Even while in government service in Korea for the nine months from April to January, she made diligent use of her time, talents, and energies in missionary endeavors. Her services are sorely missed by our other Korean missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt, and by our church at large. We have suffered a great loss, but her gain has been great. We trust that God in His good providence will use her passing to His own praise and glory.

FIELDS OF OPERATION

Our church continues to conduct missionary work in China, Korea, and Eritrea.

CHINA

The Rev. Richard B. Gaffin and the Rev. Egbert W. Andrews are our missionaries who have been on this field during the past year. It has been deemed advisable for Mrs. Gaffin and children Margaret, Richard, Harold, and John, to remain in this country in view of the unsettled political conditions in China. Events have proved this course of action wise and it is not expected that Mrs. Gaffin will go to this field in the near future. Mr. Andrews left the field early in November, 1948, for furlough in this country. He expects to return there by November or December, 1949, if this field remains open.

Mr. Gaffin and Mr. Andrews have been laboring in the city of Shanghai and have concentrated their efforts on the students of the colleges and universities in that city. The Committee believes this to be a strategic field since it may well be that the future leaders of China may come from that source. There has been much visible fruit from the labors of Mr. Gaffin and Mr. Andrews, both in conversions of the ungodly and the edification of believers.

KOREA

Mrs. Bruce F. Hunt and children Margaret, Bertha, Katherine, David and Mary, arrived in Korea on October 1, 1948, joining Mr. Hunt there.

Miss Florence B. Handyside arrived in Korea in April, 1948, as a civilian employee of the United States Government stationed in Seoul. There she began her study of the Korean language and made a beginning of missionary work by personal witnessing to fellow Americans and then to English speaking Korean individuals and groups. On January 14, 1949, she was released from government service and on January 17th arrived in Pusan to
begin her labors under our church. On Monday, February 7th, she was taken ill and on Saturday, February 12, 1949, she died on a train enroute to the hospital in Seoul. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were with her at the time of her death.

Since Miss Handyside's passing Mr. Hunt's labors have been heavier than ever. He is at present teaching 19 hours per week in the Korea Theological Seminary, 2 hours per week in a new Bible Institute, in addition to a very full schedule of evangelistic itineration and church instruction.

Reinforcements are needed more on this field than on any of our other fields. The Committee hopes to be able to send reinforcements soon.

ERITREA

Our missionaries on this field during the year have been the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff, Miss L. Frances Healy, R. N., the Rev. and Mrs. Francis E. Mahaffy, and the Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Stanton.

It was necessary to bring the Mahaffy family home on furlough earlier than anticipated because of the serious illness of their son John. They left the field early in December, 1948. Medical treatment for John was begun immediately after their arrival in New York. We are happy to report that through a newly-discovered treatment, his illness is apparently cured. It is planned that Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffy will attend a linguistic school during the summer. It is expected that they will be again on the field by December of this year. The Mahaffys are concentrating their efforts while on the field upon the Dankali-speaking people.

Miss Frances Healy, R. N., arrived on the field early in January, 1949. She immediately set about her work of ministering to the bodily needs of the people. She is working diligently on the language so that she may soon minister also to their spiritual needs. The base for her work is at Ghinda, where the Duffs are located, in the Tigre-speaking area.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Duff continue to work among the Tigre-speaking people, and the Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Stanton among the Saho-speaking people.

The missionaries continue, as last year, to engage in both language and evangelistic work. Profession of faith was made by one young man during the past year — the first visible fruit of our ministry in this difficult Mohammedan field.

The Committee has arranged with the Rev. William E. Welmers, Ph.D., a minister in our church temporarily doing language work in West Africa under the American Council of Learned Societies, to visit our Eritrean field to aid our missionaries in their language work early in 1950. It is believed that this aid will speed their work materially. Dr. Welmers is making arrangements which will benefit the Committee greatly and make the cost negligible in relation to the value received.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Stanton and family are expected home on furlough during the year.

EXPANSION

As reported to the previous General Assembly, the staffs on each of our fields must be expanded if we are to do an adequate work on those fields. There should be another missionary family in each of the language areas in Eritrea, and the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt in Korea informs us that that field requires a staff of at least seven. There are also new fields which could be opened.

The Committee does not have the resources even to come near supplying these needs or availing ourselves of our opportunities. Only as our church learns to give sacrificially of its substance will we be able to enter the doors which God has opened to us.

The Committee plans to seek candidates for missionary service in Korea, and to send them out if sufficient funds should become available.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

On June 21, 1948, the Rev. Robert S. Marsden, General Secretary of the Committee since July 15, 1938, submitted his resignation to the Committee so that he might be able to accept the position of Executive Secretary of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The resignation was accepted and the Committee adopted jointly with the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Marsden "for the very faithful and exceptionally efficient service he has rendered The Orthodox Presby-
terian Church during the ten years of his service as General Secretary of the committees, and that the committees commend him to God with the earnest prayer that God in His good providence may continue to use his gifts for the furtherance of the gospel in the new work to which he has been called"... Mr. Marsden continued to serve the Committee on a part-time basis until October, 1948, when the new General Secretary assumed his duties.

The Rev. John P. Galbraith, pastor of the Kirkwood, Pennsylvania, Church, was elected General Secretary at the meeting on June 21, 1948. At a subsequent date he accepted the call to this work and assumed his labors in October.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions in the fiscal year were almost $10,000 greater than in the previous year. Almost exactly $5,000 of this increase came from the churches.

As a result of the excellent response of churches and individuals to our expression of need in November, and a bequest of $5,000 during March, the Committee was able to close the year without a deficit. For this we are deeply grateful to God.

BUDGET

The budget adopted by the Committee calls for the expenditure of only slightly more than last year, though there are many points at which it might have been increased greatly. Until this year our missionaries have been making great sacrifices to serve the Lord on the same salaries as prevailed before the war and the subsequent inflation. Their salaries have been smaller than those of all other religious agencies operating in the fields which we have investigated. The budget includes an increase in our missionaries’ salaries of about 20 per cent and net increases for the church of about 15 per cent for this item. With even that increase, the salaries are far below those of many agencies, and about the same as a number of others.

The budget also includes provision for the appointment of one additional missionary family. Such appointment will be implemented when it appears from contributions that the church desires it.

BUDGET

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SPECIAL THANK OFFERING

The Committee requests the General Assembly to exhort the churches to support the plan of the Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, and Christian Education, in setting aside the month of November as a month of special thank offering for missionary work.

The Committees have set before the churches for that offering a goal of $15. for each communicant member, and plan to divide the gifts between the Home and Foreign Missions Committees and the Committee on Christian Education in the respective percentages of 45, 40, and 15.

ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly: Ministers — Edward L. Kellogg, Paul Woolley, and Henry D. Phillips; Elders — William A. Campbell and Lenville Hawkes.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 31, 1949
Committee on Foreign Missions
of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your authorization we have examined the cash records of the Treasurer of

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

for the year ended March 31, 1949, and submit herewith a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

We have examined certain cancelled checks and warrants authorizing expenditures and traced these disbursements to the cash disbursements records. Recorded cash receipts were traced to the bank statement for a portion of the year, and the cash balance at March 31, 1949 was reconciled to that of the depositary. This latter balance was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depositary.

A translation of the Italian deed to the property located in Ghinda, Eritrea, and stock certificates for 30 shares of United Carbon Company common stock evidencing the ownership of the recorded assets of the committee were examined. It was noted that in the deed to the property in Eritrea, that the land is government owned and that the Committee has only purchased the right inherent in a concession given by the Eritrean government to the original concessionaire. The Committee actually owns only the buildings.

The 50 shares of Rath Packing Company stock owned by the Committee at March 31, 1948 were sold during the year under review for $1,382.37 with a resultant loss of $123.88.

The funds shown as “Stanton Child Allowance not disbursed” and “Duff Child Allowance not disbursed” represent those monthly allowances for children which, at the direction of these missionaries, are held by the Committee for the later use of these missionaries. The Committee actually owns only the buildings. The Committee at times receives instructions as to disposition of this cash and acts accordingly. The disbursements for Child Allowances for the year do not reflect the allocations of funds to the credit of these missionaries to be later spent as directed by the missionaries. The balances so allocated are carried on a small card file which balances are increased each month with the allowances due and are decreased by disbursements for these accounts. When disbursements are made on these accounts, the entry on the cash books of the Committee is to charge Child Allowances with the amount of the disbursement. For example, in March of 1949, a Series E savings bond was purchased for Reverend Stanton in the amount of $750.00. This was charged as a Child Allowance expenditure for this current year. We examined this bond. It is held in the office safe of the Committee and is registered in the name of Reverend and Mrs. Stanton.

We express our appreciation for the courtesy extended our representative during the period of our examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MAIN AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1949
THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Balance, April 1, 1948

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Represented by:
Cash in Pennsylvania Company, Philadelphia $9,244.14

ASSETS OF THE COMMITTEE
MARCH 31, 1949

Cash (as per above) $9,244.14
30 shares of United Carbon Company, common stock 945.00
Property owned, Ghinda, Eritrea 4,332.15

$14,521.29

NOTES: (1) Net of refunds.
(2) Child Allowance funds result from monthly allocations of General Funds reduced by disbursements made at the direction of missionary parents.
(3) These funds represent portions of General Funds allocated for specific missionaries.

Subject to accompanying comment.

The following were nominated to the Foreign Missions Committee: Ministers Kellogg Paul Woolley, Henry D. Phillips, Marsden, and Elders: William A Campbell, Leslie Gibson, and Donald D. Hill.

Mr. Galbraith reported for the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS
TO THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government reports to the Sixteenth General Assembly that it has given preliminary consideration to its task. The Committee has also solicited from the ministers and sessions suggestions of possible revisions, although very few suggestions have been received from this source.

The Committee recommends that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P. GALBRAITH, Chairman

The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Murray reported for the Committee on Text and Proof-Texts, as follows:

THE COMMITTEE ON TEXT AND PROOF TEXTS

The Committee respectfully reports to the Sixteenth General Assembly that the work of revising the proof texts for the Confession of Faith has proceeded as far as Chapter XXIX, Section II. However, no further work has been done for at least eighteen months. There are various reasons for this interruption. Of these reasons the following may be mentioned.

1. The chairman of the Committee was absent from the country for about seven months in 1948.
2. In the Fall of 1948 one of the members of the Committee withdrew from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
3. In view of other pressing duties members of the Committee found it difficult to devote time and energy to this work.

The Committee recommends to the Sixteenth General Assembly that the Committee be dismissed and the work discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN MURRAY, Chairman of the Committee

The Moderator asked Mr. Olson to take the chair.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

It was moved that the recommendation of the Committee on Text and Proof-Texts be adopted. This motion was laid on the table until the time provided for the report of this committee on the docket.

On the first ballot Messrs. Kellogg, Woolley, Phillips, Campbell, and Hill were elected to the Committee on Foreign Missions in the class of 1952.

The motion to exhort the churches to support the plan of the standing committees in setting aside November as a month of thank offering was removed from the table.
On motion, the second sentence was deleted.

The following substitute motion was adopted: Whereas the Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, and Christian Education have set before the churches a plan of setting aside the month of November as a month of a special thank offering for missionary work and Christian education, with a goal of $15 for each communicant member, the gifts to be divided among the respective committees, the 16th General Assembly, therefore, exhorts the churches to support this plan of the standing committees.

