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FOREWORD

The three sections of this volume are the following:

JOURNAL - the minutes of the daily sessions of the Assembly. Though the Journal does not contain the documents that appear in the second section (Appendix) it does contain the recommendations made in those documents; those recommendations appear in the Journal at the point where they were considered. For ease of reference and cross-reference the Journal is divided into articles, denotes by the symbol §. In the Index that symbol, in bold-face type, indicates reference to articles in the Journal; page numbers refer to the Appendix and the Yearbook.

APPENDIX - the documents submitted to the Assembly by presbyteries, committees of the Church, and by other bodies, for the Assembly's consideration. With the exception of Overtures, Communications, and Complaints, the several documents appear in the Appendix in the order in which they were presented to the Assembly. All references to documents in the Appendix are by page number, in both the Journal and the Index.

YEARBOOK - general information about the denomination. References to items in this section are by page number.

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JOURNAL

Thursday Evening, June 4

1. OPENING WORSHIP. The Fifty-ninth General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by the Rev. William E. Warren, Moderator of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly. Mr. Warren constituted the meeting with a worship service, and delivered a sermon on the subject, “A Real Shepherd,” based on II Corinthians 1:23-2:4. [Note: The Assembly convened at 8:01 p.m. (rather than 7:00 p.m. as determined by the Fifty-eighth General Assembly) per the agreement of the Moderator and the Committee on Arrangements.]

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by Mr. Warren, assisted by Ruling Elders Richard A. Barker, Mark T. Bube, Thomas R. Gault, Robert A. Kramm, Howard A. Porter, and David Winslow, Jr.

The offering, which was designated for Worldwide Outreach, amounted to $442.00.

2. RECESS. The Assembly recessed, following the pronouncement of the benediction by Mr. Warren, at 9:25 p.m.

Friday Morning, June 5

3. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:03 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, O come, my soul. Mr. Warren read Psalm 48 and led in prayer.
4. COMMISSIONERS ROLL. The roll of Commissioners, which includes those enrolled at this and all later points in the Assembly, follows [Nos. (x/x) are (number listed/number apportioned)]:

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
Ministers (5/5) - Leonard J. Coppes, Arthur J. Fox, Mark J. Larson, LeRoy E. Miller, Gerald I. Williamson
Ruling Elders (3/3) - Louis C. LaBriola (Providence, Denver), Ronald E. VandenBurg (Carson), Larry A. Woiwode, Litt.D. (Carson)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)
Ministers (6/8) - Douglas A. Felch, Stephen B. Green, George W. Hall, Jr., Stuart R. Jones, Thomas A. Martin, Thomas E. Tyson
Ruling Elders (2/6) - Richard A. Kochendarfer (Lynchburg), Charles A. Van Deventer (Raleigh)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)
Ministers (9/9) - Douglas B. Clawson, Leslie A. Dunn, David W. King, Calvin R. Malcor, Frank J. Marsh, Stephen A. Pribble, William O. Rudolph, Kenneth A. Smith, Peter Stazen, II
Ruling Elders (1/9) - Terry M. Gray, Ph.D. (Grand Rapids)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)
Ruling Elders (3/7) - Terry L. Fogg (Bellmawr), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Whippany), Gordon H. Singer (Stratford)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY)
Ruling Elders (7/7) - Arthur L. Comstock (Schenectady), Kenneth E. Johnson (Bangor), W. Wayne Mortensen (Schenectady), Herbert R. Muether, Ph.D. (Franklin Square), John R. Schumacher (Memorial, Rochester), Andrew F. Thomas (Portland), Joseph Yankura (Franklin Square)

Presbytery of Northern California (NC)
Ministers (3/5) - Carl E. Erickson, Richard C. Miller, William A. Miller
Ruling Elders (2/2) - Donald G. Jamieson (San Jose), George S. MacKenzie (Berkeley)
Presbytery of Northwest (NW)
Ministers (2/4) - Albert G. Edwards, III, Donald M. Poundstone
Ruling Elders (2/3) - Mark T. Bube (Portland), Leonard W. Schmurr (Portland)

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)
Ministers (5/5) - Charles G. Dennison, Michael F. Frangipane, R. Daniel Knox, John W. Wilson, Larry E. Wilson
Ruling Elders (2/4) - James S. Gidley, Ph.D. (Presbytery of Ohio), William H. Kiester (Harrisville)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)
Ruling Elders (4/8) - Luke E. Brown, Jr. (Hatboro), John O. Kinnaird (Oxford), Robert M. Meeker (Glenside), Howard A. Porter (Glenside)

Presbytery of the South (SO)
Ministers (6/6) - Jeffrey K. Boer, Ted F. Gray, Martin A. Novak, Donald M. Parker, Timothy J. Power, Jose Vera
Ruling Elders (1/3) - Robert A. Kramm (Hialeah)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ministers (9/9) - L. Anthony Curto, Donald J. Duff, Rollin P. Keller, George C. Miladin, Robert B. Needham, Alan R. Pontier, Mark A. Schroeder, Robert B. Strimple, Roger Wagner
Ruling Elders (6/6) - Robert M. Coie (Newport Beach), Mark W. Dolan (Chula Vista), Thomas R. Gault (LaMirada), J. Roy Smith (San Diego), Ellery C. Stowell, Ph.D. (Newport Beach), David Winslow, Jr. (Garden Grove)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ministers (5/5) - John R. Hunt, Jr., Glenn D. Jerrell, Neil J. Lodge, Jack J. Peterson, Richard A. Shaw
Ruling Elders (2/2) - David T. Brack (Amarillo), James W. Van Dam, Ph.D. (Austin)

Ex Officio
Minister - William E. Warren (SC)
Ruling Elder - Richard A. Barker (Westfield, NJ)

Grand Totals:  
Commissioners - 120  
Apportioned - 152
5. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.
   a. Committee Representative - F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D., Committee on Christian Education

6. ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT. The Rev. Lawrence Semel reported for the Committee on Arrangements at this and at other points during the Assembly.

7. MODERATOR ELECTED. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. The following were nominated: Messrs. R. M. Coie, Edwards, Phillips, Needham, Poundstone. Mr. Phillips was elected on the second ballot. Mr. Winslow escorted Mr. Phillips to the chair. Mr. Warren welcomed Mr. Phillips to the chair and led in prayer on behalf of the moderatorship of Mr. Phillips.

8. APPORTIONMENT AND ENROLLMENT OF COMMISSIONERS. The apportionment of commissioners to the Fifty-ninth General Assembly, in accordance with Chapter I of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and enrollment are as follows:

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9. SURVEY OF COMMISSIONERS' LENGTH OF SERVICE. During the course of the balloting for Moderator a survey of commissioners and corresponding members present yielded the following information as to their dates of ordination:

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10. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. D. R. Miller reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel.

11. OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND COMPLAINTS. The Stated Clerk presented overtures, communications, and complaints addressed to the Assembly.

See: OVERTURES, pp. 81ff.
COMMUNICATIONS, pp. 99ff.
COMPLAINTS, pp. 117ff.

12. DAILY SCHEDULE. On motion the times for convening, recessing, and reconvening were adopted as follows, and it was determined that the dissolution of the Assembly occur no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, June 12:

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<td>Recess</td>
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<td>Recess (Meals)</td>
<td>12:15 p.m.</td>
<td>5:00 p.m. (Sat. 4:20 p.m.)</td>
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Exceptions:

a. Recess Friday, June 5, after item 14 to permit Advisory Committees to begin work
b. Reconvene Saturday, June 6, 11:55 a.m. or at the call of the Moderator
c. No session Saturday evening.

All sessions of the Assembly open with the singing of a hymn and prayer
A daily devotional service: 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Friday through Thursday.
Leaders: Friday, Gray (S); Saturday, Strimple (SC); Monday., Jerrell (SW);
Tuesday, Coppes (D); Wednesday, Jones (MA); Thursday., Clawson (MW)

13. OVERTURES 5 AND 9, COMMUNICATIONS 4, 5, AND 9 AND PROPOSED DOCKET ITEM 30 (Advisory Committee 7). Mr. Peterson reported for Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Concerning Overtures 5 and 9 and Communications 4, 5 and 9 and proposed docket item 30 the Committee met with Messrs. R. A. Barker, Coppes, LaBriola, S. F. Miller, VandenBerg, Williamson, and Woiwode.

Proposed docket item 30 is as follows:

30. Consideration of the question: “Did the 57th General Assembly err in its action of June 15, 1990, in sustaining the Complaint of Thomas E. Campbell, et al., versus the Session of Second Parish [OPC], Portland, Maine, dated November 10, 1988 (dealing with a woman teaching a Bible study in which men were present), using as its ground that the teaching of the Scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men and further indicating that the policy complained about allows a woman to assume such a role and therefore the complaint should be sustained?”

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Assembly declare proposed docket item 30 out of order and delete it from the docket.

   Ground: When a General Assembly makes a final decision in a judicial case the judicial process is completed. The 57th (1990) General Assembly made a decision on the complaint referred to in proposed docket item 30 which completed the judicial process.

   Advisory Committee 7 notes that its vote on this recommendation was unanimous.

2. That the Assembly declare Overture 5 out of order.

   Ground: When a General Assembly makes a final decision in a judicial case the judicial process is completed. The 58th (1991) General Assembly made a decision on the complaint referred to in Overture 5 which completed the judicial process.

3. That the Stated Clerk be requested to inform the Presbytery of the Dakotas, the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, the Presbytery of New Jersey, the Presbytery of New York and New England and the Presbytery of Philadelphia of these actions in response to Overture 5, Communication 9, Communication 4, Communication 5 and Overture 9, respectively.
Advisory Committee 7 is considering a proposal concerning the erection of a study committee dealing with the matter of the use of women's gifts in the church.

14. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1 through 3 were adopted.

15. STANDING RULES AMENDMENT (Advisory Committee 7). Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Concerning amending Standing Rule X,2.b (see Minutes 58th GA §132 and 204 and pages 134, 284-291).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Standing Rule X,2.b which reads:

   The Committee on Appeals and Complaints shall consist of three members, one member in each class. The Committee shall act in advance of or during a General Assembly to receive appeals and complaints, to advise whether appeals and complaints are in order and properly before the Assembly, to gather, summarize, and/or index the relevant documents and data, and to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals or complaints.

   be amended by adding the following:

   In order to provide continuity in the process at the Assembly, commissioners who are members of this committee shall ordinarily be assigned to serve on the Assembly's Advisory Committee on Appeals and Complaints, but may not vote in that Advisory Committee on recommendations of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

2. and, that Instrument F.4.a which reads:

   Commissioners shall not be assigned to Advisory Committees that are to review reports of standing or special committees on which they serve or of which they are employees.

   be amended by adding the following:

   , except for members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, as provided in the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, X,2.b.
Ground: See the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (page 284-290)

16. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m.

17. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, *I love thy kingdom, Lord.*

18. **STANDING RULES AMENDED.** (Recommendation Action). The recommendation of Advisory Committee 7 (cf. §15) was adopted and Standing Rule X.2.b. and Instrument F.4.a. were amended.

19. **PROTEST 1.** The following protest was entered:

We protest the decision of the 59th General Assembly to revise its Standing Rules X.2.b. because this action violates the Scriptural injunction that all matters in the church must be done properly and in order; it also violates the checks and balances implicit in historical Reformed polity, and the Standing Rules and Instruments of the OPC.

1. Since the Assembly’s Committee on Appeals and Complaints operates (according to its own Standing Rules) under the same restraints as all of the rest of the Assembly’s Standing Committees, this restraint should continue.
   a. A committee whose duty essentially has been to receive and recommend the order of proceedings should not now be given the power of judicial deliberation and review;
   b. Nor should this committee, which has months to form its opinions on appeals and complaints, be permitted to influence the Judicial Advisory Committee’s adjudication of those appeals and complaints, and

2. Since Scripture admonishes us not to place stumbling blocks in a believer’s path, it is not in the best interests of this body to open the way for a repetition of the events of last year’s Assembly, when:
   a. The Committee on Appeals and Complaints, in spite of its mandate only to receive appeals and complaints, to advise whether they are in order and properly before the Assembly, to gather, summarize, and/or index relevant documents, and to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but NOT THE DISPOSITION of the appeals and complaints—essentially a housekeeping mandate—rewrote an appeal.
   b. And when the representatives of the judicatory being appealed wrote to the Committee to protest this revision, their letter was not even answered;
   c. And when they asked if those who brought charges against the appellants should be present at the 58th General Assembly, they were not answered;
   d. And when this committee did not refrain from recommending the disposition of the appeal, and stated in the agenda distributed to commissioners that...
"the trial judicatory failed to adhere to the Book of Discipline, and this failure had a bearing on the structure and outcome of the trial," the committee made a judicial decision against a trial judicatory (see Overture 5 to 59th General Assembly).

The vote of 51 to 55 indicates the divided mind of the Assembly on this motion, and underscores the relevance of this protest by the undersigned:


20. COMMITTEE TO ANSWER PROTEST 1. On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of two to answer the protest. At a later time the Moderator announced the appointment of Messrs. R. A. Barker and Peterson (see §245).

21. OVERTURE 8 (Advisory Committee 7). Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Concerning Overture 8: Placing the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries prior to consideration of the Worldwide Outreach Budget

The Committee met with Mr. R. A. Barker of the Presbytery of New Jersey.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed docket be amended at item 12 so that item 27 (Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries) be placed immediately prior to item 22 (Report of the Committee on Christian Education), and that the docket be renumbered accordingly.

Grounds:

(1) There is no standing rule or instrument which dictates the order of the reports of our standing committees.
(2) The proposed docket has been included as part of the agenda for years. It appears to be possible to alter the docket with the understanding that amendments might come at item 12 of the proposed docket, 59th General Assembly.
(3) Such an amendment at docket item 12 may set a precedent for the order in subsequent assemblies.
(4) This will allow the Assembly to have the budget of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries before voting on the budget for Worldwide Outreach.

22. OVERTURE 8 ACTION. On motion the recommendation of Advisory Committee 7 concerning Overture 8 was recommitted to the Committee (see §136 below).
23. **DOCKET ADOPTED.** The docket up to this point was as follows:

1. Assembly convene 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 1992
2. Worship service conducted by the Rev. William E. Warren, Moderator of the 58th General Assembly
3. Assembly recess at conclusion of worship service, to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Friday, June 5
4. Roll call
5. Seating of corresponding members
6. Report of the Committee on Arrangements
7. Election of Moderator
8. Report of the Standing Committee on Date, Place, and Travel
9. Presentation of overtures, communications, complaints, and appeals
10. Set times for convening, recessing, and reconvening
11. Preliminary report of Advisory Committee 7 in re (a) pending and proposed amendments to Standing Rule X.2.b., (b) Overtures 5 and 9, Communications 4 & 5, and (c) Overture 8; which matters affect items 12., 13., & 14. below
12. Adoption of docket

On amended motion the remainder of the docket presented by the Clerk (except for proposed item 30, cf. §13) was adopted as follows, including a special order of the day on Saturday, June 6, immediately upon the reconvening of the Assembly following the lunch recess or the call of the Moderator described in §12,b, to permit Dr. Young J. Son to present his missionary report to the Assembly at that time.

13. Assignment of items of business to Advisory Committees
14. Election of Advisory and Temporary Committees
   a. Advisory Committees in accordance with Standing Rule Chapter IX, Sec. 5.b.
   b. Temporary Committee on Date, Place, and Travel, three members
   c. Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, 12 members
   d. Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, eight members (none to be a member of any Standing Committee)
15. Report of Stated Clerk
16. Assumption of office by new Stated Clerk, the Rev. Donald J. Duff
17. Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly
18. Appointment of Assistant Clerk
20. Election of Statistician
21. Greetings and addresses by Fraternal Delegates from other bodies to be at times agreeable to them and the Moderator
22. Report of the Committee on Christian Education
23. Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
24. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
25. Action on Revisions to the Standing Rules proposed by the previous Assembly and not already acted upon (cf. item 11. above), 8:00 a.m. Tuesday
26. Report of the Committee on Coordination
27. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
29. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
30. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
31. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:00 a.m., Wednesday
32. Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Worship
33. Report of the Historian
34. Report of the Committee for the Historian
35. Report of the Chaplains Commission
36. Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage
37. Report of the Committee to Study the Method of Admission to the Lord's Supper
38. Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church
39. Temporary Committees other than Presbyterial Records, Standing Committee Records, and those already completed in connection with earlier reports
40. Report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, 8:00 a.m. Thursday
41. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, following Item 41
42. Reports of the Temporary Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as appropriate during the Assembly
43. Set Budgets for General Assembly purposes
44. Resolution of thanks
45. Unfinished Advisory Committee Business
46. Miscellaneous business
47. Reading and approval of Minutes (Note: Minutes are presented for approval following the lunch recess beginning on Monday, June 8)
48. Dissolution of the Assembly (projected terminus: Noon, Friday, June 12)

DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Watson presented a further report for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel.

1. On motion the deadline for submission of valid travel vouchers was set for the beginning of the first session on Monday, June 6.
2. On motion and for purposes of full travel compensation, attendance was required until 12:00 noon, Friday, June 12, or the dissolution of the Assembly, whichever comes first.
3. On motion the following were excused from the sessions of Friday evening, June 5, without loss of travel compensation:
   a. Mr. Dennison in order to attend his son’s graduation,
   b. Mr. J. W. Wilson in order to attend graduation at a school where he serves as part-time faculty

25. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES ERECTED. On motion it was determined that the following Temporary Committees be erected, that reports, overtures, communications, and complaints be referred to them as indicated, and that the commissioners named below be appointed to these committees, the first-named being conveners.