The Assembly proceeded to the next item on the docket, viz., consideration of proposed membership in the American Council of Christian Churches.

The following motion was substituted: that the 16th General Assembly seek admission as a general constituent member of the American Council of Christian Churches for The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The Assembly recessed at 5 p. m. with prayer by Mr. Nicholas.

**FRIDAY EVENING**

The Assembly reconvened at 7:50 p. m. with prayer by Mr. Kuschke.

The Assembly recessed at 10:05 p. m. with prayer by Mr. Galbraith.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

**SATURDAY MORNING**

After a devotional service conducted by Mr. Neilands, the Assembly reconvened at 9:00 a. m., with prayer by Mr. Kellogg.

The minutes of the previous day were approved as read.

The motion on the floor was defeated.

It was moved that the General Assembly inform the American Council of Christian Churches

That for a number of years The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has watched with interest the development of The American Council of Christian Churches and has given much study to the possibility of affiliating with The American Council of Christian Churches,

That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church appreciates various efforts which The American Council of Christian Churches has made to maintain freedom for the proclamation of the gospel in America, and

That at least until The American Council of Christian Churches should make it its policy to refrain from entering into politics and from engaging in preaching and teaching varied interpretations of the Bible, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church regrets that it cannot affiliate itself with The American Council of Christian Churches, and

Respectfully urges The American Council of Christian Churches to desist from these activities at the earliest possible time.

The motion was amended by substituting the words "seek affiliation" for the words "affiliate itself".

Mr. Olson took the chair at the Moderator's request.

It was moved that the words "varied interpretations of the Bible" be deleted from the motion.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

It was moved and carried that this whole matter be referred to a committee of five appointed by the Moderator and that the committee be instructed to report back on Monday.

The Clerk read the report of the Representative at the constituting meeting of the International Council of Christian Churches, as follows:

**REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

In reporting to the Sixteenth General Assembly concerning my attendance, as representative of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, at the International Congress of Christian Churches held in Amsterdam in August 1948, I wish, first of all, to give expression to my gratitude at the privilege afforded me by this election. It was a great honor to be your delegate at the Congress. I appreciated greatly, moreover, the opportunity of attending a number of other gatherings in Amsterdam, including the opening sessions of the World Council.

Since you have had placed in your hands copies of the Constitution of the International
Council of Christian Churches which was organized at the Congress, it will not be necessary to report here at length concerning what took place at the Congress. The adoption of the Constitution was easily the most significant action taken, and the International Council will be properly judged largely on the basis of its contents. Special attention may be directed to the Doctrinal Statement which was finally adopted on the background of prolonged discussion of preliminary drafts. The movement is committed, accordingly, to a clear-cut doctrinal position. On the one hand, the danger was avoided of formulating a brief creed which might be regarded as a summary of the Christian faith. On the other hand, the ambiguity and vagueness of typical modern declarations, such as that of the World Council, were also avoided. It is also especially noteworthy that the necessity of maintaining church discipline is affirmed, for thus the Council stands opposed to the inclusivist and empirical view of the Church which is at the basis of the modern enumerical movement and sets aside the principles of the Reformation.

Considering the fact that there was no long history behind the International Congress, it was a great success. There were no preparatory conferences, no drafting of a tentative constitution. Those who attended from several countries, representing formally several denominations, or perhaps acting as auditors or advisors, simply came together to see what Bible-believing churches might do unitedly in the present ecclesiastical crisis. And there appeared to be a deep-seated conviction that such churches should form a Council to protect their common interests, the more so because of the impending formation of the World Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Although the Fifteenth General Assembly did not specifically request me to make recommendations regarding the International Council, I may perhaps judge that a recommendation on my part will not be regarded as out of order. And in view of the importance of the issues involved, I shall offer certain considerations in support of my proposal.

My recommendation is that the Sixteenth General Assembly determine that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church become a constituent member of the International Council of Christian Churches.

In support thereof I wish, first of all, to maintain the position that it is a quite legitimate function of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to become a member of such a Council of Churches. This view has been challenged in recent years in our various assemblies. It has been maintained that membership in such a Council takes away from the essential freedom of the Church and assigns its own rightful and assigned tasks to a body which is not the Church. Or, if the Church alone discharges its rightful functions, it is said, how can it affiliate itself with a body which performs non-ecclesiastical functions?

In my judgment, such reasoning presupposes a different conception of the church than that which is taught in the Westminster Confession of Faith. Chapter XXV, which deals with the doctrine of the church, maintains indeed the distinction between churches of Christ and synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, a remarkable feature of this chapter is that it recognizes a plurality of churches as members of the catholic church, and declares that they are "more or less pure, according as the gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances are administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them." It states also that "the purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error." This doctrinal statement is not tantamount to the acceptance of pluriformity as a necessary and proper feature of the Church. Certainly there is far from being an indifference to the divisions in Christendom. Nevertheless, the Confession recognizes that, as a matter of fact, there are no completely pure churches under heaven, but a plurality of churches which are "more or less pure."

One particular application of this doctrine, which I wish to make, is that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is not "the Church", and it may not fairly act as if it were the only church under heaven, or let us say in the United States, without responsibility towards other churches. The responsibility towards other churches will necessarily involve the duty of testifying to them concerning errors in faith and life. But it may also properly, in my judgment, take account of such unity as is involved in the acknowledgement of other churches being churches of Christ, and acting upon the basis of that duty. In short, the Westminster Confession gives significant expression to the concept of ecumenicity. And it
appears to me that a Council of Churches may perform the function of acting upon the recognition of ecumenicity.

It is important to recognize, moreover, not only that a particular church exists alongside of other churches, but also that a particular church, together with other churches, are not isolated from historical and political environments. The Confession of Faith (Ch. XXXI, v), while insisting that the church is "to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical" and is "not to intermeddle with civil affairs", nevertheless recognizes that "in cases extraordinary" it may make humble petition to governments, and that in cases of conscience it may offer advice. In making such petition or in offering such advice, a church would not be preaching the gospel, and thus, in the narrowest sense of the term, would not be fulfilling a distinctively ecclesiastical function. But it would nevertheless be performing a legitimate ecclesiastical function in thus addressing a government. Great care must be taken, therefore, not to define ecclesiastical functions so narrowly as to disallow for taking proper account of the relations of church and state, as of the relations of one church to another.

It is indeed of the highest importance that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall remain true to its own doctrinal commitments. It may not join with other churches in proclaiming the gospel, and in particular not an attenuated form of the gospel. And it must constantly be on guard lest it should "intermeddle with civil affairs" by virtue of its participation in a Council. But it may, in my opinion, avoid these errors and pitfalls and still join with other churches in a Council in order to accomplish certain legitimate tasks which will be performed more satisfactorily through concerted action than if done separately.

Certain historical considerations may be mentioned in addition, even though the final decision may not be reached upon the basis of them. I have in mind the fact that other faithful Reformed churches have recognized, or are recognizing, the propriety of establishing relationships with other churches including those which are not distinctively Reformed. The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, for example, in the days of Thomas Chalmers as well as today has been quite clear in enunciating this viewpoint. And in the Netherlands, at the present time at least, leading Reformed churches are intensely concerned to realize the full implications of the catholicity of the Christian Church, and are seeking to promote a sound ecumenicity.

There may remain certain objections, however, to the particular recommendation that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church become a member of the International Council. There is the fact that the International Council is intimately associated historically with the American Council, and certain substantial objections to our membership in the American Council have been made. If the International Council were "intermeddling with civil affairs" or were engaged in evangelism, I could indeed not make the recommendation. The necessity of avoiding these activities was stressed at Amsterdam, and in my judgment the International Council has not pursued the policies of the American Council. The International Council is distinct from the American Council, and it must be judged on its own record. It may perhaps be borne in mind that the opposition to the American Council, as formulated in various carefully prepared reports which have been before certain assemblies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, has never been an opposition to membership in a Council of Churches as such, but has been related to specific policies and activities of the American Council.

A study of the Constitution of the International Council may also quite possibly present certain difficulties. Since, as has been indicated, no preparatory work was done, the Constitution was drafted within a few days time. Most of the interest centered in the doctrinal platform. My own impression is that other aspects of the Constitution might quite happily undergo revision. But even the Amsterdam, 1948, meeting kept in view the prospect that the Constitution might have to undergo considerable revision for it decided that the second assembly of the Council would have the power to revise the Constitution in the light of reflection upon it. Hence, I should hope that objections to the formulation of various matters within the present Constitution of the International Council would not be regarded as insuperable objections to affiliation at this time. My own judgment is that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church would be in the position of influencing developments in this matter, as in other respects, in a salutary manner.
The Church is in a grave situation today because of all the forces arrayed against it in the world. And the very existence of the World Council seems to me to be a threat to the liberty of those churches which are committed to the Kingship of Christ and thus are seeking to maintain His authority by fidelity to the Holy Scriptures.

The Assembly should be apprised of the fact that it has been determined to hold its second plenary congress in Geneva August 16th to 23rd, 1950.

It would perhaps be impossible for the 16th General Assembly to determine now whether it would wish the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to be represented at Geneva in 1950. Likewise the preparation of suitable recommendations relating to the Constitution and other matters could hardly be made during the Assembly. Accordingly, I would suggest that the Assembly consider the advisability of establishing a Committee on Ecumenicity, which would have a general responsibility in the sphere of inter-church relations. To a very limited extent it might act for the Assembly between our annual meetings, but in the main it would be charged with responsibility for making appropriate recommendations to ensuing assemblies. It might, for example, in the coming year explore the feasibility of our being represented at Geneva in 1950. But it would be of special importance for it to prepare recommendations to be considered at the 1950 Assembly with a view to their being presented to the Congress of 1950.

Whether the suggestion concerning the establishment of such a Committee finds favor or not, I cannot close this report without urging the 16th Assembly to adopt the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

NED B. STONEHOUSE

It was moved to adopt Dr. Stonehouse's recommendation, namely: That the Sixteenth General Assembly determine that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church become a constituent member of the International Council of Christian Churches.

It was moved and carried that Dr. W. H. Guiton be invited to address the Assembly at 11:30 Monday morning, if convenient to him, or, if not, at a time agreeable to the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to consider the motion regarding the American Council of Christian Churches: Messrs. Kellogg, Eyres, Andrews, Schaufele, and Ferguson.

The Assembly recessed at 12:15 p. m. with prayer by Mr. Piper.

MONDAY, JULY 25

Monday Morning

After a devotional service conducted by Mr. Petersen, the Assembly reconvened at 10:30 a. m. with prayer by Chaplain E. L. Wade, USN.

The minutes of Saturday's session were approved as corrected.

It was moved that the following motion be substituted for the motion on the floor: That a committee of five be elected to consider the matter of affiliation with the International Council of Christian Churches, particularly in the light of the report and recommendation of our representative to the International Council of Christian Churches and in relation to the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches and the standards of our church and to recommend to the Seventeenth General Assembly appropriate changes in the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches if affiliation is recommended by the committee.

It was moved to amend the substitute motion by including after the word "elected" the following words: to study and formulate the principles that ought to guide The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in co-operating with other churches.