   Advisory Committee 1
   Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
   Messrs. Gerber (NY), Prible (MW), Davis (NJ), Johnson (NY), Brown (PH), Vera (SO), Gault (SC)

   Advisory Committee 2
   Report of the Committee on Christian Education
   Messrs. Georgian (Ph), LaBriola (DK), Martin (MA), K. A. Smith (MW), Falk (NY), Jamieson (NC), J. W. Wilson (OH), Cottenden (PH), J. R. Smith (SC)

   Advisory Committee 3
   Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
   Messrs. Singer (NJ), L. E. Miller (DK), Van Deventer (MA), Marsh (MW), Thomas (NY), Van Meerbeke (NY), Kiester (OH), Dolan (SC), Miladin (SC)

   Advisory Committee 4
   Report of the Committee on Coordination
   Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage
   General Assembly Budget
   Messrs. Curto (SC), VandenBurg (DK), King (MW), Taws (NJ), Mortensen (NY), MacKenzie (NC), Frangipane (OH), Laverty (PH), Brack (SW)

   Advisory Committee 5
   Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
   Report of the Committee on Pensions
   Report of the Chaplains Commission
   Overture 7
   Messrs. D. G. Barker (NY), Green (MA), Rudolph (MW), Fogg (NJ), Yankura (NY), Dennison (OH), Gross (PH), Power (SO), Stowell (SC)
Advisory Committee 6
Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Report of the Historian
Report of the Committee for the Historian
Overture 10
Messrs. Boer (SO), Woiwode (DK), T. M. Gray (MW), Malkus (NJ), Patterson (NY), Schumacher (NY), Poundstone (NW), Knox (OH), S. F. Miller (PH), Stonehouse (PH), R. M. Coie (SC)

Advisory Committee 7
All pending amendments to the Standing Rules
Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church
Overtures 5, 8, 9
Communications 1, 4, 5, 9
Messrs. Peterson (SW), Felch (MA), Dunn (MW), Campbell (NJ), Hilbelink (NY), Knudsen (PH), Schroeder (SC), Winslow (SC)

Advisory Committee 8
Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship
Report of the Committee to Study the Method of Admission to the Lord's Supper
Communications 3, 7
Messrs. Warren (EX), Williamson (DK), Kochendarfer (MA), Currie (NJ), Muether (NY), W. A. Miller (NC), Foh (PH), Kramm (SO), Needham (SC), Hunt (SW)

Advisory Committee 9
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the Statistician
Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly
Overtures 1, 2, 3, 4, 11
Messrs. Eckardt (NY), Fox (DK), Nelson (NJ), Erickson (NC), Meeker (PH), Strimple (SC), Shaw (SW)

Advisory Committee 10
Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
Complaints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Overture 6
Messrs. Hoogerhyde (NJ), Tyson (MA), Malcor (MW), Strange (NJ), Edwards (NW), Gidley (OH), Kinnaird (PH), Kuschke (PH), Parker (SO), Van Dam (SW)

Committee on Date, Place, and Travel
Messrs. D. R. Miller (NY), Watson (NJ), Porter (PH)
Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records
Total- 12
Messrs. Clawson (MW), Larson (DK), Jones (MA), Sutton (NJ), Comstock (NY), R. C. Miller (NC), Schmurr (NW), L. E. Wilson (OH), Mininig (PH), T. F. Gray (SO), Keller (SC), Lodge (SW)

Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records
Total- 8
Messrs. Hall (MA), Stazen (MW), Wingard (NY), Kershner (PH), B. A. Coie (PH), Novak (SO), Pontier (SC), Wagner (SC)

Total Commissioners 120
Total Commissioners on Advisory Committees 112
Not available for Advisory Committees: 8
Messrs. R. A. Barker (EX), Bube (NW), Coppes (DK), R. W. Graham (NJ), Duff (SC), Galbraith (PH), Jerrell (SW), Phillips (NY)

26. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 11:14 a.m. following prayer led by Mr. R. C. Miller.

27. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 11:55 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, Jesus calls us o'er the tumult.

28. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. T. F. Gray spoke on the topic, "Discouragement," based on I Kings 19:1-5.

29. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:15 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Gray.

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30. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 11:56 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, Under the care of my God, the Almighty. Dr. Strimple led in prayer.

31. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Dr. Strimple spoke on the topic, "Never Alone," based on Psalm 139.

32. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:18 p.m. following prayer led by Dr. Strimple.
Saturday Afternoon, June 6

33. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim*. Mr. K. A. Smith led in prayer.

34. **DR. SON'S ADDRESS.** The order of the day having arrived, Dr. Young Son, missionary to Korea, addressed the Assembly.

35. **STANDING RULE SUSPENDED.** On motion Standing Rule Chapter V, Section 8, was suspended and all reports of Standing and Special Committees presently in the possession of the Assembly but not yet presented to it were ordered included in the minutes without being read to the Assembly.

36. **STATED CLERK'S REPORT.** Mr. Barker presented his report as Stated Clerk (see p. 134).

37. **FORM OF GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT ADOPTED.** The Moderator announced, in accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter XXXII, Section 2, that the amendment proposed by the 58th General Assembly to the Form of Government, Chapter XXXII, Section 2 (cf. *Minutes*, 58th G.A., §127) was adopted and in effect.

38. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk).** Mr. Eckardt reported for Advisory Committee 9.

With regard to reports assigned to it, the committee met with Messrs. R. A. Barker, L. E. Brown and S. F. Miller.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Advisory Committee 9 concurs with all five recommendations of the Stated Clerk which are as follows:

1. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA that the following be added to Standing Rules (SR) III.B.(new)5.e.(1)(a): The Clerk may propose measures for the early resolution of questions affecting the docket or Advisory Committee assignments raised by conflicting matters of business being brought to the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA that the following be added to SR IV.6.: “; it shall include orders of the day to insure that all overtures and pending amendments to the standing rules are taken up before the projected terminus of the Assembly.”

3. That the Eagle computer that belongs to the Assembly be given to the Rev. S. L. Phillips.
4. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA the following amendments to the Standing Rules:

   III.B.(prospective)4.f.: Change “General Assembly purposes” to “the General Assembly Operation Fund”
   III.B.(prospective)5.j.: Change “Assembly’s funds” to “Operation Fund”
   III.B.(prospective)5.j.(1): Change “operating expenses of the General Assembly to “General Assembly Operation Fund”
   V.11.: Change “Budget” to “Operation”
   X.4.: Change “Budget” to “Operation” (two places)
   X.4.a.: Change “Budget” to “Operation”
   X.5.b.(1): Change “General Assembly purposes” to “the General Assembly Operation Fund”

5. That the GA accept the invitation of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, to send an observer to the meetings of its Board of Trustees, and designate the General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, or, in the event of his unavailability someone designated by that Committee, to serve as observer; and that the observer be requested to include such report to the GA as he cares to make, in the Report of the Committee on Christian Education.

Advisory Committee 9 would add a sixth recommendation, as follows:

6. That the General Assembly approve the arrangement whereby Mr. R. A. Barker’s honorarium for 1992 is being paid to him spread over the calendar year, and whereby he has agreed to serve as a consultant to Mr. Duff for the balance of 1992.

   Grounds:
   (1) The arrangement was requested by Mr. Barker.
   (2) The arrangement involves no additional cost to the General Assembly.
   (3) The arrangement has the consent of the Trustees, the Controller and Mr. Duff.

39. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1 through 5 of the Stated Clerk were adopted. Recommendation 6 of Advisory Committee 9 was adopted.

40. RESOLUTION OF THANKS - ASSISTANT CLERK. An expression of thanks for the labors of Mr. Phillips as Assistant Clerk for nineteen years (see p. 139) was read as follows:
This Clerk would be remiss if he did not acknowledge his personal debt, going back to 1972, to Stephen L. Phillips for his unfailing cheerfulness, awesome dedication, gentle prodding to adopt modern methods, and constant looking for and doing things to make the Clerk look better. He is a splendid servant of God and the OPC.

On motion the Assembly gave hearty endorsement to this expression as a resolution of thanks.

41. NEW STATED CLERK. The Rev. Donald J. Duff, who had been elected by the 58th General Assembly to a three year term as Stated Clerk to be effective at this time, assumed his office.

42. ASSISTANT CLERK APPOINTED. The Stated Clerk announced that, in accordance with Standing Rule, Chapter III, Section B.2.a., he had asked Mr. Jerrell to serve as Assistant Clerk.

43. RESOLUTION OF THANKS - STATED CLERK. Mr. S. F. Miller offered the followed resolution from the Trustees of the General Assembly:

Whereas Ruling Elder Richard A. Barker has faithfully and for a lengthy period served as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.
Whereas the nature of that office is fitful and arduous,
Whereas the assembly has now filled the office of Stated Clerk on a full time basis,
Whereas Mr. Barker laboured under the burden of filling the office as it grew, on a part time basis,
We, therefore, express our gratitude to God for Mr. Richard A. Barker and extend to Mr. Barker our gratitude for his sacrificial labour.
To God be the glory for the gifts he gives his church!
Mr. Barker began his service in the office of Stated Clerk in 1971 at the 38th General Assembly. He continued as Stated Clerk through 1983. He resumed the office in 1989 and served until the present, the 59th GA. This means that through the last 20 years Mr. Barker served 16 General Assemblies, three times as many assemblies as the second longest period of service rendered by a clerk. We look forward to the service that Mr. Barker may now render the church, since he is freed to fully serve in the debate and work of the assembly.

44. RESOLUTION ACTION. The resolution of the Trustees was adopted.

45. TRUSTEES REPORT. Mr. S. F. Miller reported for the Trustees of the General Assembly (see p. 141).
46. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees). Advisory Committee 9 was silent regarding the Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

47. TRUSTEES ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations for the Trustees of the General Assembly, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: Minister: Martin L. Dawson, Sr.; Ruling Elder: Howard A. Porter. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. Dawson and Porter elected.

48. STATISTICIAN'S REPORT. Mr. Brown presented his report as Statistician (see p. 143).

49. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Statistician). Advisory Committee 9 was silent regarding the Report of the Statistician.

50. STATISTICIAN ELECTED. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Statistician. Mr. Brown was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Brown elected.

Mr. Felch led in prayer for the Clerks, Trustees, and Statistician.

51. PROTEST 2. The following protest was entered:

We, the undersigned, respectfully protest the action of the 59th General Assembly whereby it declared Overture 5 out of order.

Grounds:
(1) The Presbytery of the Dakotas was following the advice of one of the advisors from the 58th General Assembly when it wrote the overture both as to its general approach and form and as to the wording of the introduction. He advised us that former General Assemblies had allowed such an overture to be considered.

(2) The grounds of this declaration were that "when a General Assembly makes a final decision in a judicial case the judicial process is completed." This argument does not support the declaration in question because the overture does not intend to vacate or reconsider the decision of the 58th General Assembly but to have certain actions or procedures of that General Assembly declared to be in error.

(3) While it is true that the introduction to the overture does not clearly state the intent of the Presbytery of the Dakotas, nevertheless that intent is clear from the argumentation and amends sought in the overture. Furthermore, it is our practice, and the requirement of Scripture, that we are not to dismiss a matter merely because of its poor or erroneous form but that we must deal with its substance.

52. COMMITTEE TO ANSWER PROTEST 2. On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of two to answer Protest 2. At a later time the Moderator appointed Messrs. Felch and Winslow (see §246).

53. FRATERNAL DELEGATE INTRODUCTION. Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced Dr. Keith V. Warren, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Churches of Australia. On motion Dr. Warren was seated and enrolled as a corresponding member.

54. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Poundstone, the President of the Committee on Christian Education, presented its report (see p. 154). The following recommendation was included:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 59th General Assembly authorize the formal presentation of the OPC History Project, for a period of up to one hour, to be postponed to the 60th General Assembly, and that time be set aside in the docket of that Assembly for this purpose.

55. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Christian Education). Mr. Georgian reported for Advisory Committee 2 as follows:
Advisory Committee 2 met representatives of the Committee on Christian Education (CCE) (Messrs. Elder, Tyson, Galbraith), and with Mr. Thomas Patete, representing Great Commissions Publications (GCP), concerning the report of CCE.

1. The committee commends the CCE for its work in furthering the ministry of Christian education in the OPC. We give thanks to our God that the production costs for New Horizons fell significantly below the budgeted amount. We welcome the appearance of the publication Ordained Servant as a useful tool for assisting the officers of the church in the fulfillment of their calling. We also note with thanksgiving that “for the first time in GCP history, last year’s income included no contributions.”

2. Nevertheless, the church should be aware that budgeting constraints led GCP to reduce staff and forced CCE to draw on reserve funds. Therefore, the continuing precarious financial condition of CCE and GCP should be made a matter for prayer within the churches.

3. With reference to the CCE recommendation, this committee is silent.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the General Assembly request the CCE to publish eleven issues of New Horizons in 1993, if this can be done within the constraints of the budget.
56. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. The recommendation of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 2 was adopted.

57. MINISTERIAL TRAINING ELECTION. The Assembly was notified by Mr. Poundstone that Messrs. David W. Kiester and Robert J. Ream had resigned from the Committee. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: Minister: Miladin; Ruling Elders: Gidley, Winslow. The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Gidley and Winslow.

58. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 2:50 p.m.

59. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 3:10 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, Who trusts in God, a strong abode.

60. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTION (General Membership). The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education for the Class of 1995 and two to the Class of 1994. The following were nominated: Ministers: Malcor, Miladin, L. E. Wilson, Peterson, Richard M. Lewis; Ruling Elder: Woiwode. The Moderator declared Mr. Woiwode elected to the Class of 1994. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Malcor, Miladin, and Wilson to the Class of 1995 and Mr. Peterson to the Class of 1994.

61. HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Hilbelink, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented its report (see p. 167).

62. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 (Home Missions). Advisory Committee 3 was silent regarding the Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

63. HOME MISSIONS ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: Ministers: Van Meerbeke, Donald F. Stanton, Mark R. Brown, Gerald S. Taylor, Salvador M. Solis, D. M. Parker; Ruling Elders: R. A. Barker, Schmurr, Kramm. The Moderator announced the election of Mr. R. A. Barker to Class of 1994 and Messrs. Schmurr and Kramm to the Class of 1995. The Moderator later announced the elections of Messrs. M. R. Brown, Taylor, and Solis to the Class of 1995.

Mr. Van Meerbeke led in prayer for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.
64. FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Cottenden, Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented its report (see p. 180). Mr. Bube, General Secretary of the Committee, addressed the Assembly.

65. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1 (Foreign Missions). Mr. Brown presented the report of Advisory Committee 1 as follows:

The Committee met with General Secretary Bube, Administrative Assistant Linda R. Posthuma, Committee on Foreign Missions member Cottenden, missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Young J. Son, and Controller David E. Haney. The Committee also met with Messrs. Charles Wingard and John Van Meerbeke.

The Committee reviewed with Mr. Bube various aspects of his first year as General Secretary, the work on each mission field, opportunities for new mission fields, and the financial report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Since becoming General Secretary in July 1991, Mr. Bube has traveled extensively, visiting each of our mission fields except Kenya, and numerous other countries to investigate opportunities for new fields, and otherwise promoting the interests of OP foreign missions. At home he has ably carried out his administrative duties with and for the Committee on Foreign Missions and has visited many OP congregations on behalf of foreign missions. Miss Posthuma has performed invaluable service as Administrative Assistant, particularly during Mr. Bube’s travel abroad.

Advisory Committee 1 is pleased that the Committee on Foreign Missions has responded to last year’s request that it provide a more comprehensive financial report in its annual report to the General Assembly giving information on funds received for direct missionary support and special projects in addition to the General Fund budget. The report found in Appendix 1 is comprehensive, yet clear and concise, and outlines the entire foreign missions’ program.

Advisory Committee 1 is silent on the remainder of the report, and there are no recommendations in the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

66. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 4:22 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Singer.

Monday Morning, June 8

67. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:01 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, When morning gilds the skies. The Moderator read Proverbs 18:13 and Mr. Martin led in prayer.

68. FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions, Class of 1995. The
following were nominated: *Ministers*: Duff, John W. Mahaffy, Boer; *Ruling Elders*: Gary W. Davenport (Albuquerque), John D. Williams (Menomonee Falls), Levon Melkonian (South San Francisco). The Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Duff, Mahaffy, and Boer. The Moderator later announced the election of Messrs. Davenport and Williams.

Mr. Brown led in prayer for the Committee on Foreign Missions.

69. **DOCKET AMENDED.** Mr. Peterson reported for Advisory Committee 7. On motion the docket was amended so that docket item “39. Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church” was made the order of the day on Wednesday, June 10, at 10:20 a.m.

70. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 EXCUSED.** Mr. Parker reported for Advisory Committee 10. On motion the members of Advisory Committee 10 were permitted to meet as necessary while the Assembly is in session, without the loss of travel compensation, in order to complete their work.

71. **DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL.** Mr. Watson reported further for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel.

1. On motion the following were excused as indicated without loss of travel compensation:
   a. Messrs. Schroeder, Miladin, Novak, Dolan, Needham, Brack, Hilbelink, Malcor, R. M. Coie, Curto, Stowell, R. C. Miller, Erickson, W. A. Miller, MacKenzie at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 12, to make scheduled flights home
   b. Mr. Pribble from the morning session on Friday, June 12, to return home for an essential doctor’s appointment
   c. Mr. Graham at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 11, to fulfill responsibilities made before he was designated a commissioner rather than a corresponding member
2. On motion Mr. Brack was excused from sessions beginning noon Saturday, June 6 through 1:15 p.m., Monday, June 8, in order to make a personal visit to the Philadelphia area and it was determined that he receive not more than half the amount he would normally have been compensated.

72. **COORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT.** Mr. S. F. Miller, member of the Committee on Coordination presented its report, (see p. 201). The following recommendations were included:

   **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 1993:
Journal

Christian Education $145,000 12.7%
Foreign Missions 539,000 47.3%
Home Missions 456,000 40.0%
Sub-total 1,140,000 100.0%

New Horizons 140,000
Coordination 120,000

Total 1993 Worldwide Outreach $1,400,000

2. That Instrument E be amended by deleting Sections 4.i.3 and 4.i.4, effective January 1, 1994, and that section 4.i.5 be renumbered 4.i.3.
3. That Instrument E be amended by deleting sections 4.o and 4.p, effective January 1, 1994, and that section 4.q be renumbered 4.o.

73. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4 (Coordination). Mr. King reported for Advisory Committee 4 as follows:

Advisory Committee 4 met with Messrs. S. F. Miller, Graham, Haney, Porter, and Bube.

1. The Advisory Committee is silent on Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Coordination (COC).

2. Re: COC Recommendations 2 and 3 (Funding Caps).
   a. The Advisory Committee points out to the Assembly that COC Recommendations 2 and 3 should not be separated. They must be voted up (removal of funding caps) or down (retaining funding caps) together. The Advisory Committee, therefore, makes the procedural motion that Recommendations 2 and 3 be voted on together.
   b. The Advisory Committee concurs with COC Recommendations 2 and 3. Should Recommendations 2 and 3 be sustained, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Assembly direct the COC to evaluate the effect of the change in Instrument E on the funding process and the continued cooperation of the three committees and to report their evaluation to subsequent assemblies.
   c. The Advisory Committee points out to the Assembly that with the removal of the caps COC implementation of Instrument E.3 is vital to the maintenance of a cooperative spirit among the three committees and is likewise vital to the maintenance of the unified budget.

74. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4 MINORITY. Mr. Laverty reported for the Minority of Advisory Committee 4 as follows:

The undersigned dissent from Advisory Committee 4's support of the Committee on Coordination's (COC) Recommendations 2 and 3.
We believe the survival of the unified budget for the major program committees is the issue ultimately at stake. However, we note that all parties to the discussion are committed to the present cooperative coordination of the committees under Worldwide Outreach. The COC advocates of Recommendations 2 and 3 and the program committee representatives who opposed changing Instrument E all expressed commitment to the unified budget under Worldwide Outreach. The question at issue is whether or not the budgetary “caps” that now ensure an equitable funding of the three committees (along with the ancillary provisions of E.4.o. and p.) ought to be removed (Recommendations 2 and 3) or be retained.

The majority of Advisory Committee 4 agrees with the COC that (1) the “caps” are a hindrance to fund-raising and program growth (especially of the FMC) that ought to be removed, and that (2) the unified budget and coordination of ministries can survive the removal of the caps under the remaining provisions of Instrument E. The Minority of Advisory Committee 4 is not confident of the latter nor persuaded of the former. We believe the caps are essential to the continued effectiveness of the unified WorldWide Outreach ministry which the OPC has labored long and hard to develop.

If the “caps” are removed, we fear the following evils:

1. There will be a tendency to rely more and more heavily on designated giving to fund specific ministries and committees. Supporters of Recommendations 2 and 3 who made their case to Advisory Committee 4 expressly argued on the basis of the alleged availability of and desire to get at untapped potential designated giving. “It’s out there, but we can’t get at it because of the ‘caps’.” If that’s the reason for removing the “caps,” then it follows that is where the committees will look to increase funding for their ministries. In itself this is subversive of the unified approach.

2. Increased reliance on designated giving will undermine the present cooperative endeavor of the three program committees, helped by the COC, to coordinate their priorities and to present their ministries to the churches as essentially one ministry. Eliminate the “caps” and the possibility exists for a return of competition between the committees for support money, notwithstanding efforts by the COC to keep them cooperating.

3. The Committee on Christian Education will most likely be severely hit by the proposed changes in Instrument E. Under the unified budget and the coordinating work of the COC, with the “caps” insuring its share of the funding, the CCE has been able to serve our churches with an expanding program of diverse ministries. But in a scramble to compete for designated support, the CCE ministries are at a decided PR disadvantage with the more “glamorous” missions committees. We envision the General Secretary of the CCE having to devote large portions of his time to drumming up support, with a corresponding reduction of time for educational ministries and New Horizons.

(Signers) David W. King, William Laverty, George S. MacKenzie

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75. **RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS.** Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Coordination was adopted. Recommendations 2 and 3 were moved. On motion it was determined to consider Recommendations 2 and 3 together. The motion to adopt Recommendations 2 and 3 was lost. On motion it was determined to reconsider the motion to adopt Recommendations 2 and 3.

76. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m.

77. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, *How blest is he whose trespass.*

78. **FOREIGN MISSIONS** (Missionaries Introduced) Mr. Cottenden introduced missionaries the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hard and the Rev. and Mrs. George Y. Uomoto.

79. **RESUMED CONSIDERATION.** The Assembly resumed consideration of the pending question (cf. §75). The motion to adopt Recommendations 2 and 3 was lost a second time.

80. **COORDINATION COMMITTEE ELECTION.** The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Coordination, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: *Minister:* Roger L. Gibbons; *Ruling Elder:* Russell W. Copeland Jr. The Moderator declared Messrs. Gibbons and Copeland elected. Mr. King led in prayer for the Committee on Coordination.

81. **DIACONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT.** Mr. King, President of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, presented their report (see p. 220). The following recommendations were included:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. We recommend that the General Assembly request the congregations to give at least half of their contributions by the end of May.

2. We recommend that the General Assembly remind the presbyteries not to approve a call containing “free from worldly care” if they consider the call under consideration to be inadequate to provide for the minister’s livelihood.

3. We recommend that the General Assembly approve a 1993 budget of $163,800 for the General Fund and $91,000 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers, Widows, and Orphans Fund, for a total budget of $254,800.

4. We recommend that for the year 1993 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this Committee at the suggested per
capita rate of $19.00 per communicant member for the General Fund and $7.00 for
the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

82. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal Ministries). Advisory Committee 5
was silent concerning the recommendations of the Committee on Diaconal
Ministries.

83. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1 through 4 of the
Committee on Diaconal Ministries were adopted.

84. DIACONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE ELECTION: The floor was
declared open for nomination to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries,
Classes of 1995 and 1993. The following were nominated: Ministers: Larson, Nelson,
Duff; Ruling Elders: Joe M. Moody, Jr., M.D. (San Antonio), Porter. The Moderator
declared Dr. Moody elected to the Class of 1995 and Mr. Porter to the Class of 1993.
At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Mr. Duff.
Mr. D. G. Barker led in prayer for the work of the Committee.

85. DEVOTIONAL: The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang
the hymn, God moves in a mysterious way. Mr. Jerrell read Isaiah 62 and
Revelation 21 and led in prayer.

86. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:15 p.m. following the singing of the
hymn, Glorious things of thee are spoken.

Monday Afternoon, June 8

87. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:26 p.m. with the singing of
hymn, Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Mr. Johnson led in prayer.

88. DOCKET AMENDED. On motion the docket was amended so that when
the Assembly recesses this afternoon at 5:00 p.m., it reconvene Tuesday, 8:00
a.m., so that Advisory Committee 10 may meet this evening.

89. PENSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Hoogerhyde, President of the
Committee on Pensions, presented its report (see p. 229). The following
recommendation was included:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the 59th General Assembly request a
contribution of $7.00 per communicant member from the churches in 1993 to
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partially offset the heavy drain on hospitalization funds that has been incurred over the past several years.

90. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Pensions). Advisory Committee 5 was silent concerning the report of the Committee on Pensions.

91. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. The recommendation of the Committee on Pensions was adopted.

92. OVERTURE 7 (Advisory Committee 5). Mr. D. G. Barker reported for Advisory Committee 5 regarding Overture 7 (see page 89). On motion the Assembly referred Overture 7 to the Committee on Pensions.

93. PENSIONS ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Pensions, Classes of 1995 and 1993. The following were nominated: Ministers: Watson, Warren; Ruling Elders: David A. Guild (Oklahoma City), Singer, Meeker; Other: Randall E. Daly (Billings). The Moderator later announced the election Messrs. Singer, Watson and Warren to the Class of 1995, and Mr. Meeker to the Class of 1993.

Mr. D.G. Barker led in prayer for the Committee on Pensions.

94. FRATERNAL DELEGATES INTRODUCED. Mr. Galbraith introduced the Rev. Jochem Vugteveen, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, and the Rev. William S. Barker Ph.D., fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. On motion Messrs. Vugteveen and Barker were seated as corresponding members of the Assembly.

95. ECUMENICITY COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, presented the report of the Committee (see p. 247). The following recommendations were included:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following budget be approved for the year 1993:

   Meetings and general expenses  $12,000
   Fraternal Delegates (from and to other churches)  2,500
   Theological Training Assistance Fund  3,000
   ICRC/Westminster Assembly 350th*
      delegate expense  3,000
   Free Church of Scotland 150th anniversary*  1,200
   Total  $21,700
*The two anniversary celebrations are judged by the Committee to be of such importance that they warrant our participation. It should also be remembered that the Free Church sent a delegate from Scotland to our 50th anniversary celebration. It is hoped that the two persons who serve as delegates to the ICRC meeting may also be able to attend the Westminster Assembly celebration. The Free Church celebration will be at a different time.

2. That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church cordially invite the churches listed below to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with us, with the following conditions:

   a. The implementation of the relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship where possible and desirable would be by:
      (1) Exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies
      (2) Occasional pulpit fellowship (by local option)
      (3) Intercommunion (regulated by each session/consistory)
      (4) Joint actions in areas of common responsibility
      (5) Communication on issues of joint concern
      (6) The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian truth and unity
      (7) Exchange of minutes/yearbooks

   b. The Committee is well aware that frequent exchange of fraternal delegates with churches in other countries could be costly. However, men from these churches are occasionally in the United States and representatives of some of these churches have addressed our Assemblies at times in the past; on the part of our own church we have missionaries in countries where two of the churches are, while others who could serve as fraternal delegates travel occasionally to many parts of the world. Also it is the understanding of the Committee, as indicated above, that such exchanges would be only as “possible and desirable.”

   c. Likely the main contact will be through correspondence and the exchange of minutes.

   Grounds:
   (1) We acknowledge the scriptural mandate of Ephesians 4 to have ecclesiastical fellowship where it is consistent with scriptural unity and truth as a visible demonstration, to both the church and the world, of the unity of Christ’s church.
   (2) As defined by the 45th (1978) General Assembly, Ecclesiastical Fellowship is a relationship in which the churches involved are Reformed in their confessional standards, church order and church life though there may be such differences between them that union is not possible at this time and there might be considerable need for “mutual concern and admonition.”
The churches are:

A. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
   Grounds:
   (1) Their confessional standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.
   (2) Their church life has been seen by our Church in personal contact for many years. For 45 years we have maintained close ties with this Church through our missionaries who have worked with them.
   (3) They are members of the ICRC to which we are applying for membership.
   (4) The Missionary Training Institute, directed by our own Dr. Young J. Son, will occupy space in the Kosin administrative office building.

B. The Reformed Church in Japan
   Grounds:
   (1) Their confessional standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.
   (2) Their exemplary church life is in accordance with those standards and has been observed by our church in personal contact since their founding immediately after World War II.
   (3) We have maintained close ties with this Church through our missionaries who have worked closely and harmoniously with them.

C. The Reformed Church in the United States
   Grounds:
   (1) Their confessional standard is the Heidelberg Catechism.
   (2) Their origins are very similar to ours in that they, too, had to separate from a parent body in order to maintain Reformed integrity.
   (3) Many of our churches, especially in the area of our Presbytery of the Dakotas, have had close and fruitful fellowship with their people during most of the life of our Church.
   (4) Their Synod has expressed its desire to work more closely together with us.
   (5) They, like us, are applying for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC).

D. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand
   Grounds:
   (1) Their confessional standards are the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Confession of Faith.
   (2) They seek to maintain a vigorous faithfulness to their standards in their church life.
   (3) No church stood closer with us in our struggles for Reformed integrity in the RES/REC than they, and they made their firm stand for the Reformed faith clear when they withdrew from that body.
(4) They are anxious to maintain close contact with us in the absence of even the limited contact we had with them in the RES/REC.

3. That the Assembly urge the Presbyterian Church in America to apply for membership in the ICRC and that the Assembly express to the PCA regret that the PCA is proceeding to initiate another worldwide presbyterian and Reformed fellowship (cf. II.D.1.g, p. 255).

   Grounds:
   (1) In view of the existence of the ICRC, such a fellowship will not advance the cause of unity within the worldwide community of presbyterian and Reformed churches.
   (2) The proposed fellowship cannot be said to be a fellowship of presbyterian and Reformed churches because it would not plan to enforce standards of Reformed faith and practice.

4. That the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries that the Form of Government (FG), Chapter XVI, Section 7, be revised to read as follows:

   A congregation may withdraw from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church only according to the following procedure:
   a. Before calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of discussing or taking any action contemplating withdrawal from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the session shall inform the presbytery, at a stated meeting, of its intention to call such a meeting, and shall provide grounds for its intention. The presbytery, through representatives appointed for the purpose, shall seek, within a period not to exceed three weeks, in writing and in person, to dissuade the session from its intention. If the session is not dissuaded, it may issue a written call for the first meeting of the congregation. The call shall contain the session's recommendation, with its written grounds, together with the presbytery's written argument.
   b. If the vote of the congregation favors withdrawal, the session shall call for a second meeting to be held not less than three weeks, nor more than one year, thereafter. If the congregation, at the second meeting, reaffirms a previous action to withdraw, it shall be the duty of the presbytery to prepare a roll of members who desire to continue as members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to provide for the oversight of these continuing members.
   c. The presbytery shall be given the opportunity, at any congregational meeting at which withdrawal is being considered, to dissuade the congregation from withdrawing.
Grounds:

(1) By putting the withdrawal process under the supervision of the presbytery, these provisions for withdrawal complement the provisions for receiving congregations in FG XXIX,B.

(2) The present FG XVI,7, makes no provision for the involvement of the presbytery in the withdrawal process until the second meeting at which the congregation is to vote on withdrawal. If the presbytery is precluded from any involvement until the second meeting of the congregation, the momentum for withdrawal may by then have become so strong that no argument, no matter how valid, can overcome it.

(3) The presbytery should first have opportunity to dissuade the session before the matter is presented to the congregation. By the presbytery first approaching the session, the unity of the congregation and the integrity of its leadership will be protected. These provisions for withdrawal respect the biblical authority and responsibility of the session to lead the congregation.

(4) The present barriers are insufficient; congregations have been leaving the OPC too readily and too quickly, and without compelling reasons to do so. It is grievous, and dishonoring to Christ, to lose a congregation that has been joined to the Church through faith in Christ, and has participated in the prayers and labors of the Church.

(5) The present barriers are insufficient also in respect to the stewardship of funds; in some cases large amounts have been tied up in loans to congregations that have left us, and although they will still repay those loans the amounts, while tied up, could have been used to help other congregations that will stay in the OPC.

(6) Under FG XXXI,5 a bare majority can vote to leave the OPC and take all of the property and assets of the congregation, leaving nothing for a minority choosing to stay in the OPC. Assuming that this provision continues, it is at least better to provide a more even playing field for the presbytery to respond to a congregation that contemplates leaving.

96. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (Ecumenicity). Mr. Boer reported for Advisory Committee 6 as follows:

The Committee met with Messrs. Duff and Galbraith.

The Committee recommends that Recommendation 4 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be amended by the insertion of the word “normally” before the phrase “at a stated meeting”, the insertion of the phrase “from the presbytery meeting” after the phrase “not to exceed three weeks”, the deletion of the words “discussing or”, and the addition of the words in Ground 3, “for action” after the phrase, “presented to the congregation.”
97. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendation 1 was referred to Advisory Committee 4. Recommendations 2 and 3 were adopted. Recommendation 4 was moved.

98. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m.

99. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 3:36 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *As pants the hart for cooling streams*.

100. MINUTES. The Moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the sessions of Thursday through Saturday, June 4 through 6 (through §66). The Minutes were approved as corrected.

101. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. The Assembly resumed consideration of Recommendation 4 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and the proposed amendments of Advisory Committee 6 (cf. §95 and §96). After a series of amendments Recommendation 4 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was adopted in the following form:

That the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries that the Form of Government, Chapter XVI, Section 7, be revised to read as follows:

A congregation may withdraw from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church only according to the following procedure:

a. Before calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of taking any action contemplating withdrawal from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Session shall inform the presbytery, ordinarily at a stated meeting, of its intention to call such a meeting, and shall provide grounds for its intention. The presbytery, through representatives appointed for the purpose, shall seek, within a period not to exceed three weeks after the presbytery meeting, in writing and in person, to dissuade the session from its intention. If the session is not dissuaded, it may issue a written call for the first meeting of the congregation. The call shall contain the session’s recommendation, with its written grounds, together with the presbytery’s written argument.

b. If the vote of the congregation favors withdrawal, the session shall call for a second meeting to be held not less than three weeks, nor more than one year, thereafter. If the congregation, at the second meeting, reaffirms a previous action to withdraw, it shall be the duty of the presbytery to prepare a roll of members who desire to continue as members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to provide for the oversight of these continuing members.

c. The presbytery shall be given the opportunity, at any congrega-
tional meeting at which withdrawal is being considered, to dissuade the congregation from withdrawing.

**Grounds:**

1. By putting the withdrawal process under the supervision of the presbytery, these provisions for withdrawal complement the provisions for receiving congregations in FG XXIX, B

2. The present FG XVI,7, makes no provision for the involvement of the presbytery in the withdrawal process until the second meeting at which the congregation is to vote on withdrawal. If the presbytery is precluded from any involvement until the second meeting of the congregation, the momentum for withdrawal may by then have become so strong that no argument, no matter how valid, can overcome it.

3. The presbytery should first have opportunity to dissuade the session before the matter is presented to the congregation for action. By the presbytery first approaching the session, the unity of the congregation and the integrity of its leadership will be protected. These provisions for withdrawal respect the biblical authority and responsibility of the session to lead the congregation.

4. The present barriers are insufficient: congregations have been leaving the OPC too readily and too quickly, and without compelling reasons to do so. It is grievous, and dishonoring to Christ, to lose a congregation that has been joined to the Church through faith in Christ, and has participated in the prayers and labors of the Church.

5. The present barriers are insufficient also in respect to the stewardship of funds; in some cases large amounts have been tied up in loans to congregations that have left us, and although they will still repay those loans the amounts, while tied up, could have been used to help other congregations that will stay in the OPC.

6. Under FG XXXI,5 a bare majority can vote to leave the OPC and take all of the property and assets of the congregation, leaving nothing for a minority choosing to stay in the OPC. Assuming that this provision continues, it is at least better to provide a more even playing field for the presbytery to respond to a congregation that contemplates leaving.

102. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 5:03 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Van Deventer.

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103. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, *Lord, as the day begins.* The Moderator read Proverbs 18:2 and Mr. Hunt led in prayer.
104. **STANDING RULES** (Advisory Committee 7) The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Peterson reported for Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Concerning the other pending amendments to the Standing Rules (cf. *Minutes*, 58th GA, §30, §32, §192) the committee is silent.