This proposed amendment was defeated. Messrs. Murray and Kuschke asked that their affirmative votes be recorded.

The Moderator announced that Dr. Guiton is not at present in Los Angeles and is, therefore, unavailable to address the Assembly.

It was moved and carried to lay on the table the motion on the floor until after the report of the committee of five on the matter of the American Council of Christian Churches.
It was moved and carried that the Assembly hear the report of the committee of five.
Mr. Kellogg reported for this committee as follows:

Your committee has considered the task assigned to it by the Assembly and is persuaded that the task is too great for your committee to perform satisfactorily in the limited time available. Therefore it makes the following recommendation: That the General Assembly elect a committee on ecumenicity consisting of five ministers and two elders which shall be charged with the task of setting forth the principles that should govern the relation of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church to other denominations, and the relation which The Orthodox Presbyterian Church should sustain to the State. Furthermore, that this committee submit to the 17th General Assembly a report on the changes, if any, which it considers should be made in the Constitution and/or the practice of the American Council of Christian Churches before our denomination should seek affiliation with that Council.

On motion, the recommendation of this committee was adopted.

The following were nominated to the Committee on Ecumenicity: Ministers, Bordeaux, Kellogg, Galbraith, Murray, Stonehouse, Bruce A. Coie, John P. Clelland; Elders Cyrus B. Ferguson, Lewis W. Roberts, and Wilfred R. Moses.

It was moved and carried to advance the time for recess until after the first ballot is taken.

The Assembly recessed at noon with prayer by Mr. Eyres.

MONDAY AFTERNOON
The Assembly reconvened at 1:35 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Atwell.
The following were declared to be elected to the Committee on Ecumenicity: Messrs. Stonehouse, Bordeaux, Murray, Clelland, Galbraith, Ferguson and Moses.

The matter of the International Council of Christian Churches was removed from the table.

The motion to substitute was defeated.

The Moderator declared the motion on the floor to be out of order.

It was moved that the Sixteenth General Assembly seek admission as a constituent member of the International Council of Christian Churches for The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches.

This motion was amended by the addition of the following words: namely, that by official action the Sixteenth General Assembly approve and accept the Preamble and the Doctrinal Statement of the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches.

It was moved to substitute the following motion: That the Sixteenth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church apply to the International Council of Christian Churches for constituent membership in that body and that this General Assembly inform the International Council of Christian Churches that we regard the statement of the purpose of the Council contained in the Preamble and in Paragraph g in Article II entitled "Doctrinal Statement" as in conflict with our church's constitution, and that we respectfully urge the Council at its meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1950 to consider making what we regard as proper changes in these statements.

It was decided, upon motion, to recess at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Bordeaux reported for the Committee on Travel Fund and Travel, as follows:
The Committee makes the following recommendation for the distribution of funds: that each commissioner regardless of how he travelled, be paid on the basis of two cents per mile, above 1000 miles, for the shortest round-trip distance; all funds received to be prorated on this basis.
The recommendation was adopted.

It was decided, upon motion, that the Assembly reconvene on Tuesday at 8 a.m. for the devotional service.
The Assembly recessed at 4:30 p.m. with prayer by Mr. Moore.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

TUESDAY MORNING
After a devotional service led by Mr. Atwell, the Assembly was reconvened at 8:25 a.m. with prayer by Mr. Male.
The minutes of the previous day were approved as read.

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The following motion was substituted for the substitute motion: That the Sixteenth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church apply to the International Council of Christian Churches for constituent membership in that body, and that the General Assembly inform the International Council of Christian Churches that we are not able fully to approve and accept the statement of the purposes of the Council contained in the Preamble, nor the statement concerning salvation in Paragraph g in Article II, entitled “Doctrinal Statement,” since it appears that these statements are easily capable of interpretation contrary to the teaching of the standards of our church, and we respectfully urge the Council to make, at its meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1950, what we regard as proper changes in these statements.

This motion was substituted and adopted. Messrs. Kuschke, E. L. Wade, Murray, Cummings, and Sloat asked that their negative votes be recorded.

Mr. Galbraith conveyed greetings from the Rev. Richard B. Gaffin in Shanghai, China. Mr. Schauffele led in prayer for Mr. Gaffin and the Chinese Christians.

On motion, the Committee on Ecumenicity was instructed to study the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches with particular reference to the statement of purposes in the Preamble, and to Paragraph g, Article II, entitled “Doctrinal Statement,” and to bring recommendations to the Seventeenth General Assembly suggesting changes in the Constitution of the International Council of Christian Churches.

It was moved and carried that The Orthodox Presbyterian Church send a representative to the second meeting of the International Council of Christian Churches to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in August 1950, provided that the necessary funds are raised, and, further, that the Committee on Ecumenicity be authorized to solicit funds for this purpose to be received and disbursed by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Galbraith reported as Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of 1948 of the Christian Reformed Church, as follows:

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE SYNOD OF 1948 OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH APPOINTED BY THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The fraternal delegate to the Synod of 1948 of the Christian Reformed Church, appointed by the Fifteenth General Assembly attended the Synod for four days. The cordial reception given the delegate made those days most happy in Christian fellowship.

The delegate was given opportunity to bring greetings to the Synod from our church. He was also given the privilege of the floor and was able to exercise this privilege on several occasions.

The Christian Reformed Church is seeking strenuously to fulfill its missionary commission. They are making great effort to minister to the heavy concentration of Canadian immigrants from Holland. They have also entered into a new phase of evangelistic work—that of reaching out beyond their nationalistic bounds. At great financial cost they are conducting a nation-wide radio ministry through their “Back to God Hour,” and simultaneously are beginning to enter home mission fields where there is no concentration of people of Holland extraction. These facts are of special joy to us because the faith proclaimed by the Christian Reformed Church is the faith which we also proclaim. Your fraternal delegate would commend to our church the Back to God Hour for its financial support, and our prayer support of both it and their new home missions labors with the many problems which they will face in this new field. Her battle is our battle, and our church is assured that the Christian Reformed Church desires that we become closer and closer allies in this great battle.

It is the hope of your fraternal delegate that our church will increasingly nurture our fellowship with the Christian Reformed Church and be of help to them wherever we may, striving to the end that we may partake with them more and more of the unity of the faith which we have in our Saviour and in the Word of God which we both hold so dear.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. GALBRAITH,
Fraternal Delegate
The Clerk read the report of the Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of 1949 of the Christian Reformed Church, as follows:

July 23, 1949

The Sixteenth General Assembly
Orthodox Presbyterian Church,
Los Angeles, California.
Mr. Moderator, Fathers and Brethren:

Under appointment of the Fifteenth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the 1949 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, I attended the sessions of that Synod from Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 17. The Synod received me as the fraternal delegate of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and I had the privilege of addressing them. My four days there were most enjoyable and, I believe, profitable ones. I was received with hospitality. I met many old friends and made some new ones. The stability and authority of the Synod was impressive. The debate on the problems confronting their Church was most interesting. I believe it is eminently worthwhile to foster close and fraternal relations between our two communions which possess such a common faith.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P. CLELLAND

It was moved and carried to appoint as Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of 1950 of the Christian Reformed Church the Rev. George W. Marston; the Rev. Edmund P. Clowney, first alternate; Mr. Churchill, second alternate; Mr. Verhage, third alternate.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee on General Benevolence, as follows:

July 9, 1949

16th General Assembly
Los Angeles, California

Herewith is submitted:—
1—The Revised Report of the Committee on General Benevolence for the 15th General Assembly,
2—The Report of said Committee to the 16th General Assembly,
3—The financial figures of the committee for audit, if necessary.

Respectfully yours in Christ,
HENRY D. PHILLIPS
Chairman and Treasurer

REVISED REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL BENEVOLENCE
FIRST SUBMITTED TO THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NOW PRESENTED TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Fourteenth General Assembly erected the Committee on General Benevolence and authorized it to "study the needs of Christians who would not normally come under the purview of the deacons of the local churches; to solicit funds for and to distribute gifts to these needy Christians."

The Committee made a careful study of the needs of Christians abroad and at home. It was agreed that the three most pressing responsibilities before our church were: The Korean Christians, the Adair Family, and the ministers of the Reformed Church in Japan. The Committee sent out three letters presenting these three needs.

The response to these communications has been most heartening. Advices five months ago from the Rev. Bruce Hunt indicated that at that time over three hundred packages had arrived for the Korean Christians. He indicated, however, that these three hundred packages were a "mere trickle" compared with the vast needs that still remain. There have been definite responses to the letter presenting the needs of the Japanese ministers. It is too early to know the extent of the aid being sent.

As of April 1, 1948 the total receipts for the Adair Family were $977.41. Sizeable amounts have been received since the close of the fiscal year. This was supplemented by direct gifts so that our actual outlay has not exceeded $200.00. Deep gratitude has been expressed by the family to Almighty God for His wonderful provision in this emergency.

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The Committee has kept accurate account of receipts and expenditures. It has acknowledged all gifts. Total expenditures were $213.30. This leaves a net balance of $784.11. Since there was such a small amount of cash involved, the Committee thought it unadvisable to secure the services of an auditing company. The committee would suggest that the Assembly have an auditing committee appointed to audit the books.

The Committee submits the following recommendations to this Assembly:
1 - That the General Assembly continue the committee and increase the number of members to seven, three of whom shall be ministers. (This was passed at 15th Assembly).
2 - That the General Assembly request the local diaconates to consider sending quarterly contributions to the Committee on General Benevolence. (This was passed at the 15th Assembly).
3 - That the General Assembly request the local diaconates to make an annual report of aid given, to Christians beyond the purview of the local congregation, to the Committee on General Benevolence. (Defeated)
4 - That the General Assembly decide whether or not it desires the Committee on General Benevolence to study the relative merits of a ministerial pension fund within the denomination, and a ministerial endowment fund such as that provided by the Presbyterian Ministers Fund. (The recommendation was considered and answered in the negative).

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. PHILLIPS, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL BENEVOLENCE TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Your enlarged committee has continued the work assigned to the Committee on General Benevolence.
1 - A meeting was held in Philadelphia and the needs presented were given careful consideration. As a result of this meeting a letter was sent presenting the needs of the Korean and Japanese Christians. To this a number of the churches responded and bundles were sent to Christians in those two lands. A report was also made that numerous packages had been sent to needy Netherlanders. An item of praise was mentioned in the report in reference to the fact that the Veterans Administration had granted full benefits of death compensation to the family of one of our ministers to whom aid had been rendered by our committee. It is with gratitude that we report that the churches had liberally arisen to the need and had more than cared for the necessity of the family until the pension was granted.
2 - Enquiries were made by various churches during the year and the necessary recommendations were made as to needy places.
3 - Receipts for the Committee were acknowledged and further gifts were granted as needed.

Total receipts of the Committee were:

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The Committee submits the following recommendations to this Assembly:
1 - That the General Assembly continue the committee on General Benevolence.
2 - That the General Assembly continue to urge the local churches to make quarterly contributions to the committee.
3 - That the churches be reminded of the purpose of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. PHILLIPS, Chairman
The first recommendation was adopted in the following amended form: That the General Assembly continue the present committee, except with the substitution of the name of Mr. Eckardt for that of Mr. Herbert J. Hoeflinger.

The second and third recommendations were adopted.

The Moderator appointed Elder Lewis W. Roberts to audit the records of the Committee on General Benevolence for both 1949 and 1950.

It was moved to consider the matter of financial aid to superannuated ministers.

Mr. Olson reported for the Committee on Overtures and Communications, as follows:

The Committee reports that action has already been taken relative to papers No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 regarding the sending of Dr. N. B. Stonehouse to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

It is also to be observed that papers No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have been discussed when the American Council matter was taken up.

In response to the overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia pertaining to the question of hymnal or hymnals (No. 11) the Committee recommends that the General Assembly elect a committee of seven to prepare for publication a church hymnal in accordance with the following regulations.

1. That the hymnal contain hymns and a substantial number of metrical psalms.
2. That the hymnal include selections from Scripture for use as responsive readings.
3. That the Committee on Christian Education be authorized to supply, if needed, up to $100.00 to meet any expenses involved in the preparation of the hymnal.
4. That the committee of seven report to successive General Assemblies until its task is completed.
5. That this committee be not authorized to publish any hymnal before the General Assembly has had opportunity to give at least general approval to a preliminary draft of its contemplated publication.

It was moved that the recommendation be adopted.

It was moved that the regulations be considered seriatim.

It was moved and carried that the motions be laid on the table.

It was moved to adopt the overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia regarding the publication of a hymnal or hymnals (Paper No. 11).

The following proposed substitute motion was defeated: That a Committee on Psalmody, consisting of seven members, be elected to study existing psalmodies and also to study the most proper and effective ways of using the book of Psalms in the worship of God through song with a view to the preparation of a psalter set to music for use in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and that the committee report on the progress of its study to the Seventeenth General Assembly.

Mr. Murray asked to have his affirmative vote recorded.

It was moved and carried to consider the numbered sections seriatim before voting on the main question.

1. Adopted.

2. Adopted.

3. Adopted with the omission of the word "metrical".

4. Adopted.

5. Amended to read: That the larger hymnal contain portions of Scripture for responsive reading.

Mr. Murray read the following protest:

We, the undersigned, respectfully protest the action of the Sixteenth General Assembly in voting to apply for constituent membership in the International Council of Christian Churches. We protest this action on the following grounds:

1. Article III of the constitution of the I. C. C. C. distinctly provides that constituent membership in the Council is open only to such denominations and associations as "by official action, approve and accept the preamble and the doctrinal statement of the Constitution." The General Assembly has intimated that it is not able fully to approve and accept the preamble and doctrinal statement. Therefore the Assembly in applying for constituent membership has virtually asked the I. C. C. C. to violate its own constitution.

2. The Assembly has admitted that certain statements in the preamble and doctrinal statement of the Constitution of the I. C. C. C. are capable of an interpretation in conflict
with the standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Nevertheless the Assembly has
applied for constituent membership. By this action the Assembly resigned its own duty of
making a clear and definite decision upon the question of membership in the I. C. C. C.
and referred the question to the I. C. C. C. on the basis of equivocal action on the part of
this Assembly.

Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr.
John Murray
Calvin K. Cummings
Edw. Lynne Wade
Edwards E. Elliott
Edw. Kellogg
Leslie W. Sloat

The Moderator reported that the Assembly will reconvene at 1:30.
The Assembly recessed at noon with prayer by Mr. Piper.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly reconvened at 1:40 p. m. with prayer by Mr. Sloat.
Consideration of the overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia regarding a hymnal
or hymnals (paper No. 11) was continued with the numbered sections being considered
seriatim.

6. Adopted in the following form: That the Committee be authorized to solicit and
expend funds for the publication of the hymnal if necessary and that the Committee on
Christian Education be instructed to act as agent for receiving and disbursing such funds.
7. Adopted.
8. Adopted with the word "unauthorized" changed to "not authorized".
The overture was adopted in the following amended form:
To elect a committee of seven to prepare and publish a hymnal (or hymnals) in ac-
cordance with the following regulations:
1. That the committee be authorized to publish, if it deem practicable, two hymnals
— a larger hymnal, and a shorter hymnal for more general use.
2. That the committee be instructed to proceed with the preparation and publication
of the larger hymnal first.
3. That the larger hymnal contain both psalms and hymns.
4. That the approximate composition of the musical portion of the larger hymnal be
80 percent hymns and 20 percent psalms.
5. That the larger hymnal contain portions of Scripture for responsive reading.
6. That the committee be authorized to solicit and expend funds for the publication
of the hymnal if necessary and that the Committee on Christian Education be instructed
to act as agent for receiving and disbursing such funds.
7. That the committee report to successive General Assemblies until its task is com-
pleted.
8. That the committee be not authorized to publish any hymnal before a General
Assembly has had opportunity to give at least general approval to a preliminary draft of its
contemplated publication.

Mr. Murray requested that his negative vote be recorded.
The following were nominated to the Hymnal Committee: Messrs. Kuschke, Schauf-
fele, Marsden, James W. Price, Calvin A. Busch, Edward J. Young, Kellogg, Donald C.
Graham, R. B. Kuiper, G. A. Andreas, Atwell.

Mr. Olson continued the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications,
as follows:
Regarding the overture from the Presbytery of Wisconsin (No. 12) pertaining to the
General Assembly Fund we recommend that the General Assembly adopt the following
practices concerning its financial affairs:
1. That the Clerk of each Assembly be required to submit to each Assembly before it
adjourns a budget showing the amount of money required for the ensuing fiscal year to
meet all obligations undertaken by that Assembly or previous Assemblies and to liquidate
the deficit, if any, in the General Assembly Fund.
2. That the Clerk of Assembly set a quota for each Presbytery of its share of this
budget based on the proportion of the communicant members of its churches to the total
number of members in the denomination.

3. That the Clerk of Assembly be required to inform each presbytery of the amount of its quota.

4. That the Clerk of Assembly be required to report to the following Assembly the quotas set for and the amounts received from each presbytery.

5. That the General Assembly respectfully request the presbyteries to take appropriate action regarding this financial arrangement before the end of the calendar year.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Moderator announced that the following were elected to the Hymnal Committee: Messrs. Marsden (convener), Schauffele, Kuschke, Young, Graham, Price, Kuiper.

Mr. Olson continued the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, as follows:

In reply to the overture of the Presbytery of Wisconsin (No. 13) dealing with the relationship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church with the Christian Reformed Church we recommend:

1. That the General Assembly call to the attention of the Presbytery of Wisconsin the action of the Fifteenth General Assembly with respect to its relation with the Christian Reformed Church (Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly, pages 9 and 45).

2. That the General Assembly enquire whether the terms of the fraternal ecclesiastical relation with the Christian Reformed Church have been faithfully executed.

It was moved and carried that no action be taken.

Mr. Olson continued the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, as follows:

Pertaining to the recommendation of the Presbytery of Wisconsin (No. 14) relative to the "doctrines in dispute" we recommend that the General Assembly take no action.

This recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Olson continued the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, as follows:

In response to the overture from the Presbytery of Wisconsin (No. 15) regarding the inclusion of the State of Illinois within its bounds we recommend the adoption of the overture by the Assembly.

The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Olson concluded the report of the Committee on Overtures and Communications, with the following:

Paper No. 16 which is the invitation to participate in the Reformed Ecumenical Synod has been acted upon.

Regarding the complaint of Mr. John Roskamp against the Presbytery of Wisconsin, the committee recommends that the Presbytery be sustained.

Finally, the committee recommends no action on the motion of the Presbytery of Ohio to accept the "Minority Reports on 1—the effect of regeneration on the intellective activity of the soul and 2—the free offer of the gospel."

These recommendations were adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk be instructed to inform the presbyteries and all special committees of the General Assembly which will be active during the ensuing year that no bills of the General Assembly will be paid by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension until the debt of the General Assembly to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has been removed.

Mr. Cummings reported for the Committee on Local Evangelism, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL EVANGELISM

The Committee herewith respectfully submits to the Sixteenth General Assembly reports on "Group Evangelism" and "Circuit Missions."

The Committee has made progress in its work on "The Subjects of Evangelism," "Radio Preaching," and "Preserving the Results of Evangelism," and hopes to be able to complete its work during the ensuing year.

GROUP EVANGELISM

The term "group" evangelism is used in contradistinction from "mass" evangelism.
"Mass" evangelism may be defined as the effort to bring the gospel to a large gathering of all types of people, young and old, men and women, educated and uneducated, rich and poor. "Group" evangelism is more specialized in its objective. It aims to bring the gospel to small groups organized or assembled according to interest, ability and age levels.

Neither one of these methods should be used to the exclusion of the other. The cause of evangelism is best served, we believe, when "mass" and "group" evangelism are used to supplement each other. There is a work to be accomplished by each that cannot be most effectively accomplished by the other.

"Group" evangelism is based upon both the revelation of Scripture and of nature. Christ spoke to a small group of mothers and children as well as to the multitudes. Paul sought out Lydia with her group of praying women by a riverside at Philippi as well as larger gatherings. Paul encountered and evangelized a specific class, the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in Athens, as well as the more general type of audience which gathered in the synagogues of that day. It is evident that the Apostles were indeed quite zealous that the gospel be carried into every stratum of society. By seeking out specific classes of people and addressing themselves to the particular needs of these people, the Apostles were able not only to reach more people but to reach them more effectively with the gospel. One of the distinct advantages of "group" evangelism is that it enables the evangelist to reach certain classes of people more effectively on their own level.

This type of evangelism is also based upon sound psychology. It is a spiritual law in the natural world that people gravitate to each other according to age, interest and ability levels. Children take naturally to children, young people to young people, elderly people to elderly people. For example, when we call with our family upon another family, it is observed how readily the younger children of one family gravitate to the younger children of the other family, and how the older children from these respective families soon pair off together. It is this law at work in the natural world that breaks society down into countless groups according to social, educational, and interest levels. The intelligent Christian worker will recognize that this law is at work in the world. He will seek to capitalize upon this phenomenon in the physical world and use it for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. He will seek through study and observation to discover how this law operates and how it can be most effectively employed to implement the teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**The Pre-School Age Child**

Too long have many Christians minimized the potentialities of the pre-school age child in learning the truth of the gospel. For years Rome has boastfully operated on the principle: "Give us a child until he is seven years old and we don't care who has him after that." Undeniably they have made good their boast. This period constitutes the most impressionable period of the child's life. During no period of a child's life can and does a child learn more than during this period. This fact should be reckoned with not only in the teaching of the covenant youth but also in the evangelistic effort of the church. Nowhere in the field of evangelistic endeavor may we expect to be more richly rewarded for our efforts than among these young children.