Those proposed amendments are:

III.B.1.: Delete existing 1. Insert new 1-3 as follows:

1. There shall be a Stated Clerk whose term of office shall be three years.

2. The Board of Trustees of the General Assembly shall be responsible to fill a vacancy occurring in the office of Stated Clerk between Assemblies to serve until the next Assembly at which time his successor shall be nominated by the Trustees to a term of three years.

3. There shall be an Assistant Clerk.


XI.2. Delete “and recommend his remuneration” and insert “in appropriate years”.

XI.3. Change present 3 to 4. and insert new “3. The Trustees of the General Assembly shall review the performance of the Stated Clerk and recommend his remuneration to each Assembly.”

XIV.2.: Change to read “These rules, except this chapter, may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly upon motion duly made; they may be amended by a majority vote of the Assembly, the amendment having been proposed to it by a preceding Assembly.”

105. **STANDING RULES AMENDED.** The Standing Rules were amended as proposed by the 58th GA (cf. §104).

106. **OVERTURE 10 IN RE THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH** (Advisory Committee 6). Mr. Boer reported for Advisory Committee 6 concerning Overture 10 (see p. 97). The Committee recommended that the Assembly refer Overture 10 to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

107. **RECOMMENDATION ACTION.** It was moved to adopt Overture 10. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 6 became the main motion and was adopted.

108. **ECUMENICITY ELECTIONS.** The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Knox, Tyson,

Mr. Boer led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

109. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Watson reported further for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel with the following recommendations which were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Dr. Strimple be excused from the sessions of Thursday evening, June 11 and Friday morning, June 12, due to commitments made prior to his election as a commissioner without loss of travel compensation.

2. That Standing Rules, Chapter XII, Section 1 be suspended and that F. J. Marsh be excused from the morning session, Friday, June 12, in order to attend his parents' 35th wedding anniversary celebration without the loss of travel compensation.

110. DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT. Mr. Cottenden, Chairman of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship, presented its report (see p. 266).

111. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship). Mr. Needham reported for Advisory Committee 8 as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee budget request for $1725 be approved.

2. That the General Assembly urge our presbyteries and churches to communicate their concerns and advice (about the Directory) to the Committee.

112. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. Recommendation 1 was referred to Advisory Committee 4. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

Mr. Needham led in prayer for the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship.

113. HISTORIAN'S REPORT. Mr. Dennison presented his report as the Historian (see p. 273).

114. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN REPORT. Mr. Dennison, Historian, presented the report of the Committee for the Historian (see p. 276)
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Historian's honorarium be increased from $4,500 to $5,000 per year for 1992-93.
2. That the proposed budget of the Committee for the Historian, itemized in section IV in its report, be adopted.
3. That the Committee for the Historian be expanded to four members with the additional member to be elected by the General Assembly for a one year term. The Committee nominates Mr. David K. Thompson.

115. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m.

116. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, As the hart longs for flowing streams.

117. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Dr. Warren, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Churches of Australia, addressed the Assembly.

118. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN REPORT CONTINUED. Mr. Dennison reported further for the Committee for the Historian.

119. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (Historian and Committee for the Historian). Advisory Committee 6 was silent concerning the report of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian.

120. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Committee for the Historian were referred to Advisory Committee 4. Recommendation 3 was adopted and the Committee for the Historian was expanded to four members.

121. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee for the Historian, Class of 1993. The following was nominated: Mr. David K. Thompson (Morgantown). There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Thompson elected.

Mr. Boer led in prayer for the Historian and the Committee for the Historian.

122. CHAPLAINS COMMISSION REPORT. Mr. Needham presented the report of the Chaplains Commission (see p. 280).

123. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR. On motion LCDR Lyman M. Smith was given the privilege of the floor for the Chaplains Commission report.
124. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Chaplains Commission). Mr. D. G. Barker reported for Advisory Committee 5 with the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Assembly request the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel to include in their Chaplains’ information and indoctrination package the following action of the 59th General Assembly of the OPC which applies exclusively to OPC Chaplains:

   Since the Orthodox Presbyterian Church holds that the office of teaching elder, or minister, is given only to biblically qualified men, it is impermissible for any chaplain endorsed by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to share in the conduct of any service of public worship where those not meeting biblical qualifications take part in the leading of that worship service. This principle does not prohibit a chaplain endorsed by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church from working with chaplains from other denominations in biblically appropriate areas of cooperative ministry. (Cf. Minutes 58th GA, p. 54 §159.)

2. That the Assembly encourage the presbyteries to take an active pastoral oversight of chaplains that are on their rolls by doing the following:
   a. send an annual letter to the PRJCCMP inquiring into the performance of the chaplains on the rolls of that presbytery and offering any assistance that the presbytery might provide; and
   b. instruct the chaplains of their presbytery’s expectations regarding their attendance and participation in its regularly stated meetings using the time allotted to them by their particular branch of service for such purposes.

125. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. Recommendations 1 and 2 of Advisory Committee 5 were adopted.

126. INSTRUMENTS PROPOSAL. On motion the Chaplains Commission was requested to propose to the 60th General Assembly the text of an Instrument to be adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to the suggestion contained in the portion of the Commission’s report titled, “Other Items of Note.”

127. CHAPLAINS COMMISSION ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Chaplains Commission, Class of 1995. Mr. Needham was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Needham elected.

Mr. Rudolph led in prayer for the work of the Chaplains Commission.
128. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Dr. Coppes read Isaiah 41:21-24, led in prayer, and spoke on the topic, "Thoughts on the Omniscience of God," and led in the singing of the hymn, Before Jehovah's awesome throne.

129. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:20 p.m. following prayer led by Dr. Coppes.

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130. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, Praise the Savior, ye who know him! Mr. Schroeder led in prayer.

131. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. By general consent Mr. David E. Haney, Controller of the Committee on Coordination, was granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the report of the Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage.

132. INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMPUTER USAGE. Mr. Haney presented the report of for the Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage as follows:

The Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage (formerly Committee on a Denominational Computer Usage) met twice since the meeting of the 58th General Assembly. Although many areas as they relate to the church and the computer age as outlined in this committee's mandate were discussed, this committee comes to the 59th General Assembly with only one Recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas the rate of advance in computer technology and the growing popular knowledge of computer equipment have eclipsed the Committee's original mandate given this Committee, therefore your Committee recommends that the mandate given to the Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage be transferred to the office of the Stated Clerk and that the Committee be dissolved.

133. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. On motion the Recommendation was divided. The Committee on Interdenominational Computer Usage was dissolved. Its mandate was not transferred to the office of the Stated Clerk.
134. ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER REPORT. Dr. Knudsen presented the report of the Committee to Study the Method of Admission to the Lord's Supper (see p. 283).

135. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Lord's Supper). Advisory Committee 8 was silent concerning the report of the Committee to Study the Method of Admission to the Lord's Supper.

136. OVERTURE 8 (Advisory Committee 7). Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 regarding Overture 8 as follows (cf. §21, 22):

Concerning Overture 8: Placing the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries prior to consideration of the Worldwide Outreach Budget.

The Committee met with Mr. R. A. Barker of the Presbytery of New Jersey.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Overture 8 be denied.

Grounds:
(1) The overture is not clear and its purpose uncertain.
(2) The written Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is available before and at the Assembly through the published agenda.
(3) The source of funds for Diaconal Ministry is different from that of Worldwide Outreach. It comes from the diaconal gifts to the Lord and his church, whereas Worldwide Outreach is from the general giving of God's people.

137. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. The Recommendation of Advisory Committee 7 was adopted and the plea of Overture 8 was denied.

138. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7. Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 with a further recommendation concerning deleted docket item 30.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assembly elect a committee of five to study the question of the exercise of the general office of believer and especially of women in the teaching and serving ministry of the church, that presbyteries and sessions be urged to send study papers to the Committee, that the budget be referred to the Advisory Committee dealing with the budget of the GA Operation Fund after the election of the Committee and that the Committee report to the 61st (1994) General Assembly.
Grounds:
(1) This is an issue concerning which there is disagreement and misunderstanding in our church and in the Reformed church at large.
(2) The Committee on the Hermeneutics of Women in Office laid a foundation and suggested further work on how to utilize the gifts of women in the ministry of the church.
(3) It would enrich the ministry of the church to have further study of the exercise of the general office of the believer.

139. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. The Recommendation of the Advisory Committee was not adopted.

140. COMMUNICATION 1 (Advisory Committee 7). Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 as follows:

Concerning Communication 1 (see p. 99) from the Presbytery of the Dakotas reporting actions taken pursuant to instructions of the 1991 GA growing out of the judicial appeal of elders Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran:

The Committee reports that the Assembly has received Communication 1 as information and that no action is required.

141. OVERTURES 1-4, 11 (Advisory Committee 9). Mr. Eckardt reported for Advisory Committee 9 as follows:

With regard to these overtures, the Committee met with Messrs. Cottenden, S. F. Miller, Galbraith and K. A. Smith.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Re Overture 1 (see p. 81), Advisory Committee 9 concurs.
2. Re Overture 2 (see p. 81), Advisory Committee 9 concurs. Webster's New World Dictionary offers the following definition for mutatis mutandis: “with all due adjustments or modifications made for the particular things mentioned or discussed or about to be mentioned or discussed.”
3. Re Overture 3 (see p. 82),
   a. Advisory Committee 9 recommends that, in order to carry out the provisions of FG XXXII:3, the General Assembly elect a committee of three to consider the amendments proposed in this overture and report to the next General Assembly with Recommendations. (Advisory Committee 9 suggests that the Committee on General Assembly Operation Fund establish a budget for the expenses of this Committee.)
   b. The Committee would note that the overture is in error when it speaks of the fact that officers “subscribe to the system of doctrine…” whereas the
fact is that they are to "receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures" (FG XXIII:8).

c. Furthermore, the overture improperly makes provision for a candidate for licensure or ordination to declare, under certain circumstances, an exception to the system of doctrine and have that exception approved.

4. Re Overture 4 (see p. 84), Advisory Committee 9 does not concur, because the Committee does not find the ground supplied by the Presbytery of Northern California to be persuasive.

5. Re Overture 11 (see p. 98), Advisory Committee 9 does not concur:
   
   Grounds:
   
   (1) Exceptions should not become codified as the rule. The first court of jurisdiction for a minister is the presbytery.
   
   (2) Overture 11 would further erode and confuse the relational responsibility of the minister to his presbytery in our administrative standards.

142. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. On amended motion Overture 1 was referred to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. Overtures 2 and 4 were denied.

   Recommendation 3 (concerning Overture 3) was moved. The Moderator's ruling that this Recommendation was in order was challenged. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained. Recommendation 3 was adopted as amended with section A. to read: that in order to carry out the provisions of FG XXXII.3, the Trustees of the General Assembly consider the amendments proposed in this overture and report to the next General Assembly with recommendations. (Stated Clerk's note: For further action on this matter see §230.)

   Overture 11 was denied following the recess.

143. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m.

144. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 3:37 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, When we walk with the Lord.

145. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 REPORT CONTINUED. Mr. Eckardt reported further for Advisory Committee 9 as follows:

The following motion proposed by individual commissioners was referred to this Committee:

   That FG Chapter XXVI (Divesting From Office) be amended by adding the following as a new point (5) under 3.a.:
   
   (5) he persists in attending a church not of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church without adequate reason.
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Ground: Ministers under the oversight and discipline of presbyteries should have the same duty and obligation to attend and support the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as members under the oversight and discipline of sessions. 1 Timothy 3:2 and 1 Peter 5:3.

Advisory Committee 9 recommends that the proposal be adopted.

146. RECOMMENDATION DEFEATED. The recommendation was defeated. The following requested that their affirmative votes be recorded: Messrs. Porter, Fox, Foh, B. A. Coie, R. C. Miller, Comstock, Mortensen.

147. MINUTES. The Clerk presented the Minutes of the sessions of Monday, June 8. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

148. PROPOSED BOOK OF DISCIPLINE AMENDMENT (see §243). The following de novo motion was presented and referred to Advisory Committee 9:

That the Book of Discipline, Chapter V, Section 2.b. be amended by the addition of a new paragraph as follows:

(3) When a minister, without adequate reason, persists in attending a church not of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the presbytery shall seek to dissuade him from his course, and, if these efforts fail, it shall erase his name from the rolls.

149. COMMUNICATIONS 3 AND 7 (Advisory Committee 8). Advisory Committee 8 reported as follows:

Report on Communications 3 (in re Mr. M. D. Dengerink see p. 100) and 7 (in re Messrs. D.T. Brack and G. W. Davenport see p. 111).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the General Assembly give no advice to the Presbytery of Southern California (Communication 3).
2. That the General Assembly advise the Presbytery of the Southwest that the Assembly has no objection to its proceeding to license David T. Brack and Gary W. Davenport (Communication 7).

150. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:01 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Kershner.
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151. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:20 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Be thou my vision." The Rev. Sam M. Allison (Presbytery of the Dakotas) led in prayer.

152. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Watson reported further for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel with the following recommendations which were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Commissioners who submitted valid travel vouchers by 12:00 p.m., Monday, June 8, be reimbursed according to the following schedule for one round trip from their homes to Geneva College:
   a. Those traveling by public conveyance to be reimbursed the full cost of their fare as reported to the nearest dollar.
   b. Those traveling by private conveyance as operators be reimbursed to the nearest dollar at the rate of $0.15 per mile, plus $0.03 per mile for each passenger who is eligible to receive travel compensation, with the exception that the driver shall not receive an amount greater than the combined cost of economy air fares for himself and his passenger(s), or for himself if traveling alone, unless the Committee approves the reason for the use of the car in travel.
   c. Those traveling by private conveyance as passengers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.05 per mile to the nearest dollar.
   d. Messrs. Foh and Currie be reimbursed for actual costs sustained in renting the vehicle used to transport themselves and other passengers and that they and their passengers receive $20.00 each for incidental expenses.

2. That commissioners who apply for it be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in conjunction with attendance at the Assembly, namely, for registration fee, room and meal expenses (up to $188.00) plus the late fee ($25) if they were unavoidably late in their preregistration.

3. That Geneva College be given $765 in recognition of their error in calculating the full meal charge.

153. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (cf. §149). Substituted for Recommendation 1 was the following which was adopted:

That the Assembly advise the Presbytery of Southern California that it has no objection to their waiving the additional year of formal seminary training that distinguishes the Master of Arts in Religion degree from the Master of Divinity as
a requirement before they proceed to ordain Mr. Dengerink if he sustains his other parts of trial.

Recommendation 2 was adopted.

154. PROTEST 3. The following protest was entered:

The undersigned protest the action of the Assembly in sustaining the ruling of the Moderator that a proposal from a Presbytery to amend the forms of subscription automatically becomes a “proposed amendment” within the meaning of FG XXXII.3. without a vote of the Assembly itself.

It is clear from FG XXXII.2. that the effective initiating vote in the case of amendments of portions of the Book of Church Order other than the vows must be a vote of the Assembly itself. Yet in the case of presumably more serious amendments, those to the vows themselves, according to the Moderator’s ruling, no such initiating vote by the Assembly is required or even allowed. Anybody, a session, a presbytery, an individual commissioner (why not any member of the OPC?), according to the Moderator’s ruling, can submit a “proposed amendment” to the vows and the Assembly is automatically required to submit it to a committee, regardless of its merits, and the next Assembly is required to give consideration to the matter.

The undersigned submit that this can not be the proper meaning of “proposed amendment” in FG XXXII.3. because it leaves the Assembly itself out of the initiating process of amendments to the vows, and subjects the Assembly to the absurdity of being required, in the initiating process, to consider the merits of proposed amendments to all parts of the BCO except the vows, and being prohibited from considering, in the initiating process, the merits of proposed amendments to the vows themselves.


155. COMMITTEE TO ANSWER PROTEST 3. On motion the Assembly instructed the Moderator to appoint a committee of two to answer Protest 3. The Moderator later announced the appointment of Messrs. Eckardt and Shaw (see §230 and 231).

156. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 1). Mr. Kuschke presented the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 1 (see p. 284).
157. WARREN ASSUMES CHAIR. At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Warren assumed the chair.

158. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 1). Mr. Parker presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 1 as follows:

Report on Complaints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

The committee, consisting of D. M. Parker, Edwards, Gidley, Hoogerhyde, Kinnaird, Kuschke, Malcor, Strange, Tyson, and Van Dam, met for more than 33 hours giving careful consideration to Complaints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (together with Overture 6). Following are our recommendations on the complaints. With each complaint or group of complaints are listed the witnesses who appeared before the committee. Each witness who wished to testify was heard. For the most part our recommendations come to the Assembly with the unanimous support of the members of the Advisory Committee. Where dissenting votes occurred, they are so indicated. In spite of the glorious harmony that prevailed within the committee, there are two minority reports, one at Recommendation 5 (Complaint 2) and one at Recommendation 10 (Complaint 5).

Complaint 1:
Witnesses: Phillips, Mrs. Deena Stevenson, and Gerber.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Assembly find Complaint 1 in order and properly before the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly sustain Complaint 1.

   Grounds:
   (1) The Session's act of erasure was extremely hasty, contrary to Ephesians 4:2, 3 and 2 Timothy 4:2.

   On April 25, 1991, the chairman of a special committee of the Presbytery of New York and New England sent a letter to the complainants, asking them to request transfer of membership from Westchester OPC (WOPC) or to request erasure of their membership. As far as your committee can ascertain, this was the first mention to the complainants of the possibility of erasure. On April 28 the same man spoke to the complainants by telephone and was informed that they did not wish to request transfer or erasure. He sent a letter on the same day to the complainants summarizing the telephone conversation and giving them until May 8 to respond with corrections. The complainants received this letter on or about May 1. However, on April 28, the chairman of the special committee of presbytery hand-
delivered a letter to the Session of WOPC, advising them to erase the complainants from the membership of WOPC as soon as possible. The Session did not inform the complainants that their names might be erased without their request and contrary to their desire. On the same day, April 28, 1991, before the 10 days allowed for the complainants' comments on the letter to them had elapsed, the Session of WOPC met and erased the complainants from membership. The complainants were not given an opportunity to show cause why they should not be erased. Contrary to this hasty mode of proceeding, Ephesians 4:2, 3 enjoins the attitudes of humility, gentleness, patience, and forbearance as essential to peace in the church, and 2 Timothy 4:2 enjoins all patience in the pastoral acts of rebuking, commanding, and encouraging.

(2) The erasure was inconsistent in that it was grounded on the Stevensons' persistent attendance at a church of another denomination in preference to their own, in spite of the facts that (a) the special committee of presbytery had urged them not to return to WOPC for twelve months, (b) they, at that point, resisted this advice and indicated they were giving consideration to returning, and (c) they had professed a preference for WOPC over that other church and continue to do so.

(3) The permission granted in BD V,2,a,(3) does not imply that in any and all circumstances of continued attendance at another church the session may proceed peremptorily to erasure without regard to the reason for this continued attendance. “May erase” does not mean “may erase hastily, contrary to Scripture” (Ephesians 4:2,3 and 2 Timothy 4:2).

3. That the Assembly direct that the following amends be made:
   a. That the erasure of the Stevensons be reversed.
   b. That the Session announce to the congregation that it has reinstated the Stevensons in accord with the decision of the General Assembly.
   c. That the Session of WOPC, the members of the special committee of the Presbytery of New York and New England, and the Presbytery itself ask the forgiveness of the Stevensons.

159. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 1). On motion the Assembly found Complaint 1 in order and properly before the Assembly.

160. MODERATOR'S RULING. In response to a parliamentary question, the Moderator ruled, on the basis of BD IX,4, that the members of the Presbytery of New York and New England may enter into debate but may not make motions or vote. The Moderator's ruling was challenged. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

161. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. On motion Mrs. Deena Stevenson was granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of Complaint 1.
162. ORDER OF THE DAY. On motion the order of the day was extended to finish the pending business regarding Complaint 1.

163. RULES SUSPENDED. On motion Standing Rule VII,1, was suspended and the representative of the Presbytery New York and New England regarding Complaint 1 was granted the opportunity to speak a third time.

164. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Complaint 1). Recommendation 2, to sustain Complaint 1, was adopted. Recommendation 3 was moved.

165. RECESS. On motion the Assembly recessed at 10:15 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Parker.

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166. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:02 a.m. with the Moderator in the chair and with the singing of the hymn, Praise, my soul, the King of heaven. The Moderator read I John 4:7 and Mr. MacKenzie led in prayer.

167. PROPOSED REVISION TO THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE (Overture 6). The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Parker reported further for Advisory Committee 10. Advisory Committee 10 reported its concurrence with Overture 6 which asks for the following:

That the 59th General Assembly propose to the several presbyteries that the Book of Discipline be amended at Chapters II.B.3.d. and V.2.a. as follows:

That the words “or persists in attending such a church in preference to his own,” be deleted from section (3) and be inserted in Section (5) after the words “When a member, without adequate reason,” in the form “persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, or.”

168. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. On motion Overture 6 was adopted.

169. WARREN ASSUMES CHAIR. At the request of the Moderator, Mr. Warren assumed the chair.

170. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 1, continued).
Recommendation 3 (cf. §158) was adopted in the following form:

The Assembly directed that the following amends be made:

a. That the erasure of the Stevensons be reversed.

b. That Mr. Gerber, together with the Rev. William Shishko, Ministerial Advisor to Westchester Church, be requested to:

   1. Relay to the Session and congregation of Westchester Church this decision of the Assembly,

   2. Oversee the reinstatement of Gary and Deena Stevenson to the full membership of Westchester Church and to insure that their reinstatement is publicly announced to the congregation.

   3. Oversee, in consultation with Mr. Roger Banes, the Stated Supply at Westchester Church, either,

      a. The transfer of the Stevensons to a Reformed church of their choice, if they should so desire, or

      b. The return of the Stevensons, as quickly as possible, to the ministry and fellowship and discipline of Westchester Church, and

   4. Report concerning this requested assignment to the Stated Fall Meeting of the Presbytery of New York and New England.

   c. That the Session of WOPC, the members of the special committee of the Presbytery of New York and New England and the Presbytery itself ask the forgiveness of the Stevensons.

171. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 2 and 3). Mr. Kuschke reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 2 (see p. 302).

172. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaints 2 and 3). Mr. Parker reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaints 2 and 3.


RECOMMENDATIONS:

4. That the Assembly find Complaint 2 in order and properly before the Assembly.

5. That the Assembly deny Complaint 2 for the reason that the complainants have failed to demonstrate that the Presbytery of the Dakotas misused provision BD IV,A.1.d. when it “denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s Supper or to perform the functions of their office until the case is concluded.”

6. That the Assembly find Complaint 3 in order and properly before the Assembly.
7. That the Assembly deny Complaint 3 for the reason that the complainants have failed to demonstrate that the Presbytery of the Dakotas exceeded its prerogative when it exercised its judgment in declaring Park Hill Church to be guilty of the sin of schism.

NOTATION: The vote on Recommendation 5, dealing with the substance of Complaint 2, was 6-4, and there is a minority report on Complaint 2.

173. RECOMMENDATION ACTION. Recommendation 4 was adopted.

174. MINORITY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 2). Mr. Gidley reported for the Minority of Advisory Committee 10 as follows:

The undersigned dissent from Advisory Committee 10’s recommendation to deny Complaint 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Minority of Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the Assembly sustain Complaint 2 (cf. §172, Recommendation 5) for the reason that the Presbytery’s action was not “required by” unusual circumstances as provided for in provision BD IV,A.1.d.

   Grounds:

   No grounds for the Presbytery’s action were presented when, on September 26, 1991, the Presbytery “denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s Supper or of performing the functions of their office until the case [charges brought on the same date for alleged violation of the Ninth Commandment] is concluded.” When answering the complaint, however, Presbytery, on March 4, 1992, included in its Minutes the report of the Judicial Committee on the Complaint (see the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints on page of the agenda). This report cites many unusual circumstances, but none of them indicate any need or requirement such as would justify the action of Presbytery whereby it denied the elders access to the Lord’s Supper and the functions of their office.

   (1) The unusual circumstances cited in the report of the Presbytery’s “Judicial Committee on the Complaint” are not directly related to the case against the accused. For instance, even if the case against the accused were to be resolved by finding them innocent, the “unusual circumstances” could still remain, which indicates that they are not directly related to the case and therefore not cause for suspension.

   (2) None of the unusual circumstances cited “require” suspension. This is the qualification required by BD IV,A.1.d. when it says, “If unusual circumstances require it, a judicatory may...” There is nothing to indicate that if the elders partake
of the Lord’s Supper in an OP church, as an example, that this act taken together with the cited “unusual circumstances” would scandalize the church or cause other brothers or sisters to stumble.

2. The minority of Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the Assembly direct the Presbytery of the Dakotas to rescind its action of September 26, 1991, whereby it denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s Supper or to perform the functions of their office, thus immediately restoring their rights to the Lord’s Supper.

(Signers) Edwards, Gidley, Kinnaird, Van Dam

175. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 2). Recommendation 1 of the Minority was moved as a substitute for Recommendation 5 of Advisory Committee 10 (see §179).

176. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m.

177. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, Loved with everlasting love.

178. ORDER OF DAY. By general consent the order of the day was changed so that the report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church was postponed until after the completion of the item of business on the floor.

179. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 2, continued.). On amended motion the Assembly adopted the following:

That the Assembly sustain Complaint 2, only with respect to the suspension of the accused from the Lord’s Supper, for the reason that the Presbytery’s action was not “required by” unusual circumstances as provided for in provision BD IV,A.1.d.

Grounds:

No grounds for the Presbytery’s action were presented when, on September 26, 1991, the Presbytery “denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s Supper or of performing the functions of their office until the case (charges brought on the same date for alleged violation of the Ninth Commandment) is concluded.” When answering the complaint, however, Presbytery, on March 4, 1992, included in its Minutes the report of the Judicial Committee on the Complaint (see the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints on page 303 of the agenda). This report cites many unusual circumstances, but none of them indicate any need or requirement such as would justify the action of Presbytery whereby it denied the elders access to the Lord’s Supper and the functions of their office.

(1) The unusual circumstances cited in the report of the Presbytery’s
"Judicial Committee on the Complaint" are not directly related to the case against the accused. For instance, even if the case against the accused were to be resolved by finding them innocent, the "unusual circumstances" could still remain, which indicates that they are not directly related to the case and therefore not cause for suspension.

(2) None of the unusual circumstances cited "require" suspension. This is the qualification required by BD IV,A.1.d. when it says, "If unusual circumstances require it, a judicatory may..." There is nothing to indicate that if the elders partake of the Lord's Supper in an OPC church, as an example, that this act taken together with the cited "unusual circumstances" would scandalize the church or cause other brothers or sisters to stumble.

At his request Mr. Knox's negative vote is here recorded.

On amended motion the Assembly directed the Presbytery of the Dakotas to rescind its action of September 26, 1991, whereby it denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord's Supper thus immediately restoring their rights to the Lord's Supper.

On motion the Assembly recorded in its Minutes, in connection with Complaint 2, that the Presbytery of the Dakotas took action (suspension from the Lord's Supper) pursuant to BD IV,A.1.d. in the trial of Messrs. C. T. Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran, on September 26, 1991, at the first meeting of the trial judicatory, whereas BD IV,C, provides for only three actions with respect to accused persons to be taken at the first meeting of the trial judicatory, and those three actions do not include action pursuant to BD IV,A.1.d.; and the Assembly determined to take no further action with reference to this lapse, in view of the facts that (1) the Complainants did not include it as a ground of their Complaint, and (2) it does not appear to have significantly deprived the accused of their right to participate in the Lord's Supper, inasmuch as the Presbytery could legally have taken the same action at the second meeting of the trial judicatory.

180. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. On motion Mr. David W. Kiester was granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church.

181. COMMITTEE TO VISIT PARK HILL CHURCH. Mr. Kiester presented the report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church (see p. 323) which included:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the General Assembly encourage Messrs. C. Nightengale, Petrie, and
Samiran in the strongest terms possible to initiate and complete the work of seeking personal reconciliations with those they have offended and with the solemn warning that further judicial process awaits non-compliance.

2. That the General Assembly encourage Presbytery of the Dakotas in the strongest terms possible to exercise all due effort to conduct its judicial affairs and items germane in conformity with the Form of Government and Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, taking into account Presbytery’s poor record of conformity in the past.

3. That the General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of the Dakotas to complete its study on the subject of “shunning” and to consider this mandate to be satisfied when its report is sent to its sessions for study.

4. That the General Assembly declare that Presbytery of the Dakotas erred in the fall of 1990 when it augmented the session of Park Hill without the consent of the governed.

   Ground: This recommendation has the force of sustaining what should have been a complaint, and addresses what should have been complained against by Park Hill rather than withdrawing from the OPC. Making this declaration now would remove a major obstacle standing in the way of Park Hill asking for re-admission to the OPC.

5. That the Committee to Visit Presbytery of the Dakotas be continued for another year, that its budget request for $1500 be referred to the committee reviewing the General Assembly Operation Fund, and that its mandate be expanded to include working with the Thornton session re: matters pertaining to Park Hill Church.

   Ground: Presbytery has requested this help, and this recommendation has the effect of replacing the mandate to “re-train” the Park Hill men, which mandate was rendered inoperative by action of Fall 1991 Presbytery.

182. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Park Hill Church). Mr. Peterson reported further for Advisory Committee 7 concerning the Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church as follows:

   The Committee met with Messrs. Kiester and Tyson of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church, Mr. Bosgraf, a former pastor at Park Hill Church, and Dr. Coppes, a former pastor at Park Hill Church.

   The Committee recommends that the following be substituted for the five recommendations of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church:
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church be continued for another year, that its budget request for $1500 be referred to Advisory Committee 4 reviewing the GA Operation Fund, that its mandate be expanded to include working with the Thornton Session regarding matters pertaining to Park Hill Church and that with urgency it continue to impress upon the parties involved the need to take all necessary steps to pursue reconciliation, calling upon each party to demonstrate a mutual submission to the demands of God's Word and the requirements of the Confession of Faith, Form of Government, and Book of Discipline.

   In particular that the Committee:

   a. Encourage Messrs. C. T. Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran to initiate and complete the work of seeking personal reconciliation with those they have offended;

   b. Encourage the Presbytery of the Dakotas to exercise all due effort to conduct its judicial affairs and items germane in conformity with the Form of Government and Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, taking into account the number of sustained complaints against the Presbytery in recent years;

   c. Encourage the Presbytery of the Dakotas to complete its study of the subject of 'shunning' and to consider this mandate to be satisfied when its report is sent to its sessions for study;

   d. Encourage the Presbytery of the Dakotas for the sake of reconciliation, to admit to the Park Hill congregation its error in augmenting the Park Hill Session in the fall of 1990 without the consent of the governed.

   Ground for d.: Making this admission would remove a major obstacle standing in the way of Park Hill Church asking for re-admission to the OPC.

   The Committee further recommends:

2. That Mr. Hilbelink be added to the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church with Mr. Peterson as alternate.

   Grounds:

   (1) Mr. Kiester has resigned from the Committee

   (2) Messrs. Hilbelink and Peterson are acceptable to the members of the Presbytery of the Dakotas who are commissioners to this General Assembly and to the Park Hill Church.

183. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. The Committee to Visit Park Hill Church concurred in the Recommendations of Advisory Committee 7. Recommendation 1 was adopted with the addition of the following particular:

   e. And to continue to encourage and comfort the people of Trinity Chapel.
Recommendation 2 was adopted in the following form: That Mr. C. Kenneth Sande be added to the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church with Mr. Peterson as first alternate and Mr. Hilbelink as second alternate. (Stated Clerk’s note: Mr. Sande later informed the clerk he could not serve so Mr. Peterson was added to the Committee.)

Mr. Peterson led in prayer for the work of the Committee to visit the Park Hill Church.

184. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang the hymn, *All people that on earth do dwell.* Mr. Jones read I Kings 17:1-16, spoke on the topic, “Adjusted Expectations,” and led in prayer.

185. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:19 p.m.

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186. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *Man of Sorrows!* Mr. Thomas led in prayer.


188. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 3). Mr. Kuschke reported further for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 3 (cf. §171).

189. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 3). Mr. Parker reported further for Advisory Committee 10 (cf. §172) regarding Complaint 3.

190. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 3). On motion the Assembly adopted Recommendation 6, finding Complaint 3 in order and properly before the Assembly (cf. §172).

On motion the Assembly adopted Recommendation 7, denying Complaint 3, for the reason that the complainants have failed to demonstrate that the Presbytery of the Dakotas exceeded its prerogative when it exercised its judgment in declaring Park Hill Church to be guilty of the sin of schism (cf. §172).

191. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaints 4, 5, and 6). Mr. Kuschke reported further for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding
Complaints 4, 5, and 6 (see p. 307).

192. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaints 4, 5, and 6). Mr. Parker reported further for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 4. Witnesses: R. M. Coie, R. Wagner, Curto, Stowell, and Pontier.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. That the Assembly find Complaint 4 in order and properly before the Assembly.
9. That the Assembly deny Complaint 4.

Grounds:

(1) The complainants' grievance is against the action of Ruling Elders Chris Berg, Robert Coie, Doug Jones, and Ellery Stowell and Pastor Anthony Curto in reporting publicly to the congregation of Covenant Community Church of Orange County (CCCOC) on December 16, 1990 a certain concern expressed by some members of the congregation about Dr. Bahnsen's qualifications for the pastorate. Specifically and solely, the complaint finds fault with the elders' reporting: "The absent Biblical qualifications most often cited . . . of good reputation outside the church (the School is of relevance here)." Such reporting is judged not to have been improper under the circumstances. The parties complained against were acting as the Session of the CCCOC, and the action complained against is appropriate to the responsibility of a session (FG X,3; DPW VI,B.2).

(2) The statement complained against does not constitute a judicial judgment without due process. The statement by the Session reports an observation of a significant number of members that Dr. Bahnsen's ministry was not edifying to them for the particular reason(s) cited.

10. That the Assembly find Complaint 5 in order and properly before the Assembly.
11. That the Assembly sustain Complaint 5 specifically and solely on the point that Dr. Bahnsen, as a member of the Session, should have been invited to participate in the sessional activity of composing, editing, and presenting the information in the letter dated December 12, 1990 and addressed to the congregation of CCCOC (Item III,1,ii in Complaint 5).
12. That the assembly direct the following amends be made: that the Session apologize to Dr. Bahnsen for not inviting him to participate in the sessional activity of composing, editing, and presenting the information in the letter dated December 12, 1990 and addressed to the congregation of CCCOC.
13. That Complaint 6 be found in order and properly before the Assembly.
14. That the Assembly deny Complaint 6.

Ground: The speech of Mr. Curto was relevant to the specific matter of business that was stated in the notice for the congregational meeting (FG XVI,3).
NOTATIONS: There was one negative vote on the acceptance of the first ground supporting the Recommendation to deny Complaint 4. There was one negative vote on Recommendation 10, dealing with the admissibility of Complaint 5, and there is a minority report on Complaint 5.

193. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 MINORITY (Complaint 5). The undersigned dissents from Advisory Committee 10’s recommendation that the Assembly find Complaint 5 (the Timothy J. Harris complaint) in order and properly before the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Assembly find Complaint 5 not in order and not properly before the Assembly.

Grounds:

(1) Complaint 5 is not in order because it is not a single complaint against the “delinquency or error” of a judicatory (BD IX, 2). The section on “Suggested Forms for Use in Connection with the Book of Discipline” (p. 268) gives clear guidelines for the composition of a complaint. One complains against the “action” of a judicatory. Complaint 5 complains against a whole host of actions and inactions.

(2) Complaint 5 is not properly a complaint but a list of grievances. While some points in Complaint 5 may well be admissible and sustainable, no judicatory is competent to seize upon one grievance and deny other grievances in the same single complaint.

(3) A complaint is unlike a judicial charge in that a complaint has no separate specifications to be either sustained or denied. Only the complaint as a whole is admissible. Complaint 5 inveighs against a whole series of actions and, as such, is not properly a “complaint.”