The process of evangelizing these small children begins at birth. Every Sabbath School should have a strong cradle roll department. It is one of the most effective fields of labor in building a strong church. The one placed in charge of this department should not only love very small children but should qualify as a personal worker with mothers. The task of this person is to visit in the homes where babies have been born recently. The purpose of this visitation is to gain the parents' consent to enroll the child as a member of the cradle roll department of the Sabbath School. This contact with the mothers of small children affords abundant opportunity for counsel concerning the spiritual welfare of the child's soul. It frequently affords opportunity for personal work by an alert pastor or cradle roll superintendent with the parents. As a rule, young parents are much more receptive to the gospel than later when the children are grown. They have witnessed the wonder of the little new life God has given them. Their hearts are tender, and frequently they respond to the worker's appeal to them to make sure that provision is made not only for the child's physical and educational well-being, but for that which is of infinitely more importance — its spiritual welfare. Remembrance of the child's birthday, provision of helpful Christian booklets for mothers of small children, and occasional gatherings for the mothers
with their children will help to cement their interest in attending the Sabbath School when
the child is older. As soon as the child can talk well, the parent should be encouraged to
bring (not send) the child to Sabbath School. Normally, a child should be promoted from
the cradle roll of the Sabbath School to the beginners department when four years old.

The Summer Bible School, as well as the Sabbath School, is a most effective means of
reaching children of pre-school age. The advantage of the Summer Bible School is that
attractive elements, such as games at recess, can be included which cannot be employed on
the Lord's Day. It is the usual experience of those that conduct daily vacation Bible schools
that they can always reach a considerable number of children through this means whom
they had not been able to reach through the Sabbath School. The new contacts afforded
through the Summer Bible School should be visited in an effort to interest them in the
Sabbath School. Not a few ministers in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church testify that the
Summer Bible School has been one of the most effective means of building up not only
their Sabbath School but also the church. Many parents have become interested in the
gospel and the church of Christ through the contacts afforded by the Summer Bible School.

It is essential that materials be used in both the Sabbath School and Summer Bible
School which are sound pedagogically as well as doctrinally. The Committee on Christian
Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has made a careful study of the methods
of teaching children. The beginners' lessons, published by this Committee, combine the
most effective methods of teaching with truly evangelical and Reformed content. There is
a series of lessons for the Sabbath School and another series of lessons for Summer Bible
Schools.

GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Ages six to eight. At this age the child has a vivid imagination, learns more readily
through the eye, and is quite active. Sabbath School and Summer Bible School materials
for this age group should emphasize the telling of Bible stories, the employment of word
pictures and flannelgraph pictures, and provide some helpful activity such as the coloring
of Bible story pictures. The materials published by our Christian Education Committee for
this age group include these important features and should prove most helpful in reaching
and holding children at this age.

Conducting "child evangelism" classes in private homes is also an effective way of
reaching children at this age. These classes can most profitably be held in homes located
in unchurched neighborhoods or where parents have a strong prejudice against permitting
their children to go to a church. These child evangelism classes, however, should never be
permitted to become an end in themselves apart from the church of Christ. They should
be used not as a substitute for the church but as a feeder for the church. Care should be
taken to use materials that are truly Reformed in content and method.

Another very effective means of reaching a child of this age with the gospel is by the
placing of such books as Miss Marian Schooland's and Mrs. Catherine Vos's Bible Story
books in homes. Some of our ministers are finding parents eager to know about a good
Bible story book for their child. One minister has sold twenty-four copies of Bible story
books to parents. This method has the advantage of reaching the parents along with the
children.

Probably the most thorough and satisfactory way of evangelizing children when they
reach school age is by means of the Christian Day School. While these schools exist pri-
marily for the covenant youth, they have great potentialities for reaching non-Christian
children. A large Lutheran church in Pittsburgh uses its Christian school in large measure
as a missionary enterprise and quite successfully so. Christian Day Schools should be
started for evangelistic as well as educational purposes and where these schools already exist,
more thought might well be given to ways and means of interesting America's many nom-
inal Christian parents in the advantages of a Christian Day School.

Ages nine to eleven. This is the age when children abound in physical energy and
mental ability. The mind is very inquiring and the memory is keen. It is at this age that
Sabbath School and Summer Bible School are most popular. Bible memorization should
be emphasized and the mind saturated with Bible stories exemplifying Christian faith and
life.

One of the most fruitful fields of youth training is that among juniors (4th, 5th and
6th graders). This is the time to reach them for, or in anticipation of, the intermediate and senior young people's groups. Often where it is very difficult to gather in for a young people's group, either intermediates (junior high age) or seniors (senior high age), a junior group (Junior Machen Leagues, as many of them are called) can be organized. If extra-curricular activities or outside interests prevent an after-school meeting once a week, it is often highly successful to have the junior group meet simultaneously with the intermediate and senior Machen League groups during the hour preceding the Sunday evening service.

In this group memory work should occupy a large part of the children's time. It should also be used as a training school to prepare the boys and girls in leadership and in the organizational functioning of a group. Train them as juniors for their later work as intermediates and seniors. Here, too, they will learn to pray, to participate, and to lead their own meetings. Juniors enjoy assuming some responsibility and can be reached often in that way. Thus a Junior Machen League becomes an effective "feeder" for the older young people's groups.

This is also an age when friendships begin to be made, but the boys will seek boy companions and the girls will seek girl companions. If possible, there should be separate classes in the Sabbath School for girls and boys of this age group. This is the age when the "gang" spirit gets hold of both the boys and the girls. They want to belong to a "gang" of their own sex. This "gang" spirit can be utilized to evangelize these young people. They will just naturally take to a boys' club or a girls' club that is organized for them. This accounts, in part, for the success of the Boy Scout movement. While this particular movement is not to be recommended because it is not distinctly Christian, the question might well be asked whether those of Reformed persuasion may have properly considered the merits of some Christian counterpart of the Boy Scouts. It must be recognized, however, that such work should be conducted and directed by individuals, or a group of individuals, and not by the church. The merits of "The Christian Service Brigade" and "Pioneer Girls" movement should be carefully weighed. These organizations represent a thorough effort to seize upon the native desires of boys and girls at this age to lead them to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Many worthwhile crafts are taught but the ultimate objective is always to know Christ and to make Him known. Full information about these organizations may be secured from Christian Service Brigade Headquarters, 53 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 4, Illinois. We should be aware, however, that the doctrinal statement required of all sponsors of these organizations is one which is not in every respect in accord with the standards of the Reformed Faith. Faith, for instance, is placed before regeneration. We should also be advised that one who has the training and the time necessary for the teaching of various crafts would have to be available if the programs of these organizations are to be properly executed. It would appear inadvisable for a pastor to contemplate taking on any responsibilities with respect to these organizations beyond that of Christian instruction. While it may seem impractical to become a part of these national organizations as such, some have found that the crafts materials could very well be used in a girls' club, or a boys' club.

**Junior High and Senior High Ages**

Youth in junior and senior high school are as conspicuous for their growing interest in those of the opposite sex as the previous age group was conspicuous for its complete disinterest for those of the opposite sex. Evangelistic efforts to reach those of this age group should recognize the natural attraction that those of the opposite sex experience toward each other and plan accordingly. Meetings for this age group should include both sexes. Those of senior high age should have a separate meeting or organization. In the providence of God this human interest may be used to bring many within the sound of the gospel who would not otherwise come. As a general rule, however, young personal workers should deal with those of the same sex rather than with those of the opposite sex. The employment of sex appeal in the presentation of the gospel is to be avoided. This was one of the errors of Buchmanism and helps to explain why the results they achieved proved to be of man rather than of God.

Teachers of Sabbath School classes and leaders of young people's societies for this age group may find that an occasional social gathering can be used as a means of interesting
other young people in the gospel of Christ. The young people should be encouraged to bring their non-Christian friends and acquaintances to these gatherings. Before or after a season of social fellowship, the meeting could very appropriately include the singing of hymns, the testimony of the Word of God and prayer. It is understood, of course, that any such social or recreational activities may not be considered as the proper functions of the church.

At this age, youth will have a growing interest in and ability for Bible study. Some schools permit Bible Clubs to meet on the premises of the school. Other schools have a "released-time" program of religious education whereby pupils are released an hour a week for religious instruction in the church of their choice and for which they are given credit. Churches situated near junior and senior high schools might very profitably explore the possibilities of a Bible Club to reach these students with the gospel. The discussion method is the most effective way of teaching young people at this age. Their minds are full of questions and they have a desire to express themselves.

How effective are the modern "Youth for Christ" meetings in reaching the youth of our generation with the gospel? The purpose of these meetings is to be commended and we cannot but rejoice in those who have found Christ as their Saviour and Lord through these meetings. We should be reminded, however, that the evangelization of youth is the task and responsibility of the organized church. At best, the present "Youth for Christ" meetings may be regarded as only temporary expedients due to the failure of the church to fulfill its mission. Let the church arise to fulfill its high calling!

The church will do well to maintain a good Christian library for all ages but especially for those of early and later adolescence. One church has built up a fine Christian library, listed its books, and mailed these lists to the families of the community having young people. The parents have expressed real appreciation of this effort to provide good Christian literature in a day when so much that is degrading is quite accessible to young people.

THE ADULT

A highly successful medium for the evangelization of adults both young and old is a brief Bible study course conducted by the Pastor. The class can be conducted in the church but preferably in the homes of those being instructed. The number of lessons should be not less than four and not more than eight. The instruction should present such fundamental teachings of Christianity as the Christian doctrine of the Bible, the Person and Work of Christ, faith and repentance, the Christian life, the Church, and the means of grace. Many pastors have found that the idea of a class like this in the home really "takes" with many adults today. Abundant and abiding results have come from these instruction classes. The parents of children sent to Sabbath School and visitors at the church services are excellent prospects for this type of instruction.

Wherever possible, a young married couples' class should be established in the Sabbath School so that unsaved parents may be encouraged to attend this Bible class with profit during the Sabbath School hour, instead of (as many do) merely bringing their young children to the Sabbath School and returning to call for them at the close of the school. One of our pastors at least has found this an exceedingly fruitful field by which to win these parents to Christ and, subsequently, to bring them into the church.

Some churches have found it quite rewarding to sponsor meetings centered around some specialized interest. One large church is known to attract mothers from all over the city by sponsoring a monthly mothers' meeting and adapting their program to meet the particular needs of mothers. This same church can readily get some four hundred men out to a mid-day meeting by calling it a "Businessmen's Meeting" and arranging a program of particular interest to men. Other churches have young couples' meetings, usually monthly or semi-monthly, which have proved successful in reaching young couples for Christ. What marvelous opportunities meetings like these present for bringing Christ to people on their own particular level!

Each church must study the peculiar needs and opportunities for evangelism presented by its particular community. A church, for instance, that is situated near a college or university would do well to provide something in the nature of a student Bible club at the church, or, preferably, on the campus.

Essential to the success of all these specialized efforts to evangelize the community is
constant, intensive house-to-house visitation on the part of the pastor, together with whatever auxiliary visitation he may be able to secure from the younger members of the church. Without intensive house-to-house visitation these various evangelistic efforts cannot hope to be fed with the raw material with which to work. The “come to me” attitude is doomed to dismal failure. Even when there is faithful house-to-house visitation, the various specialized projects of the church at times may appear to be bearing little fruit. Without such visitation all of our specialized efforts can only be aptly termed “much ado about nothing.”

With mass evangelism having become less effective in our day than generations ago, the responsibility for engaging in the more specialized type of evangelism becomes the greater. It is a time and energy-consuming type of evangelism, but anything less is inadequate. Let us pray for the will and the strength to do – soli deo gloria.

CIRCUIT MISSIONS

The Biblical basis for Circuit Missions is found in the Book of Acts, particularly in Paul’s missionary journeys.