(4) A judicatory should not dismiss a case on technical grounds (BD III, 7.b). Similarly, a complaint, by analogy, ought not to be dismissed on technical grounds. My reason for the inadmissibility of this complaint is not technical, however. Complaint 5 is not a “complaint” in any singular sense. Complaint 5 charges that the session took a “series of actions,” was “delinquent in pastoral care,” and was generally “remiss in its role as shepherd of the flock.” So many charges do not properly constitute a complaint as outlined in our BD.

(Signer) Alan D. Strange

194. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 4). On motion adopted Recommendation 8, finding Complaint 4 in order and properly before it (cf. §192).

195. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m.
196. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 3:35 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *How can I say thanks.*

197. **FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESSES.** The Rev. William S. Barker Ph.D, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Church in America, addressed the Assembly. The Rev. Norman C. Hoeflinger, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the United States, addressed the Assembly.

198. **EXTENSION OF TIME.** During consideration of the pending question (cf. § 194) Mr. Tyson was granted up to an additional five minutes to complete his speech.

199. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 5:04 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Schmurr.

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200. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 6:20 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *Vast the immensity.* Mr. Dolan led in prayer.

201. **DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL.** Mr. Watson reported further for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Mr. W. H. Kiester be excused from the sessions of Tuesday, June 9, after 3:30 p.m. so that he may attend an important family celebration without loss of travel compensation.

2. That the 60th General Assembly convene on the campus of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 1993, with a projected terminus of noon, Wednesday, June 16, 1993.

3. That the Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 1993 at the rate of $8.00 per communicant member.

4. That Messrs. Lawrence Semel, David R. Heise (Morgantown), and Luis A. Orteza be constituted the Committee on Arrangements for the 60th General Assembly.

5. That the Committee on Arrangements be authorized to arrange an Assembly-related conference.

6. That the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel be authorized to make
arrangements for reduced air fares to the 60th General Assembly for commissioners and other representatives. In order to facilitate this responsibility, presbyteries and committees authorized to send commissioners or corresponding members are requested to elect such persons by January 31, 1993, and to communicate immediately thereafter their selectees’ names, and address to the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel, or its designated representative, and to the Stated Clerk and the Committee on Arrangements.

7. That the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel be authorized to commit up to $1000 for deposits to secure suitable locations for the 1994 and 1995 general assemblies.

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202. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were adopted. Recommendation 2 was adopted with the convening time set at 8:00 p.m.

203. PROTEST 4. The following protest was entered:

The undersigned respectfully protest the action of the 59th General Assembly whereby it sustained Complaint 2. The protestants offer the following grounds:

(1) To the Presbytery of the Dakotas (as church officers), “the keys of the kingdom of heaven are committed by virtue whereof, they have power, respectively, to retain and remit sins; to shut that kingdom against the impenitent, both by the Word, and censures; and to open it unto penitent sinners, by the ministry of the Gospel; and by absolution from censures, as occasion shall require [Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF) XXX.II, emphasis added].

(2) The censure of rebuke had not been absolved by way of having received an adequate expression of repentance on the part of those under rebuke at the time that additional charges were brought forward by the Presbytery of the Dakotas.

(3) The Committee to Visit Park Hill Church reported that it was “of the opinion that this (response of the elders to the rebuke pronounced by the Fall 1991 meeting of the Presbytery of the Dakotas) does not satisfy the meaning of ‘painstakingly’ and believes that this reconciliation process needs to start over again” (see p. 326).
(4) "Church censures are necessary, for the reclaiming and gaining of offending brethren, for deterring of others from the like offenses, for purging out of that leaven which might infect the whole lump, for vindicating the honor of Christ, and the holy profession of the Gospel, and for preventing the wrath of God, which might justly fall upon the church, if they should suffer his covenant, and the seals thereof, to be profaned by notorious and obstinate offenders" (WCF XXX.III, emphasis added).

(5) The question is "Should those who have received the public censure of rebuke, and who have not received public pronouncement of remission, be invited to the Lord's table?" If the one who has private sin should be reconciled with his brother before coming to the table (Matthew 5:23-24), then surely those who have public sin must likewise be reconciled to the body of Christ before coming to the table.

(6) The pronouncement of rebuke was not placed upon those who were merely the accused but upon those who had been found guilty by the church. Continuance at the Lord's Supper may not be recommended to those who have not received the church's pronouncement of remission.

(7) In reaching its decision the Assembly erred by not having judged the body rightly (I Cor. 11:27-32).

(8) The 59th General Assembly should have instructed the Presbytery of the Dakotas to have assured itself of adequate and sincere repentance on the matter of the rebuke before recommending the Presbytery "to rescind its action of September 26, 1991, whereby it denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord's Supper, thus immediately restoring their rights to the Lord's Supper" (see p. 51).

(Signers) R. Daniel Knox, George W. Hall, Louis C. LaBriola

204. MINUTES. On motion Standing Rule, Chapter VI,B.1. was suspended so that the Minutes would not be presented for approval but simply posted.

205. EXTENSION OF TIME. On motion Mr. Wagner was granted up to an additional five minutes to complete his speech.

206. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 4). Recommendation 9 (see §192) of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted and complaint 4 was denied.

207. EXTENSION OF ORDER OF DAY. during consideration of the preceding question, the order of the day was extended for completion of the pending business.

208. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:04 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Vera.
209. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, *On the first day of the week*. The Moderator read Psalm 118:24 and Mr. VandenBurg led in prayer.

210. EXAMINATION OF PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Clawson reported for the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Dakotas:
   a. That their responses to exceptions 4 and 5 to their Minutes taken by the 58th General Assembly be found acceptable and that responses to exceptions 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 be found not acceptable.

   **Grounds:**
   (1) In the first exception (a lost motion is not recorded where affirmative votes are recorded), the presbytery reports that the motion is in fact recorded at 90-22,6. This is not the case. The motion, to assume original jurisdiction in a trial of certain elders, in this case is said to carry. In the original typed official Minutes, an ink pen is used to strike out the note that this motion carried, leaving the impression that this motion is pending when the later Minute (90-23/10) indicates a motion fails and the affirmative votes are recorded. It seems certain the 58th General Assembly was correct in assuming the failed motion was not recorded. The following supports this conclusion:

   (a) Contact with a member of the Presbytery revealed an unofficial copy of Minutes indicating that an earlier Minute 90-23,10 existed in which the services of a certified shorthand reporter were urged. It appears this was the motion that failed.

   (b) It is clear from the fact that a trial of ruling elders (not on appeal) took place in Presbytery that Presbytery was exercising original jurisdiction as suggested in the earlier motion (90-22,6).

   (c) Minute 90-37,47 demonstrates that the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to make deletions from the Minutes, including 90-23,10.

   (2) In the second exception the Assembly found a violation of A.12,a (Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes) which requires recording "that which is required to describe intelligently the motions adopted and the business transacted." There are six complaints listed in the communications to Presbytery. A Judicial Advisory Committee (JAC) is said to agree with the complaint, but not even a summary of the complaint could be found, and the precise point of agreement is not
recorded. The JAC advises reconsideration of Minute 90-23,10. A reader of the Minutes is left to deduce what the complaint is about, which might be possible if the original Minute had not been deleted (see above).

(3) In the third exception, the Assembly referred to an action taken in Minute 90-37,47. This Minute indicates that presbytery instructed its Clerk to delete Minute 90-23,10 from its Minutes, and renumber accordingly. The expunged Minute contains a lost motion for which two presbyters requested their affirmative votes recorded. With the motion contained in the Minutes removed and the Minutes renumbered, reference to that motion and Minute is incomprehensible. The Clerk himself is apparently confused when he strikes out with pen the record of passing a completely different motion (viz. 90-22,6). The response of presbytery refers to this action, viz. to expunge the Minute, as "just a correction . . . " when in fact they have deleted from the historical record a motion which later becomes the source of a complaint, which prompted presbytery's repentance. This action, i.e. to expunge an earlier action from its Minutes, is a failure to keep a proper record and the source of confusion as the Assembly correctly indicated in 1991. The Presbytery of the Dakotas needs to clarify this matter in their records, and their response that this is "just a correction . . . " fails to deal with the issue raised.

(4) In the sixth exception the Assembly notes that the Minutes do not indicate a congregation's consent being obtained in the augmenting of its session. The response suggests that the standards need to be clarified about this violation and that some members of presbytery argued that implementation of the standards to the particular situation at hand might bring the court into conflict with Scripture. We think that the Report of the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church speaks to this response, particularly recommendations 2 and 4 in that Committee's report.

(5) The seventh exception is like (2) above and the response of presbytery is the same and subject to the same refutation (above).

b. That the Minutes currently under examination be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exceptions:

(1) No call for the special meeting is included in the Minutes verbatim (A-9), p. 91-1.

(2) Minutes are not duly attested by the Clerk of meeting (A-18), pp. 91-2, 91-3, 91-68.


(4) Complaints not placed in Minutes nor summarized when referred to (A-12,a), pp. 91-23, lines 133, 141; 91-24, line 146 and 91-28, line 166.

(5) Presbytery's earlier vote to transfer is implied but not recorded. If Clerk did this alone, this is not made clear. What the "no proper transfer of
membership" entails is not explained and the citation from the Book of Discipline does not clarify it (A-12,a), pp. 91-35, line 15 and 91-37, line 29.

(6) No specific reference or cross reference is given to explain "rescind our previous action on charge 1" (A-12,a), p. 91-53, line 123.

(7) No record of Mr. Male being dismissed by his Presbytery, a call, or installation. Two votes of reception are recorded and the overall picture is unclear (A-12,a), pp. 91-57, line 153 and 91-52, line 117.

(8) The accused, in a trial not yet final, are denied the right of the Lord's Supper and performance of their office as per BD IV.A.1.d. This section allows for such limits on the accused only in extraordinary circumstances. None are listed and many negative votes to this action are recorded (A-12,a), p. 91-65, line 183.

2. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic that their Minutes be approved without notation and with the exception that in regard to the call from Matthews OP Fellowship to Mr. Carrick: Presbytery did not find the call in order, approve its terms, place it in Mr. Carrick's hands, and did not specify whether he will be covered by hospitalization insurance p. 208, (14).

3. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest that their Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

4. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey that the Minutes be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and with the exception that terms of a ministerial call are not specified in the paragraph. The call seems to have been received much earlier and its terms apparently were included at that time. However, there is no reference to the earlier minute (Rules A-14), p. 242 (19).

5. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of New York and New England that their Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

6. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of Northern California that their Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

7. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Northwest that their Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

8. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio that their Minutes be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and with the following exceptions:
a. A call was approved without listing the terms (A-12b) p. 279 (28, line 4).


9. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia that the Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

10. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the South that the Minutes be approved without exception and with the single notation listed by the Committee.

11. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California that the Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.

12. Concerning the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest that the Minutes be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and with the exception that the Minutes were not signed by the Clerk of the meeting (A-18), p. 91-60.

211. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1 through 3 and 5 through 12 were adopted. Recommendation 4 was moved.

212. MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS Mr. Wilson reported for the Minority of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records as follows:

While concurring with the report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, the minority of the Committee in addition recommends that the 59th General Assembly take the following exception to the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey: Page 241, Items 16 and 17: That the action of the Presbytery of New Jersey to enter into a Federal lawsuit as plaintiff violates the Standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Grounds:

(1) By the act of coming as plaintiff before a court of civil law, the Presbytery in effect conceded jurisdiction to the civil government to adjudicate the content of the church's preaching and discipline. This is contrary to the sole kingship of Christ over His Church and violates Westminster Confession of Faith XXV,6 and Form of Government I.

(2) By the act of coming as plaintiff before a court of civil law, the presbytery in effect is attempting as church to use the coercive power of civil government to enforce the church's interests by changing the secular legal and governmental
situation. This is contrary to the true character of church power and violates Westminster Confession of Faith XXXI,4 and Form of Government III,3. and 4.

(Signers) Larry E. Wilson, Douglas B. Clawson, Rollin P. Keller, Richard C. Miller, Leonard W. Schmurr

213. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m.

214. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, Rock of Ages, cleft for me.

215. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Continued). Recommendation 4 of the Minority of the Committee on Presbyteral Records was moved as a substitute for Recommendation 4 of the Committee.

216. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, the Assembly sang the hymn, Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah. Mr. Clawson read Numbers 11:1-10 and Isaiah 25, spoke on the topic, “Satisfied with the Food of Christ,” and led in prayer.

217. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:13 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, At the Lamb’s high feast we sing.

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218. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, Who is on the Lord’s side? Mr. Fogg led in prayer.

219. PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY PRESbyterial Records. After a series of motions the following was substituted for the recommendation of the Minority (cf. §212 above) and was subsequently added to Committee Recommendation 4 so that Recommendation 4 as amended read:

That the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Jersey be approved with the notations listed by the Committee and with the exception that terms of a ministerial call are not specified in the paragraph. The call seems to have been received much earlier and its terms apparently were included at that time. However, there is no reference to the earlier minute (Rules A-14), p. 242 (19); further, regarding the minute of the Presbytery of New Jersey (p. 241, items 16 and 17) concerning the law suit against the State of New Jersey, the Assembly requests the Presbytery of New Jersey to present to the 60th GA the biblical and confessional rationale for taking such an
action; further, the Assembly suggests that individuals, sessions and/or presbyteries send an expression of their convictions on this matter to the Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey; and that action on this Minute for approval or exception be postponed until the 60th GA."

The motion was adopted.

220. EXAMINATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Stazen reported for the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, that their Minutes be approved without exception and without notation.
2. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Christian Education, that their minutes be approved without exception and with notations listed by the Committee.
3. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Coordination, that their Minutes be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee.
4. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, that their Minutes be approved without exception and without notation.
5. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, that their Minutes be approved without exception and with notations listed by the Committee.
6. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, that their Minutes be approved without exception and with notations listed by the Committee.
7. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Foreign Missions, that their Minutes be approved without exception and with notations listed by the Committee.
8. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension:
   a. That their disposition of the exception taken to their Minutes by the 58th General Assembly be found acceptable.
   b. That their Minutes be approved without exception and without notation.
9. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Pensions, that their Minutes be approved without exception and without notation.
10. Concerning the Minutes of the Committee on Trustees of the General Assembly:
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a. Since the Trustees did not meet formally since the 58th General Assembly, we recommend that the Trustees resolve the exceptions taken by the 58th General Assembly at the next meeting of the Trustees.

b. That their Minutes be approved without exception and without notation.

221. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1 through 10 were adopted. Mr. Clawson led in prayer for the presbyteries and standing committees.

222. ORDER OF THE DAY. On motion the report of the Committee to Propose an Answer to Protest 3 was made the order of the day immediately following the afternoon recess.

223. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Watson reported further for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel with the following recommendation which was adopted: that Mr. Malkus be excused without loss of travel compensation beginning 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in order to take Mr. Graham, who had become ill, to his home.

224. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel. Mr. Watson was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Watson elected, Class of 1995.

225. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 5). Mr. Kuschke reported further for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see p. 320) regarding Complaint 5.

226. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 5). Mr. Parker continued the report of Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 5 (Recommendations 10, 11, and 12 cf. §192).

227. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 5). Recommendation 10 (cf §192) was moved. The Moderator ruled that the Minority Recommendation (cf §193) was out of order. On amended motion Recommendation 10 was adopted as follows: That the Assembly, in the interest of adjudicating this Complaint at this Assembly, and despite its deficiencies in form, find Complaint 5 in order and properly before the Assembly (see page 321).

228. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:17 p.m.
229. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 3:36 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, *Gracious Spirit, dwell with me*.

230. **PROTEST 3 ANSWER.** Mr. Eckardt reported for the Committee to Prepare an Answer to Protest 3 (cf. §154, 155) as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Moderator to respond to Protest 3 recommends that the General Assembly:

1. Acknowledge that it erred in sustaining the ruling of the Moderator that a proposal from a Presbytery to amend the forms of subscription automatically becomes a “proposed amendment” within the meaning of FG XXXII,3, without a vote of the Assembly itself.

2. Reconsider its action (cf. §142) in referring Overture 3 to the Trustees for report to the next regular Assembly.

3. Substitute the following for the above-mentioned action and adopt it: That Overture 3 be referred back to the Presbytery of Northern California because it is flawed in the following respects:

   a. It is in error when it speaks of the fact that officers “subscribe to the system of doctrine. . .” whereas the fact is that they are to “receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures” (FG XXIII,8).

   b. It improperly makes provision for a candidate for licensure or ordination to declare, under certain circumstances, an exception to the system of doctrine and have that exception approved.

4. In accordance with the provision of FG XXXII,5 refer to the Trustees the following amendment proposed by this General Assembly for report to the next General Assembly with recommendations, in accordance with FG XXXII,3: In FG XXXII,3 strike “any proposed amendment” and substitute “any amendment proposed by the General Assembly.”

231. **RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Protest 3).** Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Recommendation 4 was adopted in the following form: In accordance with the provision of FG XXXII,5 refer to the Trustees the following amendment proposed by this General Assembly for report to the next General Assembly with recommendations, in accordance with FG XXXII,3: In FG XXXII,3 insert “having proposed an amendment” after “The general assembly” and before “shall appoint a committee” and amend by substituting the word “it” for “any proposed amendment.”

232. **BRUCE A. COIE RECOGNITION.** The Moderator recognized Mr. Bruce A. Coie, who was present at the first General Assembly of the OPC convening on June 11, 1936, and was also licensed and ordained at that Assembly.
233. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:01 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. B. A. Coie.

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234. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened with the singing of the hymn, *How sweet and awesome is the place.* Mr. Davis led in prayer.

235. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 5, Recommendations 11 and 12 cf. §192). On motion the Assembly adopted Recommendation 11 in the following amended form:

That the Assembly sustain that aspect of Complaint 5 that deals specifically and solely with the point that Dr. Bahnsen, as a member of the Session, had not been invited to participate in the sessional activity of composing, editing, and presenting the information in the letter dated December 12, 1990 and addressed to the congregation of the Covenant Community of Orange County (CCCOC) (Item III.1.ii.) in Complaint 5, and that the Assembly adopt the following ground: the letter was intended to provide the congregation of CCCOC with the information it needed to decide upon the offered resignation of Dr. Bahnsen, and providing such information was the responsibility of the Session of CCCOC.

The following requested that their negative votes be recorded: Jack J. Peterson, D. G. Barker, Arthur L. Comstock, Edward N. Gross, Bruce A. Coie, Glenn D. Jerrell

On motion the Assembly adopted Recommendation 12 in the following amended form:

That the Assembly direct the Session of CCCOC to confess their error and seek the forgiveness of Dr. Bahnsen in writing (with copies to Mr. Harris and to members of the congregation) for not inviting him to participate in the sessional activity of composing, editing, and presenting the information in the letter dated December 12, 1990 and addressed to the congregation of CCCOC.

236. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS REPORT (Complaint 6). Mr. Kuschke reported further for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see p. 321) regarding complaint 6.
237. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 6). Mr. Parker continued the report of Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 6 (cf. §192).

238. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 6). Recommendation 13 was adopted and Complaint 6 was found in order and properly before the Assembly.

Recommendation 14, denying Complaint 6, was adopted.

239. GRATITUDE TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10. On motion the Assembly expressed its gratitude to Advisory Committee 10 for their arduous labor on its behalf.

240. ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKLOAD. On motion Standing Rule VI,A.2 was suspended so that the Assembly could instruct the Committee on Appeals and Complaints to consider how appeals and complaints to the General Assembly can be dealt with adequately and properly without requiring an abnormally burdensome amount of time during the General Assembly such as experienced at this Assembly, and to report on this matter, with recommendations, to the 60th General Assembly.

241. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, Class of 1995. The following were nominated: Kinnaird, Strange, Jones, Bube. On motion Mr. Kinnaird was granted his request that his name be removed from nomination. The Moderator later announced the election of Mr. Strange.

242. DIRECTIVE TO PRESbyteries AND SESSIONS. On motion Standing Rule VI,A.2. was suspended so that the Assembly might act on a de nova motion. On motion the General Assembly determined to inform the presbyteries and sessions of the Church that complaints and appeals submitted to the General Assembly should state the plea of the complaint or appeal, as well as the supporting argumentation, clearly and succinctly; to not do so will be to risk the complaint or appeal being returned to the complainant or appellant with the consequent delay of a resolution of the matter.

Ground: Unclear complaints and appeals require the expenditure of hundreds, even thousands, of man hours of General Assembly commissioners time, which may be unwise and sometimes impossible.

243. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOOK OF DISCIPLINE (Advisory Committee 9). Mr. Eckardt reported further for Advisory Committee 9 as follows:
The following recommendation represents a proposal presented by the individual commissioners to this Assembly and revised by the Advisory Committee. (cf. §148)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Advisory Committee 9 recommends that the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries that the Book of Discipline, Chapter V, Section 2.b., be amended by adding the following as a new point (3):

(3) When a minister, without adequate reason, persists in attending a church not of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the presbytery shall seek to dissuade him from his course; and, if these efforts fail, it may erase his name from the roll by a two-thirds majority of those voting.

**Ground:** ministers under the oversight and discipline of presbyteries should have the same duty and obligation to attend and support the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as members under the oversight and the discipline of sessions. I Timothy 3:2 and I Peter 5:3.

On motion this proposed amendment to BD V,2.b was ordered put on the docket of the 60th General Assembly 1993.

244. **PROTEST 5.** The following protest regarding Complaint 5 was entered:

The undersigned, since I cannot as a member of the Presbytery of Southern California record a negative vote on the motion to find Complaint 5 in order and to sustain a portion of the Complaint, respectfully protests the 59th General Assembly's action in these matters. Due to the press of time and duties I cannot spell out my concerns further.

(Signer) Donald J. Duff

245. **PROTEST 1 ANSWER.** (cf. §19, 20) Mr. Barker reported for the Committee to Answer Protest 1 as follows:

Protest 1 is directed against the action of the Assembly in amending its Standing Rules (SR) explicitly to permit members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (CAC) to serve on advisory committees dealing with appeals and/or complaints, but not to vote in those advisory committees when they are acting on recommendations of the CAC. It alleges that this action was not done "properly and in order," that it "violates the checks and balances implicit in historical Reformed polity, and the SR and Instruments of the OPC."

The committee to propose an answer (CPA) sets forth the following:
1. Before the action being protested, the SR said nothing for or against members of standing or special committees serving on advisory committees reviewing the work of those standing or special committees. Protest 1 suggests that the SR contained a prohibition against such service on advisory committees, whereas the prohibition exists in Instrument F.4.a. The distinction is significant. The SR can be amended only by the affirmative votes of two Assemblies, and can be suspended only by a two-thirds vote. The Instruments, on the other hand, can be amended by simple majority vote of any Assembly, and contain no provisions for their suspension. Such provision would be superfluous, because any provision for their suspension could not logically be more rigorous than the provision for their amendment, and the provision for their amendment is already the minimum provision that makes any sense.

The Protest implies that the Assembly's action is out of accord with our past record. At least in the near term, this is not so. In the six years from 1986 through 1991, the GA had complaints or appeals before it five times. On four of those occasions, members of the CAC served on the advisory committee dealing with those appeals and complaints. On none of those occasions is there any record of anyone objecting to this practice, nor, according to the memory of the CPA, was any such objection raised. The actions of the GA in erecting those advisory committees were de facto, if not de jure, suspensions of Instrument F.4.a.

Protest 1 makes three allegations concerning the CAC's actions in preparation for the 58th GA that deserve comment.

a. The Protest states that the CAC "rewrote an appeal." All the CAC did was to suggest that the Appeal contained eight specifications of error instead of the five that were actually numbered. We do not agree that this constitutes "rewriting" the Appeal. The CAC surely is within legitimate bounds in suggesting to the GA what an appeal or complaint actually says, if that differs from what it appears to say. Furthermore, since Advisory Committee 10 did not accede to this suggestion of the CAC, we do not think that it had any effect whatever on the outcome.

b. The Protest alleges that the CAC did not answer a letter in re its 8-instead-of-5 view of the Appeal. The members of the CAC believe they answered this communication via telephone, and that they discussed many disagreements over its procedure and formulation of the case. Surely the CAC is not required to accept the viewpoint of one side of an Appeal in preference to that of the other side, or in preference to its own analysis of the data of the case.

c. The Protest alleges that the CAC did not answer an inquiry as to whether Mr. Unangst should attend the (1991) GA. Mr. Kuschke insists that he responded positively to the inquiry. Mr. Woiwode insists that the Presbytery was ready to send Mr. Unangst but that the Presbytery received no answer from the CAC. The CPA has been unable to resolve this conflict. In any event it does not appear to the CPA to be relevant to the action being protested.

4. The Protest argues that the CAC's assessment at the 58th (1991) GA that
“the trial judicatory failed to adhere to the BD, and this failure had a bearing on the structure and outcome of the trial” itself constituted a judicial decision against the Presbytery of the Dakotas. The CPA believes that this statement of the CAC is nothing more than an observation on its part, and that it in no way constitutes a “judicial decision,” and further believes that if the CAC is to be prohibited from making such observations, or barred thereby from serving on the pertinent Advisory Committee, its usefulness to the GA would be greatly reduced.

Other commissioners believe that the CAC’s statement went beyond the bounds of SR X,2.b. Whatever the effect of the CAC’s statement may have been on the Assembly’s actions in 1991, it is not relevant to the issue at hand. Whether or not CAC members are allowed to serve on the pertinent Advisory Committee, they could still make statements that some would consider prejudicial, and — under the revised SR being protested — they would not be allowed to vote in the Advisory Committee on the pronouncements of the CAC reviewed by the Advisory Committee. The allegation of error, whether valid or not, is irrelevant to the matter being protested.

5. The CAC states in its report that less than 5% of the work of the Advisory Committee handling appeals and complaints is in reviewing and acting upon the work of the CAC. It seems to us fair to say that at that point, the members of the CAC will ordinarily be the most knowledgeable persons at the GA as to the history and data of the case, excepting the parties to the case themselves. To prohibit them from applying their knowledge of the case to its further adjudication would be tantamount to likening the appeal process to a case of civil court original jurisdiction, in which no expert on matters to be judged can ordinarily serve on a jury. Our appeal process is quite different.

The CAC of course can err in its analysis of the history and data of a case, but the GA can legitimately expect that the presbyters who serve on the CAC will do their best to present the history and data of the case, and any accompanying commentary, honestly and accurately, and that they will be no more likely than other commissioners to bring unfair attitudes to bear in the deliberations of the GA’s advisory committee on appeals and complaints.

On motion the Assembly decided to take no action on the proposed Answer to Protest 1 and ordered the Answer included in the Minutes.

246. PROTEST 2 ANSWER (cf. §51, 52). Mr. Felch reported for the Committee to Answer Protest 2 as follows:

The Committee recommends that the 59th General Assembly respond to Protest 2 (cf. §51) as follows:

1. The 59th General Assembly cannot bear responsibility for the Presbytery of the Dakotas following advice received by one of the servants of the Assembly.
While we can understand their disappointment that the counsel sincerely offered by a servant of the Assembly did not prove fruitful, the origin of that counsel does not obligate the Assembly to find the overture in order. The individual was not commissioned by the Assembly to give advice regarding appealing the decisions of the Assembly. In the reception and heeding of such advice, the presbytery must assume responsibility for the content and form finally used in its overture. At the same time this Assembly does recognize that in listening to the advisor from the 58th General Assembly the Presbytery was trying to avail itself of as much wisdom and counsel as possible. We also observe that the Presbytery of the Dakotas was not alone in being mistaken about the permissibility of reviewing the judicial action of a previous Assembly. They are joined in this by another presbytery, and the previous General Assembly.

2. Despite the interpretation given to the overture by the protest, we cannot discover any statement or even suggestion within the overture itself that the intent of the overture is not to challenge the judicial decision of the previous Assembly. On the contrary, the entire document appears devoted to complaining against the judicial actions of the previous Assembly and the procedures used to arrive at them.

The overture begins by stating that the 58th General Assembly erred when it made its declaration setting up the visitation committee. It proceeds to list what appears to be a series of specifications to that charge taken from the procedures and action which led to the decision of the Assembly. It concludes by accusing the 58th General Assembly of improper action that “allows a grievous offense against the Lord to go uncorrected,” and suggests that offense would have been avoided if that Assembly had recommitted the whole matter back to presbytery for retrial. The amends repeat the charge that the Assembly erred in allowing this grievous situation to go uncorrected. It is the judgment of this Assembly that while Overture 5 may not explicitly ask the 59th General Assembly to vacate or reconsider the final decision of the previous Assembly, the overture unquestionably calls for a review of the judicial process leading to that decision. Therefore, the grounds cited by this Assembly in ruling Overture 5 out of order are still applicable.

3. While it is true that we are not to dismiss a matter because of its poor or erroneous form, it is also true that it is not the responsibility of the Assembly or its advisory committees to do the work of the presbytery by laboring to put a poorly written document into usable form. The protest acknowledges that the introduction to the overture did not clearly state the intent of the Presbytery of the Dakotas, but argues that their intent was clear in the argumentation and amends. However, this Assembly does not find that intent “clear from the argumentation and amends sought in the overture,” for the reasons given in the previous paragraph.

Be that as it may, the protest misunderstands the reasoning of the Assembly. This Assembly has ruled that both the judicial process and the final decision in this matter are the responsibility of the 58th General Assembly and are not subject to appeal or reconsideration at this Assembly. For this reason the 59th
General Assembly ruled that Overture 5 was out of order, and not for reasons having to do with the overture’s clarity. The only means of redress available in such a circumstance is by means of protest. The Assembly notes that concerned parties have that right, and have exercised it at this Assembly by offering two protests. These protests, coupled with the publication of Overture 5 in the Minutes, have given the presbytery ample opportunity to articulate their concerns about judicial procedure to this and future General Assemblies.

On motion the Assembly decided to take no action on the proposed Answer to Protest 2 and ordered it included in the Minutes.

247. ORDER OF DAY. On motion the order of the day was extended to 10:00 p.m.

248. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND (Advisory Committee 4)

Mr. King reported for Advisory Committee 4 on the General Assembly Operation Fund budget as follows:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following budget be adopted, and that the Assembly request the churches to contribute $13.00 for each communicant member and that each minister be requested to contribute $13.00 to meet the 1992-1993 General Assembly Budget need.

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On amended motion the Committee's recommendation was adopted.

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249. RESOLUTION OF THANKS. On motion the following resolution of thanks was adopted:

That the Stated Clerk convey the gratitude of the Assembly to the administration and staff of Geneva College for their competent hospitality in making possible the use of their attractive and comfortable facilities.

The efficient and courteous cooperation of Mr. Jeff Santarsiero and Mrs. Jan Vish was especially helpful to the smooth conduct of the Assembly. The Assembly thanks them.

To the Committee on Arrangements, Messrs. Lawrence Semel, David R. Heise and Luis Orteza, the Assembly expresses its deep thanks. They, along with Mr. Abraham Heise, have served willingly and tirelessly to facilitate the Assembly's work.

250. MINUTES, TUESDAY. The Minutes of the sessions of Tuesday, June 9 were posted (cf. §204). By general consent these Minutes were approved as corrected.

251. ORDER OF DAY. During the course of the preceding action, the order of the day was extended to the completion of the business of the Assembly.

252. MINUTES, WEDNESDAY. The Clerk presented the Minutes of the sessions of Wednesday, June 10. By general consent the Minutes were approved as corrected.

253. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:03 p.m.

254. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 10:19 p.m.

255. MINUTES, THURSDAY. The Clerk presented the Minutes of the sessions of Thursday, June 11. By general consent the Minutes were approved as corrected.

256. MINUTES AS A WHOLE. The Clerk presented the Minutes. On motion the Minutes of the Assembly as a whole were approved.

257. DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY. On motion it was determined that the Assembly be dissolved.

The Moderator made the following declaration: By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the church, let this general assembly be dissolved, and I do hereby dissolve it, and require another general assembly, chosen in the same
manner, to meet at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 1993, with a projected terminus of noon, Wednesday, June 16, 1993.

258. PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. Mr. Phillips read Revelation 5:5-14 and led the Assembly in the singing of the hymn, For all the saints, led in prayer, and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction. The 59th General Assembly closed at 10:52 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 1992.
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OVERTURES

Overture 1

From the Presbytery of the Midwest September 20, 1991

The Presbytery of the Midwest at its meeting on September 10, 1991 took the following action:

The Presbytery of the Midwest overtures the 59th General Assembly to expand the boundaries of the Presbytery of the Midwest to include the counties of Essex, Lambton, Kent, Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Brant, Haldimand, Hamilton and Niagara in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Ground: These are the counties between the new OPC congregation in St. Thomas, Ontario and our churches in Michigan, together with the counties in the immediate region.

Douglas B. Clawson
Stated Clerk

Overture 2

From the Presbytery of Northern California October 9, 1991

The Presbytery of Northern California respectfully proposes the following amendment to the Book of Discipline for consideration by the 59th General Assembly:

That the Latin words “mutatis mutandis” in the O.P.C. Book of Discipline, II, C. 1. be replaced by the English words, “necessary changes having been made”.

Ground: The language of the Constitution should be fully understandable to officers of the church. It should be in the lingua franca—the common language. Latin phrases are not conducive to clear and immediate understanding.

William J. Fredericks
Stated Clerk
Overture 3

From the Presbytery of Northern California

October 9, 1991

The Presbytery of Northern California respectfully proposes the following amendment to the Form of Government for consideration by the 59th General Assembly:

That the subscription vow taken by candidates at their licensure and ministers at their ordination and transferring ministers at their installation be expanded to read as follows:

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the elements of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Sections of the Form of Government to which this change would apply: XXI:4.7.(2); XXII:13.c.(2); XXIII:8.(2); XXIII:12.a.(2); XXIII:12.b.(2); XXIII:14.(2); XXIII:17.(2).

And, furthermore, that the subscription vow taken by ruling elders and deacons at their ordination be expanded to read as follows:

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the elements of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

This change would apply to Form of Government Section XXV:6.b.(2).

And furthermore, that the following sentence be added to the end of Section XXV:6.b.:

The subscription vow (2) above, when administered to a candidate for the office of deacon, shall omit the word “and to your presbytery.”
And, furthermore, that the following sentences be added to the *Form of Government* XXXII:1:

All officers at their ordination, and all candidates at their licensure, and all transferring ministers at their installation shall subscribe to the system of doctrine, namely the Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. When a candidate for licensure, or a candidate for ordination to any office, or a transferring minister, declares an exception to the system of doctrine, or, when any ordained officer or licensed candidate declares a change in his views affecting any element of the system of doctrine, the declared exception, if approved by the court, shall be recorded in the minutes of that court. An exception to an element of the system of doctrine is a dissent from a proposition contained in the Confession of Faith or Catechisms. An exception is to be distinguished from an inconsequential objection to a proposition or to a quibble or reservation about terminology. When an exception to the system of doctrine is declared, and that exception is approved, the court shall 1) instruct the one who has declared the exception that he may not preach or teach contrary to the system of doctrine, 2) inform him that his approved exception does not lessen or modify his vow to sincerely receive and adopt the Standards and to maintain his teaching within the bounds of the Standards.

**Grounds:**

1. An overseer "must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." Titus 1:9
2. The existing vow does not require an officer whose views have changed to report such changes to the court of which he is a member. This means that a change of views may not come to the attention of the court for many years. Furthermore, upon discovery of an officer's heterodox views, charges are preferred and pursued many years after a change of views has taken place. The leaven of false teaching may well spread before the Church becomes aware of the error.
3. Historically, Old School Presbyterianism has regarded the elements of the system of doctrine as equivalent to the system itself. Subscription to the system of doctrine means subscription to all the elements of the system—to the propositions contained in the Standards.
4. Exceptions which are declared to the system of doctrine and which are approved by a court should properly come under the review and control of higher courts.
5. An exception approved by a court does not alter or modify the subscription vow itself—to sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Cat-
echisms. An approved exception does not modify or lessen the obligation to maintain one’s teaching within the bounds of the system of doctrine.