In this type of work a number of fields may be reached from a common center, or a circuit may be made embracing a number of communities. We might illustrate these two types of circuit missionary activity by the figure of a wheel. The first type is illustrated by the hub and spokes of the wheel and the second by the rim. In either case, the work is done by one man.

The circuit missionary may be employed in different types of activity. He may be used to minister to small groups of Christians or congregations not large enough to support a full time pastor, or in bringing the gospel to unchurched communities. If circumstances warrant, the same man could be engaged in both types of activity in a given region.

In this report, however, we shall confine ourselves to the work of a circuit missionary in bringing the gospel to unchurched communities. Much of that which we have to say on this subject will also apply to the first mentioned type of circuit missionary activity which must also be concerned with the problem of reaching the unchurched.

The itinerant missionary will labor most effectively in areas where there are no established congregations meeting in church buildings. In the valley of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. In such areas there will be a greater appreciation of and response to the intermittent type of service which he must of necessity render.

In the establishment of a mission circuit, the missionary will face certain basic problems in every new area. Of prime importance is the selection of a field in which to establish mission work. In this connection, attention is called to the guiding principles for establishing new churches set forth in the Committee’s report on EXTENSIVE SURVEY WORK. The principles enunciated here apply likewise to the establishment of a mission work. We believe that the church could well give more thought to ways of securing prompt and accurate information concerning migrations of people to different areas of the country and concerning the growth of new developments in various areas of the country.

A meeting place must be found. A search should be made for a vacant church, hall or store building which could be used for this purpose. In some sections of our nation, especially in rural areas, school houses may be available. If no other meeting place can be found, it may be necessary to begin work in the home of some Christian family or families.

There are advantages and disadvantages which should be carefully weighed before the place of meeting is finally selected. Such factors as: accessibility, suitability, acceptability and heating should be considered.

The Mennonites have introduced the idea of using a mobile trailer chapel in circuit mission work. This unit provides living quarters for the missionary, a meeting place for small groups, and a public address system which may be used in the summer time for open air meetings outside of factories, at bathing beaches, and other places where large groups of people may congregate.

Another task is to interest the people of the community. This may be done by posters, newspaper articles and advertisements designed to acquaint the public with the program being conducted. The basic operation, however, is visitation. This work may be conducted in one or both of the following ways:

The missionary may go from door to door throughout the community acquainting the
people with the various activities which are being conducted and inviting them to attend. Tracts may also be distributed in this connection. This method of visitation should not only bring some people to the various meetings, but in time open doors for personal work with those who lack sufficient interest to attend the meetings.

Whenever possible, however, an effort should be made to secure in advance a list of individuals or families in the new area that might be interested in attending services. These should be visited first, and those among them who prove to be interested should be asked for the names of friends or neighbors whom they think might be interested. The person giving the name should be asked for permission to use his name as a point of contact in approaching those whom he has suggested. In visiting these new contacts, the missionary might introduce himself in the following manner: "I am Mr.-------- your neighbor Mrs.-------- suggested that I call on you. She thought that you might be interested in . . . . . . etc."

At this point we would refer you to the report on INTENSIVE SURVEY WORK previously published by this committee, and to the survey questions which may be obtained from the Committee on Home Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, both of which should be carefully studied and employed in the work of establishing a new center of missionary activity.

The aim of the circuit missionary is to sow the seed of the Word, to present the claims of Christ, and to invite men to receive and acknowledge Him as their Prophet, Priest and King, to seek out those who have strayed from their profession of faith, to feed the babes in Christ upon the milk of the Word, and those who are more mature in the faith upon the meat and manna which is contained in the Word and to organize, in God's good time, a Church of Jesus Christ.

The realization of these objectives calls for a systematic effort on the part of the missionary. The nature of circuit missions makes the attainment of these objectives more difficult, but the difficulties simply emphasize the need for a systematic program.

There must be a systematic teaching of the Word of God designed to give the mission subjects a working knowledge of the Bible and a thorough instruction in the system of truth contained in the Word. Our Westminster Standards should be the basis and pattern for this instruction.

The program of the circuit missionary must be varied. He should endeavor to reach as many different groups in the various communities to which he ministers in as effective a manner as is possible.

Preaching services may be held at some points on the Lord's Day and at others during the week. It may be advisable to rotate these services so that each preaching point will have services periodically on the Lord's Day.

Sabbath Schools and/or week day Bible classes for children and/or adults should also be held periodically. If the missionary can plan to spend a day in each community, he might find it profitable to devote the early afternoon to calling, the period immediately after school to a week-day Bible Class or classes for the children and the evening to a class for the adults.

Numerous pastors have found seasons of special gospel services effective means of reaching communities with the truth. The extensive advertising, continuous preaching, and sustained personal visitation entailed in such services have proven an effective means of reaching people who are not reached by the regular Sabbath services.

A Daily Vacation Bible School should be conducted annually in as many fields as possible, that is, where adequate meeting places are available and where a sufficient number of qualified teachers can be obtained.

If and when there are Christian laymen in these fields they should be used to supplement the labors of the circuit missionary. Indeed, the expansion of the work in such fields will depend in no small degree upon the measure of help given by Christian laymen.

Laymen should be enlisted in the task of bringing children to the Sabbath School and the Daily Vacation Bible School. Routes for this purpose should be systematically organized. Christians should also be encouraged to bring their friends and neighbors to preaching services and to week-night Bible Study Classes. If this evening meeting rotates among a number of Christian homes, the family in whose home the meeting is being held should be encouraged to invite their neighbors. The missionary might also make some calls that
afternoon on families in the immediate area to invite them to attend.

When it is not possible for the missionary to conduct services on the Lord's Day or every Lord's Day, a serious effort should be made to encourage and prepare the Christian laymen to conduct a Sabbath School. Indeed, this should be done in any case, but the need is more imperative where no preaching services are held at all. Where there is an organized congregation, an elder should conduct a worship service at which, in the place of the formal preaching of the Word, he should read a sermon or give an exhortation from the Scriptures.

Where the missionary is able to minister to the spiritual needs of a community only once or twice a month, and then only on the Lord's Day, if there is a Christian layman available who is Reformed in doctrine and qualified to teach, living either in the community or close at hand, it would be advisable to have him conduct a week-night Bible Study Class.

The effectiveness of any teaching program, however, will depend in a large measure upon the materials which are used by the teachers and placed in the hands of the pupils, whether children or adults. The materials published by our own Committee on Christian Education for the beginner, primary and junior age groups appear well adapted to the intellectual and interest levels of these groups. The Christian Reformed Publishing House provides lessons designed especially for use in mission work.

Good text books and work books should be secured for each pupil from 4th grade and up, enrolled in the week-day Bible class. Some of our ministers who are engaged in this type of work have found the combined textbooks and work books published by the National Union of Christian Schools to be very satisfactory. The tear-out work books of the Rev. D. H. Walters, published by Zondervan, have also been used with success.

The Daily Vacation Bible School materials prepared by our Committee on Christian Education, both textbooks and work books have been found most adequate and satisfactory for this type of work. Their quality is also attested by those of other denominations who use them.

The use of good teaching materials — textbooks, work books and Sunday School papers — serves another purpose in the overall program of the circuit missionary. They extend the teaching program into the interim period between classes and also project that teaching into the homes from which the pupils come.

The teaching materials already suggested may from time to time, both in the case of adults and children, be supplemented by the use of visual aids. By this means the truth makes a two-fold impact, being presented both to and through the eye and ear gates.

We would also suggest that children be encouraged to attend classes regularly by the use of inexpensive attendance awards. Many children receive no encouragement to attend such classes from their parents. Indeed, sometimes the parents actually discourage them. Every effort must be made to sustain their interest and to secure their continued attendance until the Word is sown in their hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
CALVIN K. CUMMINGS, Chairman

It was moved and carried that these reports be submitted to the sessions of our churches for their study.

Mr. Galbraith read the report of the Committee on Secret Societies, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES
TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Esteemed Brethren:

The Thirteenth General Assembly elected a committee consisting of Messrs. Oscar Holkeboer, R. B. Kuiper, G. A. Andreas, C. K. Cummings and J. P. Galbraith "to study, from the viewpoint of Presbyterian policy (sic), the overture of the Presbytery of Wisconsin relative to membership in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church of members of the Masonic order or similar secret societies". Said overture is found on pp. 46f. of the Minutes of the Thirteenth General Assembly and is repeated on pp. 47f. of the Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly.

The committee was continued by the Fourteenth General Assembly, and it submitted
the first part of its report to the Fifteenth General Assembly. That assembly again con-
tinued the committee, and it elected Mr. Edward L. Kellogg to take the place of Mr. C. K. 
Cummings, who had been given permission to resign.

That part of the committee’s report which was submitted to the Fifteenth General 
Assembly was historical in character and related in summary “how other Presbyterian and 
Reformed churches in which the question how to deal with members of the Masonic Order 
and similar organizations has loomed as an important issue have disposed of this matter” 
(Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly, p.48). It was the opinion of the committee 
that the United Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Presbyterian churches, the Reformed 
Church in America, the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Churches of the 
Netherlands fell into this category, but not the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., nor the 
Presbyterian Church U. S. However, the Fifteenth General Assembly instructed the com-
mittee to conduct further investigation of the Masonic issue in these two churches 
(Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly, p. 53). The committee has carried out this charge and 
in doing so has been confirmed in its original opinion to the extent that this issue has never 
been a burning one in those communions on denominational scale.

As is well known, the so-called Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches were 
one until the time of the Civil War. From 1826 to approximately 1836 there was in this 
country a very strong anti-Masonic movement occasioned by the mysterious disappearance 
of one William Morgan, who had written a book exposing the secrets of Freemasonry. 
Shortly before, and again shortly after, that period there was a limited amount of anti-
Masonic agitation in certain lower judicatories of the Presbyterian Church, but the com-
mittee has discovered no evidence of such agitation during that period. Two instances of 
more or less serious consideration of the Masonic issue by Presbyterian lower judicatories 
have come to the attention of our committee. In both cases the general assemblies con-
cerned refused to take action.

The following is taken from the minutes for October 6, 1820, of the Synod of Pitts-

burgh:

"The Committee appointed by the Synod to consider the enquiry respecting Free 
Masonry, report —

That having seriously deliberated on the same, they are of opinion that this subject 
imperiously demands the attention of this Synod and of the church at large.

We are aware that in discharging our duty, and in the expression of our sentiments 
relative to Masonic Societies, unpleasant sensations may be excited in the minds of many 
who are alive to everything affecting in any way the supposed sacredness of their Order.

We are also aware that the subject ought to be treated with due caution, so as not 
unnecessarily to provoke hostility, and with suitable respect to some valuable members of 
society who are partial to Masonry and still connected with its institutions, as well as those, 
who upon experience of the practical effects of Masonry, have discontinued their attend-
ance on their lodges.

Nevertheless, it appears to us to be the duty of the Synod, firmly to bear their testi-
mony, and freely to express their sentiments on this subject; and also to warn and admonish 
the professors of religion with whom they are specially connected, against becoming mem-
bers of Free Mason Lodges; or if members, against continuing to attend on their meetings.

Your committee do not design to trace the origin, nor to enter into a discussion on the 
merits of Masonry. We do not mean to urge the strong objection against the very nature 
of this institution, from the fact of keeping secret from the world that which is held to be 
so important to the objects of charity and benevolence — and also from, the requisition of 
an oath of secrecy without knowing its nature or object — nor to dwell on the suspicious 
character of a society which seeks concealment and darkness for its proceedings.

Your committee chiefly confine their attention to the effects of these societies on re-
ligion and morals. In this view we think it an incumbent duty, solemnly and affection-
ately to warn our members, and especially our youth.

We ask. what good moral effects have these societies ever produced? What reforma-
tions have they ever effected? What youth have they ever reclaimed? What Christian 
has ever improved in piety by entering a Masonic Lodge and holding fellowship with its 
members? Is such a fellowship at all consistent with communion with the people of God, 
and with the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ? And what Christian, eminent for piety,
has not abandoned his intercourse with them?

How many mournful instances of degradation and ruin to the bodies and souls of men, may be traced to a connection and intercourse with such characters, as too generally compose the lodges in our country? At how vast a risk does anyone, and especially an unguarded youth enter an association, embracing with equal affection, the Pagan, the Deist the Turk and the Christian? How humiliating and disgusting must it be to persons of intelligence and taste, to mingle in the close intimacy of brotherhood with those whose society they would spurn on all ordinary occasions?

We think it not unimportant to notice also, how inconsistent, with the holy charity and extensive benevolence of the Gospel, is that peculiar attachment and preference of the brethren, which is the boast of their order,—a preference not founded on intrinsic worth, but merely on the bodies of Masonry, not to mention the baleful influence which Masonic partialities may be expected to produce, in the distribution of justice, in elections or appointments to office, and in the various transactions of Society.

We also consider Masonry, in excluding from its rites and its confidence and privileges all females, as insulting to the dignity, and hostile to the comfort of the most amiable part of our species.

Woman was destined by our benevolent Creator to be the affectionate friend, the counsellor and most intimate confidant of man. It is believed, therefore, that a man of a generous spirit and affectionate heart, will hesitate before entering an institution, which would forbid him to intrust to the wife of his bosom, secret communications, imparted to the most worthless of his own sex,—and which would alienate from her and her children their common property, without the privilege of being permitted to know for what purpose, or to what object.

We think it also, not worthy the consideration of American youth, who justly revere the free political institutions of their country, what a dangerous medium Secret Societies have furnished to designing men, for accomplishing purposes ruinous to the interests of other Governments, and how dangerous they may yet prove to our own.

Under the influence of the above, and other reflections, your committee would not hesitate to say to all the members of our church, and especially to our youth, 'come out from among them and be separate'; have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them,' and do recommend to the Synod to adopt the following resolutions.

1st. Resolved, That Masonic Lodges, especially as composed and conducted in various parts of our country, have had, and are calculated to have a pernicious influence on morals and religion; and that attendance on those is unsuitable to the profession of the holy religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2nd. That it is the duty of all ministers of the Gospel, elders, parents and professing Christians, to use their influence to prevent those under their care, from entering these associations, and to induce them who may have entered, to discontinue their attendance on them.

3rd. The Synod, deeply impressed with concern for the general interests of Society, civil and religious, and particularly with concern for some amiable men, who now stand connected with the aforesaid Society, do recommend to them, to take with earnestness the course of safety for themselves; and in the present crisis of the conflict of the kingdom of God with the kingdom of darkness, to show themselves on the Lord's side, and to perform zealously the duties which their attitude in relation to the church of Christ, and to those societies, particularly recommend, so as not only to promote the cause of godliness generally, but also the eternal welfare of their brethren with whom they may be connected, and upon whom they may exert salutary influence.'

After serious consideration and discussion of this report it was resolved that it be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.
The overture was brought before the general assembly in 1821 (Minutes, pp. 10, 13, 15). It was referred to a committee. When the committee reported to the assembly, a discussion of considerable length ensued but the matter was postponed indefinitely.

The following quotations are from the minutes of the Miami Presbytery for the meeting held in April, 1846.

"An overture on the subject of 'Secret Societies such as that of the Odd Fellows' was read asking whether it was consistent with the character of a Christian to join such association — it was on motion referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures."

"The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the subject of 'Secret Societies', which report was accepted and put on the docket."

"On motion the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the subject of 'Secret Societies' was taken up and read and again committed to the same committee for the purpose of preparing a Memorial to the General Assembly on the subject."

"The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported a Memorial to the General Assembly on the subject of 'Secret Societies', which report was accepted and after some amendment was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly."

The memorial was brought before the general assembly of 1846 (Minutes, p. 194). The reply of the assembly was, "Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the general assembly to legislate on the subject."

Our committee has discovered no evidence of any noteworthy consideration of the Masonic issue by judicatories of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. after the split of 1861. And as for the Presbyterian Church U.S., a professor of church history and church government in one of its theological seminaries has informed the committee that the only action of his church in this matter of which he is aware is the action of the 1904 general assembly commending the Synod of Brazil for not making Masonic membership a bar to church membership.

We report progress on the remaining two parts of our report. As was stated in our report to the Fifteenth General Assembly, "the second part will stress principles and will attempt to state what are the demands of Presbyterian polity for dealing with persons affiliated with such orders (as Masonry) who either are church members or seek membership in the church"; and "the third part . . . will be practical and will aim to answer the question how the principles of Presbyterian polity that bear on the matter ought to be applied at this time and under present circumstances in The Orthodox Presbyterian Church" (Minutes of the Fifteenth General Assembly, p. 48). In fact, our work on these two parts has progressed to the point that it seems likely that we can have them in the hands of the commissioners to the Seventeenth General Assembly as early as six months before that assembly convenes.

We recommend that our committee be continued and that it be instructed to present its completed report to the Seventeenth General Assembly and to distribute that report to all ministers and sessions at least four months prior to the Seventeenth General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. KUIPER
Chairman of the Committee

It was moved and carried that the committee be continued.

The motion regarding the Committee on Text and Proof-Texts was removed from the table, namely: That the recommendation of the committee be adopted. This motion was defeated.

The following amended motion carried: That the Committee on Text and Proof-Texts be continued and that the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Young be added to the committee.

Mr. Murray expressed his desire to resign. The motion to grant Mr. Murray's request was defeated.

Dr. Bordeaux reported for the Committee on Travel Fund and Travel, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND TRAVEL TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It was moved and unanimously carried that the Committee express its disappointment that some of the churches by-passed the Travel Fund plan and thus worked an additional hardship not only on the churches which did contribute but on the commissioners them-
selves. If such disregard of the present Travel plan continues, it will make virtually im-
possible General Assembly attendance by pastors who must travel a great distance. The
committee regrets that less than one-third of our congregations cooperated this year in the
General Assembly’s Travel plan.
The following is the list of all congregations in our denomination, with an indication
of the amount donated by each towards the Travel Fund to the Sixteenth General As-
sembly:

**PRESBYTERY OF CALIFORNIA**
 Berkeley, COVENANT — $15.  Long Beach, FIRST — $40.
 Los Angeles, BEVERLY — $25.55  GRACE — $13.05  WESTMINSTER — $50.
 Manhattan Beach, FIRST  National City, FIRST — $18.
 San Francisco, FIRST  Santee, VALLEY
 Bend, Oregon, WESTMINSTER — $40.  Portland, Oregon, FIRST
 Seattle, Wash., FIRST

**PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS**
 Denver, Colo., PARK HILL — $30.  Burnham, Nebr., PIONEER CHAPEL
 Lincoln, Nebr., FIRST  Omaha, Nebr., OPC
 North Dakota: Carson, BETHEL  Lark, FIRST  Lieth, FIRST
 So. Dakota: Alexandria, BETHEL  Bancroft, MURDOCK MEMORIAL
 Bridgewater, TRINITY  Hamill, WESTMINSTER  Manchester, OPC
 Volga, CALVARY  Yankton, YALE OPC (from 1948) — $2.40
 WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF NO PRESBYTERY
 Illinois: Evergreen Park, WESTMINSTER CHAPEL
 Westchester, WESTMINSTER CHAPEL  La Grange, OPC CHAPEL

**PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY**
 Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., FT. LAUDERDALE OPC
 New Jersey: Bridgeton, CALVARY  Crescent Park, IMMANUEL CHAPEL
 East Orange, COVENANT  Fair Lawn, GRACE CHAPEL  Pittsgrove, FAITH
 Ringoes, CALVARY OF AMWELL  Vineland, COVENANT  Westfield, GRACE
 West Collingswood, IMMANUEL  White Horse, GRACE  Wildwood, CALVARY

**PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND**
 Connecticut: Hamden, FIRST
 Maine: Canaan, CHAPEL  Cornville, OPC  Wellington, OPC CHAPEL
 West Athens, OPC CHAPEL  Whittier, OPC CHAPEL  Portland, SECOND PARISH
 New York: Albany, COVENANT  FRANKLIN SQUARE $24.  ($9 from 1948)
 Rochester, COVENANT  MEMORIAL — $30.  Schenectady, CALVARY
 Worcester, CALVARY

**PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA**
 Delaware: Middletown, GRACE  Wilmington, EASTLAKE — $35.
 Pennsylvania: Branchton, NEW HOPE  Center Square, COMMUNITY
 Harrisville, FAITH  Kirkwood, OPC — $35.  Middletown, CALVARY
 Nottingham, BETHANY — $12.  Philadelphia, CALVARY — $29.16
 GETHSEMANE KNOX MEDIATOR MEDIATOR CHAPEL  NEW COVENANT
 REDEEMER — $10.  Pittsburgh, COVENANT

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO**
 Indiana: Indianapolis, COVENANT
 Kentucky: Buechel, GRACE  Newport, TRINITY CHAPEL
 Ohio: Cincinnati, FIRST — $15.

**PRESBYTERY OF WISCONSIN**
 Iowa: Waterloo, FIRST
 Wisconsin: Cedar Grove, CALVARY  Gresham, OLD STOCKBRIDGE
 Milwaukee, GRACE  Oostburg, BETHEL
 (One member of the Committee contributed all Committee expenses:
 One $10. donation was made by Miss Iva Chizek).
The following plan of distribution of funds was recommended by the Committee and approved by the General Assembly: That each commissioner regardless of how he travelled, be paid on the basis of two cents per mile, above 1000 miles, for the shortest round-trip distance. All funds to be prorated on this basis.

The total fund received by the Committee was $421.56.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND TRAVEL TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Elder Geo. D. Moore, of COVENANT, Berkeley (*)
Robt. H. Graham (*)
Wm. Harllee Bordeaux, Convener

(*) Named by Moderator Poundstone at the request of the convener because of the absence of Elder Joseph H. McClay and John P. Clelland.

The General Assembly Travel Fund Committee further reports that only 12 commissioners reported expense accounts, and that these twelve travelled approximately 58,000 miles. Deducting 1,000 miles for each man, not less than 46,000 miles should have had not less than 2c per mile reimbursement. This would have required a sum of $920.50, whereas only $421.56 was received. Thus, less than 1c per mile could be quoted to each commissioner submitting mileage.

The following substitute motion was adopted: That in view of widespread lack of support of the General Assembly Travel Fund in recent years, the Sixteenth General Assembly ask the presbyteries to seek to discover the attitude of sessions within their bounds as to future support of the General Assembly Travel Fund and to inform the new Travel Fund Committee as soon as possible of their findings; and that the report and information of the present committee be made available to sessions.

Mr. Cummings reported as follows for the Committee on Union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (General Synod):

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (GENERAL SYNOD) TO THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As reported to the previous General Assembly, your committee inquired of the General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod) whether they would be “interested in considering a union with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church upon the basis of the adoption of the name of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod) and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church standards as expressive of ‘Reformation Principles’.”

The Committee has received a communication informing us that the General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod) took no action on our inquiry. The Committee on Friendly Relations was discontinued. It was voted to continue friendly relations with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to continue the exchange of fraternal greetings.

Your committee feels that it has fulfilled its solemn responsibility to study the unity of the Church of Christ as it relates to this particular visible member of His body. We deeply regret that this church in the Reformed tradition was unwilling to give serious study to the question of the union of the two churches.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1—That the Committee on Union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod) be discontinued.

2—That friendly relations and the exchange of fraternal greetings be continued between the two churches.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN K. CUMMINGS, Chairman

On motion, these recommendations were adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a commissioner to convey greetings to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (General Synod).

It was moved and carried that an offering be taken to defray the expenses of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in connection with the Assembly, and that if the offering does not amount to at least $15, the balance be made up from the General Assembly Fund.
It was moved and carried that a Travel Fund Committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to receive findings of presbyteries on the requested information and to inform the churches of possible plans for the Travel Fund for the Seventeenth General Assembly and to solicit such funds.

Mr. Ahlfeldt reported for the Committee on Presbyterial Records, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

The Committee on Presbyterial Records has examined the minutes of all the presbyteries.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the minutes of the Presbytery of California be approved without exception.
2. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas be approved with the following exception: That in the meeting of October 3, 1948, (page 208), a white ballot was cast for Mr. Havens. Mr. Havens was only one of four nominees. Some reason should be given for casting a white ballot for him, whereas the other nominees were voted upon subsequently.
3. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved with the following exceptions:
   (1) That on page 92 mention is made of adoption of the report of a committee to confer with Mr. Heerema, but no mention is made as to the subject matter of the conference.
   (2) That on page 99 the date should be October 19, 1948 instead of October 19, 1949.
   (3) That on page 95 mention is made of a call to the Calvary Church of Cedar Grove being placed in the hands of Mr. Heerema. A motion is also recorded that the Clerk be instructed to send a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Wisconsin in the event that Mr. Heerema be disposed to accept the call. Some subsequent mention should be made of the fact that Mr. Heerema did not accept the call.
4. That the minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England be approved with the following exception: That in the minutes of September 29, 1948, pages 261-262, there is no record of the appointment of the Rev. Raymond W. Meiners as clerk pro-tem.
5. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved with the following exceptions:
   (1) That reports referred to on page 28, paragraph 7, are not included in records available at this time.
   (2) That on page 29, paragraph 6, the name of the minister should have been written out, instead of being referred to as "the Clerk."
   (3) That on page 32, paragraph 2, the sentence is not finished.
6. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia be approved with the following exceptions:
   (1) That the purpose for which a special meeting is called ought to be specified in the minutes, at least briefly (see page 345, for example).
   (2) That the nature, at least, of communications read should be indicated for the sake of clarity and future reference (see pages 351, 355, for example).
7. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Wisconsin be approved with the following exception: That in the meeting of October 11, 1948 (see page 134), Mr. Voskuil, having been nominated to a term of office on the Committee on Young People's Bible Conference, was declared elected without a ballot. A white ballot should have been cast.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL A. AHLFELDT, Chairman

The report was adopted except that the minutes of the Presbytery of Wisconsin were approved without exception.

Mr. Marsden reported orally for the Committee on Place and Date of the Next Assembly, recommending that the Assembly meet at Westminster Theological Seminary on May 18, 1950.

It was moved and carried that the invitation of Westminster Seminary be accepted and that when this Assembly adjourn it adjourn to meet at Westminster Theological Seminary on Thursday, May 25, 1950.
The Moderator appointed the following Travel Fund Committee: Ministers; Nicholas (convener), and R. Graham, and Elder Neilands.

The Moderator appointed Mr. Cummings to convey fraternal greetings to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (General Synod).

The following amended motion was adopted: That the Committee on Arrangements for the Seventeenth General Assembly consist of Messrs. Cornelius Van Til, Marsden, and Eckardt.

It was moved and carried that the Sixteenth General Assembly heartily commend its Committee on Arrangements and the Presbytery of California and the churches of the Los Angeles area for the splendid provision which was made for the meeting of the Assembly in the city of Los Angeles.

Mr. Eckardt presented a budget of $3,000.00.

It was moved and carried that the Assembly approve a budget of $2,000 for the General Assembly Fund.

It was moved and carried that the Committee on Local Evangelism be continued.

It was decided, on motion, to elect a delegate and first and second alternate delegates to the International Council of Christian Churches to meet at Geneva, Switzerland, in August 1950.

Mr. Kellogg took the chair.

The following were nominated as delegate to the International Council of Christian Churches: Messrs. Ned B. Stonehouse, R. B. Kuiper, Galbraith, Atwell, Churchill, John P. Clelland, Marsden, and Poundstone.

On the first ballot, Mr. Kuiper was elected as delegate to the International Council of Christian Churches, and Mr. Galbraith was elected as first alternate delegate.

On the second ballot, Dr. Stonehouse was elected as second alternate delegate.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

The day's minutes were read and approved as corrected.

It was moved and carried that the minutes as a whole be approved.

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 at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 25th day of May A. D. 1950."

After leading in prayer, the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

The sessions of the Assembly were concluded at 7:10 p. m., July 26, 1949.

ROBERT W. ECKARDT,
Clerk of Assembly
APPENDIX
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1949

1. Total Membership, April 1, 1948
2. Total Membership, March 31, 1949
3. Communicant Members, March 31, 1949
4. Baptized Children, March 31, 1949
5. Gain, Communicant Members, Confession of Faith
6. Gain, Reaffirmation of Faith
7. Gain, Transfer
8. Loss, Communicant Members, Death
9. Loss, Communicant Members, Dismissal
10. Loss, Erasure or Discipline
11. Net Gain or Loss of Baptized Children
12. Sunday School Enrollment, March 31, 1949
13. Net Gain or Loss, Sunday School Membership
14. Total Receipts, General
15. Total Receipts for Benevolences
16. Total Receipts for Special Purposes

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4025 Beach Dr.
Earl E. Zetterholm

TOTAL

Average Contribution
Per Communicant Member

Ministerial Changes
Ministers Added to Roll:
H. Wilson Albright, from Presbytery of New Jersey, July 14, 1948
David Calderwood, from United Presbyterian Church, April 21, 1949

Ministers Removed from Roll:
Robert K. Churchill, to Presbytery of Wisconsin, October 12, 1948
Robert B. Brown, certificate of standing to United Presbyterian Church, November 23, 1948
Malcolm C. Frehn, name dropped at own request, April 20, 1949
G. Arthur Hutchison, name dropped at own request, April 20, 1949

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
James B. Brown
John F. Gray
Bruce F. Hunt
Louis E. Knowles

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS
The Rev. Melvin B. Nonhof, Stated Clerk, Box 11, Bancroft, S. D.

COLORADO
Denver, Park Hill
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W. Benson Male
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NEBRASKA
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- 135 N.W. Commercial St., Richard W. Gray
- Trent Park, Immanuel
- Market St., Park Dr.
- Robert W. Eckardt
- East Orange, Covenant
- 56 S. Munn Ave., Charles H. Ellis
- Fair Lawn, Grace Chapel
- 564 Fair Lawn Pkwy., Bruce A. Coie
- Fair Lawn, Covenant
- 59 E. Rio Grande Ave., Meredith G. Kline
- Vineland, Covenant
- Landis Ave. & State St., Everett C. DeVelde
- West Collingswood, Immanuel
- Elm & Calvert Aves., Edward L. Kellogg
- Westfield, Grace
- 600 Westfield Ave., Donald C. Graham
- 416 White Horse Ave., Theodore J. Georgian
- Wildwood, Calvary
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Charles H. Ellis, from Presbytery of Ohio, July 20, 1948

Ministers Removed from Roll:
H. Wilson Albright, to Presbytery of California, April 27, 1948
Walter C. Jent, to Presbytery of Florida, Presbyterian Church U.S., July 20, 1948
John P. Richmond, to Presbytery of N.Y., United Presbyterian Church, December 10, 1948.

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
Edward Heerema
Wm. Harlee Bordeaux

Congregation Received:

Licentiates: Robert Hamilton, Theodore J. Georgian

Total Ministers — 14
Total Churches — 11
Total Chapels — 1

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Herman T. Petersen, Stated Clerk, Stop 15, Central Ave., Albany 5, N. Y.

CONNECTICUT

Hamden, First
71 Circular Ave., Ralph E. Clough
32 35 30 5 2 1 + 2 35 — 5 $ 2,086 $ 134 $ 422

MAINE

Canaan, Chapel
Kelly G. Tucker
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Average Contribution Per Communicant Member

Ministerial Changes

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- Herbert V. G. DuMont, by Ordination, September 29, 1948
- William C. Goodrow, to Presbytery of Philadelphia, March 18, 1949

Ministers Removed from Roll:
- John Murray
- John H. Skilton
- Burton L. Goddard

Other Ministers of Presbytery:
- Charles E. Stanton
- William Young
- Floyd E. Hamilton

Total Ministers - 15
Total Churches - 9
Total Chapels - 4
## PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

The Rev. Martin J. Bohn, Stated Clerk, 1014 N. Sterling St., Indianapolis 1, Ind.

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### Ministerial Changes

- Ministers Added to Roll:
  - James G. Spencer, from Presbytery of Pine Bluff, Presbyterian Church in U.S., March 1, 1949
- Ministers Removed from Roll:
  - Gordon H. Clark, to Presbytery of Indiana, United Presbyterian Church, October 14, 1948
- Other Ministers of Presbytery:
  - Martin J. Bohn
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**Ministerial Changes**

- **Ministers Added to Roll:**
  - Thayer A. Westlake, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, Reformed Presbyterian Church in N.
  - Alan Tichenor, to United Presbyterian Church, September 20, 1948
  - Herbert J. Hoeflinger, letter of standing to United Presbyterian Church, November 15, 1948
  - Franklin S. Dyrness, at own request, March 21, 1949

- **Congregations Removed from Roll:**
  - Faith, Quarryville, Pa.
  - Calvary, Willow Grove, Pa.

- **Total Ministers:** 30
- **Total Churches:** 18
- **Total Chapels:** 1

**Licensees of Presbytery:**

- F. Lynne Wade
- William E. Wetmore
- George J. Willis
- Edward J. Young

- Raymond E. Commeret
- Marten Woudstra
- Cornelius Van Til
### Presbytery of Wisconsin

*The Rev. John Verhage, Stated Clerk, Oostburg, Wisconsin*

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  - Robert K. Churchill, from Presbytery of California, November 30, 1948

- Other Ministers of Presbytery:
  - Richard B. Gaffin
  - Jacob Mellema
  - Edward F. Hills
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