William J. Fredericks
Stated Clerk

Overture 4

From the Presbytery of Northern California

October 9, 1991

The Presbytery of Northern California respectfully proposes the following amendment to the Form of Government for consideration by the 59th General Assembly:

That the third sentence of Form of Government XVI:1. be amended by deleting the words “and all those”, and that the following sentence be added at the end of the paragraph:

Communing members are entitled to the right to vote in congregational meetings upon attaining the age of eighteen years.

Ground: Young people who are communicant members of a congregation may not possess the requisite experience, wisdom and discernment to elect officers and to vote on important congregational matters. Furthermore, communing children may be unduly subject to influence either by their parents or by their peers.

William J. Fredericks
Stated Clerk

Overture 5

From the Presbytery of the Dakotas

March 26, 1992

The following overture was adopted by the Presbytery of the Dakotas at its March 1992 stated meeting and is being sent to the General Assembly and to all the presbyteries.

On motion, the Presbytery of the Dakotas determined to overture the 1992 General Assembly to put the following item on its docket:

That the 1991 General Assembly erred when it said, [Ed. note: Cf. Minutes, 58th (1991) GA, Article 161] “In recognition of the long standing problems re Park Hill congregation and the efforts at resolution that have been largely unsuccessful to date, and in recognition that our ultimate purpose is restoration and reconciliation,
the Assembly appoint a Visitation Committee consisting of Messrs. Tyson and Kiester, with the following mandate:

1. to seek to meet with all concerned members of the Presbytery and Park Hill Church to seek the reconciliation of offended parties and to seek to restore the church to the OPC,

2. to meet specifically with the congregation pastored by the Rev. Jack. K. Unangst to explain the General Assembly's decision in this case and to bring the encouragement of the General Assembly to continue in well being and the pursuit of reconciliation,

3. to consult with the Presbytery about the decisions of the General Assembly regarding their judicial proceedings pertaining to Park Hill,

4. to direct the Presbytery to provide a review program for the three appellant elders in the areas of presbyterian government, presbyterian discipline, and duties to elders, to be overseen by this Visitation Committee and under the direction of Messrs. Doe, Larson, and Ronald E. VandenBurg, or their designees; the review program will end when certified by the Visitation Committee as completed, and

5. to report to the 59th (1992) General Assembly concerning its finding and whether any further judicial, administrative, or pastoral discipline or care for one or more of the parties is still needed..." because—

I Our Confession of Faith states, "All synods or councils, since the apostles' times, whether general or particular, may err; and may have erred. Therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice; but to be used as a help to both" (XXXI,4).

II After the fifth specification of the appeal was not sustained and the guilt of the three appellant elders upheld, the 1991 Assembly erred in not asking the appellants to repent. In fact, in the entire decision of the General Assembly, repentance was not mentioned once. Though the decision of the General Assembly states "our ultimate purpose is restoration and reconciliation," there can be neither in the church of Jesus Christ without repentance. In attempting to achieve restoration and reconciliation without repentance, the General Assembly did not follow the biblical model.

III The General Assembly erred—not necessarily knowingly—because it acted without first being informed of the history of the Presbytery of the Dakotas's dealings with the appellants. Biblical standards of justice require that such testimony be heard (Acts 7).

IV The General Assembly gave implicit approval to the following prejudicial actions by the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (hereafter CoAC).
A. This committee rewrote the appeal, making its five points into eight points, and printed it in this form in the Assembly's agenda. The designated representatives of the Presbytery wrote to the Committee chairman to protest the rewriting of the appeal as "a form of improving upon the appeal" (letter date April, 17, 1991). The General Assembly's instruments provides the following mandate to this committee: "The Committee shall act in advance of or during a General Assembly to receive appeals and complaints, to advise whether appeals and complaints are in order and properly before the Assembly, to gather, summarize, and/or index the relevant documents and data, and to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals and complaints" [Standing Rules, Chapter X, 2, b.] The instruments forbid the rewriting of an appeal sent to the Assembly.

B. In a letter, the designated representatives of the Presbytery of the Dakotas wrote the CoAC (April 17, 1991) asking to be informed whether the men who brought charges against the three elders should be present at the 1991 G.A., but the chairman did not answer their letter.

C. The G.A. countenanced the following prejudicial statement from the CoAC: "the trial judicatory (i.e. the P.O.D.) failed to adhere to the Book of Discipline (BD), and this failure had a bearing on the structure and outcome of the trial." No Committee is authorized to judge a presbytery. This prerogative belongs to the G.A. alone, and that by way of due process. In countenancing this, the G.A. gave tacit approval to a violation of its own mandate for CoAC which is "to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals and complaints" (Standing Rules, Chapter X, 2, b).

V The G.A. broke its own rules by allowing two members of the CoAC to serve on [Advisory Committee 10] (Instruments, F.4.a) "Commissioners shall not be assigned to advisory committees that are to review reports of standing or special committees on which they serve or of which they are employees". It was particularly harmful to appoint the chairman of the CoAC as chairman of [Advisory Committee 10].

VI The G.A. gave implicit approval to the following actions of [Advisory Committee 10].

A. [Advisory Committee 10] failed to report to the G.A. the error of the CoAC (recommending the disposition of the appeal, as discussed under IV,C. of this complaint.)

B. [Advisory Committee 10] did not report to the G.A. that the CoAC had included the prejudicial statement passed out to all G.A. commissioners (i.e., "the trial judicatory failed to adhere to the BD and this failure had a bearing on the structure and outcome of the trial").

C. The G.A. ruled on the form and not on the substance of the charge, contrary to BD III,8.b.
1. The G.A. correctly saw that the form of the charge and some of the specifications were improperly formulated.

2. The G.A. did not proceed to deal with the substance of the charge, viz., that the accused had not faithfully practiced church discipline during the last two years of Rev. Unangst's ministry.

D. The G.A. proceeded to act on the fifth specification as if it were a new charge (that in this instance, the three appellants had not acted properly) since they had ruled that the charge per se was improper, and this constituted undertaking a new trial.

E. The G.A. improperly ruled as irrelevant, evidence and material because it allegedly exceeded the statute of limitation, even though that evidence did not exceed the statute since the evidence was that the cases of long standing duration continued undisciplined throughout the last two years of Mr. Unangst's pastorate, and this, although not properly formulated in the first specification, was the major focus of the debate of the Presbytery.

F. Proper dealing with the substance of the charge and evidence (specifications) would best have been accomplished by recommitting the entire matter to the Presbytery of the Dakotas for retrial and appointing advisors to help the Presbytery to properly formulate the entire matter, whereas the action of the G.A. allows a grievous offense against the Lord to go uncorrected (due to the principle of double jeopardy), viz. that the appellants did not practice church discipline properly, and that their treatment of elder M. Nunley was but an instance of a long standing practice (evidence the present report of the G.A. committee.)

AMENDS SOUGHT:

1. That the 1992 Assembly acknowledge that the 1991 Assembly seriously erred in not adhering to its own instruments to advisory committees, in not restraining a committee from moving beyond the Rules of the Assembly, in not adhering to the BD, and in allowing a grievous situation to go uncorrected.

2. Because we agree with, and commend, the work and report of the G.A. Visitation Committee and do not wish to see this work discontinued, we urge the G.A. to continue this committee.

Edward A. Eppinger
Stated Clerk

Overture 6

From the Presbytery of New York and New England April 23, 1992

The Presbytery of New York and New England, at its stated meeting held April 20-21, 1992, determined to overture the 59th General Assembly to propose to the
several presbyteries that the Book of Discipline be amended at Chapters II,B.3.d. and V,2.a. as follows:

That the words “or persists in attending such a church in preference to his own,” be deleted from Section (3) and be inserted in Section (5) after the words “When a member, without adequate reason,” in the form “persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, or” as shown in the comparison below.

Current Version

(3) When a member unites with a church of another denomination without a certificate of dismission, or persists in attending such a church in preference to his own, the session may erase his name from the roll and record the circumstances in its minutes.

(5) When a member, without adequate reason, persistently and over an extended period of time, absents himself...

Proposed Amended Version

(3) When a member unites with a church of another denomination without a certificate of dismission, or persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, or persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, the session may erase his name from the roll and record the circumstances in its minutes.

(5) When a member, without adequate reason, persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, or persistently and over an extended period of time, absents himself...

Grounds:

(1) This proposed amendment does little to clarify inherent ambiguities in the word “persist,” but it does specify more clearly the process by which such cases should be handled.

The word “persists,” by dictionary definition implies resistance to pressure. The use of “persists” in this section on erasure therefore assumes that the person in question is resisting at least some degree of pressure that is being exerted upon him by the session of the church that holds his membership, while he continues to attend a church of another denomination. Because the word “persists” implies the exertion of pressure by his official session, cases of non-attendance, short of joining the other church, more logically fit into Section (5) where we find a procedure that specifies how that pressure is to be applied.

(2) Leaving cases of persistent non-attendance (short of joining another church) in Section (3), where no process for the exerting of pressure is specified, may lead to non-uniform and perhaps inappropriate handling of such cases.
The clarification that results from the proposed amendment will be helpful both to the session (which will know how to handle such cases uniformly) and to the absenting member, who may not otherwise be aware that our churches will not allow his non-attendance to continue indefinitely without review. Both he and the session will benefit from a procedure that requires (a) notification of impending action, thereby giving the non-attender a chance to reconsider his attendance pattern, (b) opportunity to be dissuaded, (c) a hearing (an opportunity for the non-attender to present his arguments), and (d) notification of erasure.

(3) Persistence in attending another church is not the *fait accompli* that uniting with such a church is. They should not be equated. This category of cases more logically falls in Section (5) which already specifies a procedure for handling one who "persistently and over an extended period of time absents himself from the stated services of the church" (emphasis ours). Though these categories are different, they are best dealt with by a similar procedure.

(4) Since sessions are now required to invite one who persists in absenting himself from stated services to show why his name should not be erased, why should sessions not also be required to offer the same opportunity of persuasion and presentation to one who persists in attending another church? Moving this category from Section (3) to (5) would accomplish this.

(5) If the one who persists in absenting himself is subsequently erased from the roll, the session is required to notify him. Should not the session be required to send the same notification to one who name has been erased from the roll because he persists in attending another church? Moving this category from Section (3) to (5) would accomplish this.

Stephen L. Phillips
Stated Clerk

Overture 7

From the Presbytery of New York and New England April 23, 1992

The Presbytery of New York and New England, at its stated meeting held April 20-21, 1992, determined to overture the 59th General Assembly to instruct the Committee on Pensions to present to the 60th General Assembly an amendment to the Pension and Insurance Plan of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (notice of the proposed changes having been submitted to the participants and the sessions of the church at least six weeks prior to the General Assembly) that would give Plan participants the option to elect to receive pension benefits beginning at age 59 1/2 (in conformity with the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code).
Grounds:

(1) In case of ill health, a participant would not be forced to continue working until age 65. The present plan prohibits a participant (in case of ill health) from withdrawing funds from the plan before age 65, which might work a hardship, for example, for someone who even meets the Social Security criteria for disability.

(2) This amendment would enhance diversity of ministry options for those between the ages of 59 1/2 and 65, especially in part-time or low paying ministries.

(3) This amendment would not alter significantly the fact that most participants in the plan wait until age 65 or later to begin withdrawing benefits.

(4) This amendment would bring the Plan into conformity with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code in establishing the age at which participants in the pension plan would be permitted to begin withdrawing benefits without penalty.

Stephen L. Phillips
Stated Clerk

Overture 8

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

The Presbytery of New Jersey, at its stated meeting on April 28, 1992, determined to overture the 59th General Assembly to amend its Standing Rules so that the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries would regularly be heard before the presentation of the budget for Worldwide Outreach.

Ground: We are concerned that the budget for Worldwide Outreach is presented to the Assembly, and approved, before the Assembly is made aware of the diaconal hardships and needs that must be addressed. It seems to us that it might be wiser to receive the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries before voting on the budget for Worldwide Outreach, so that the Assembly could vote more intelligently on both budgets. This overture does not assume that the budget for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries would be included in the budget for Worldwide Outreach, nor does it assume the vote on the budget for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries would precede the vote on the budget for Worldwide Outreach. We simply desire to have information from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries before the Assembly earlier in the docket.

Richard A. Barker
Stated Clerk
Overture 9

From the Presbytery of Philadelphia

May 6, 1992

The Presbytery of Philadelphia overtures the 59th General Assembly to find the question which the 58th Assembly placed upon the docket of the 59th Assembly, namely,

Did the 57th General Assembly err in its action of June 15, 1990, in sustaining the Complaint of Thomas E. Campbell, et al., versus the Session of Second Parish [OPC], Portland, Maine, dated November 10, 1988 (dealing with a woman teaching a Bible study in which men were present), using as its ground that the teaching of the Scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men and further indicating that the policy complained about allows a woman to assume such a role and therefore the complaint should be sustained?

be found to be a matter outside the jurisdiction of the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and is, therefore, out of order. For the Assembly to find the docketed item to be in order would challenge the structure of Presbyterian law, being contrary to the standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the usage of historic American Presbyterian courts, and the teaching of the best Presbyterian theologians. Further still, it is subversive of the recognized polity of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, as a threat to the maintenance of discipline within the church and the rights of the officers and courts of that church who have been entrusted with the exercise of discipline.

I  Contradicts Presbyterian Law

Historic Presbyterianism condemns the review of a judicial case of one General Assembly by another a violation of the standards of the Church, the practice of her courts, and the teaching of her theologians. The General Assembly is the highest court of the church. Its decision, on a disciplinary case appealed to it, is the final decision and the final adjudication of that case. The case is settled. The decision may be protested. The decision may not be reconsidered.

A. The historic standards condemn the action.

1. *The Westminster Confession of Faith* maintains in Chap. XXXI, II:

It belongeth to synods and councils, ministerially to determine contro-
verses of faith, and cases of conscience; to set down rules and directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God, and government of His Church; to receive complaints in cases of maladministration, and authoritatively to determine the same; which decrees and determinations, if consonant to the word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission; not only for their agreement with the Word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in His Word.¹ (Emphasis is that of the Presbytery).

2. Further, the Book of Discipline of the old church, which was the model for our own, explicitly excepted the highest court of the Church from the review of other courts in the following words:

Every kind of decision which is formed in any church judicatory, except the highest, is subject to the review of a superior judicatory, and may be carried before it in one or the other of the four following ways... (The Book of Discipline, 1834 ed., Chap. VII, ii.).

B. The action of American judicatories reflect this understanding of the standards.

1. The terms of agreement of the union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia in 1758 show that it was the understanding of the American church at that time. The salient portion of the agreement reads as follows:

That any Member or Members, for the Exoneration of his or their Conscience before God, have a Right to protest against any Act, or Procedure of our highest judicature, because there is no further Appeal to Another for Redress;...(Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in America 1706-1788, p. 334).

This shows that in 1758 Presbyterians in this country were agreed to the fact that a protest was the sole act open to those in disagreement with the final adjudication of the highest court.

¹ Francis R. Beattie, a Presbyterian divine of the turn of the century wrote of the highlighted section of the Confession. “Thirdly, The councils of the church are to receive complaints in cases of maladministration, and they are to determine the same in an authoritative way. This clearly implies a very important principle of Presbyterianism. It involves the right to appeal from a lower court to a higher court. In the case of a member of the church who has been tried for some offence by the session of the particular church, if that member feels that justice has not been done him, he may appeal to the presbytery, and from the presbytery to the synod, and from the synod to the General Assembly, which is the court of last rest, and whose decisions are final in every case.” (The Presbyterian Standards, p. 359)
2. The same principle may be seen in the General Assembly of 1837, with their action upon the so-called "McQueen Case." That Assembly refused to hear a complaint against the Synod of North Carolina in the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Rev. Archibald McQueen prosecuted a complaint before the Assembly of 1845, against the Presbytery of Fayetteville for refusing to restore him to the exercise of the gospel ministry, and did at the same time memorialize that Assembly to decree his restoration; and whereas that Assembly did take up and judicially entertain the said complaint, and pronounced judgment in the case by authorizing and recommending the presbytery to restore the said Archibald McQueen to the gospel ministry, provided that in the judgment of the presbytery it was wise so to do, and whereas the presbytery in the exercise of the discretion thus confided to them did restore Mr. McQueen, Therefore

Resolved, That the complaint of the Rev. Colin McIver and others against the Synod of North Carolina for having sustained the action of the Presbytery of Fayetteville in restoring the said Archibald McQueen in accordance with the judicial decision of the Assembly of 1845, cannot be entertained by this house, and is hereby dismissed.

In making this disposition the General Assembly wishes it to be distinctly understood, that they do not mean to retract or modify any judgment hitherto expressed by any Assembly respecting the offence for which Mr. McQueen was suspended from the exercise of gospel ministry. They simply declare that his case cannot be regularly brought before them, by this complaint. [cited in Hodge, "The Assembly of 1847," The Biblical Repertory, Vol. 19, (July) 1847 pp. 412,3].

The Assembly, here, refuses to consider the merits of McIver's complaint on the grounds that it would be in effect the review of a judicial decision of the 1845 Assembly which it had no power to exercise.

3. The General Assembly of 1926 also expressed this understanding of the matter. They write:

When a judicial case comes to the General Assembly by constitutional procedure, a case which is issued by the General Assembly and judgment entered, the matter is disposed of, and the judgment in that particular case is final. The reason for this is that the Constitution of the Church does not provide for any higher tribunal that the General Assembly, and the end of litigation must be reached somewhere (Minutes, G.A. 1926, p.86).

C. This opinion has been also expressed by the best Presbyterian theologians
of the last century. Their opinions may be noticed in regard to the above mentioned "McQueen case." Drs. Charles Hodge and J. H. Thornwell (though they differ in their assessment of the facts leading to the above determination of the Assembly of 1847) are unanimous in their agreement in the principle that a subsequent Assembly cannot reverse the decision of a prior one.

1. Hodge, writing in support of the Assembly's action, said:

...the decision of this case in 1845 was a judicial decision, and being the decision of the court of last resort, is of necessity final. **It requires no argument to show that the decision of one Assembly cannot be reviewed by a subsequent Assembly.** There cannot be a remedy after the last, a court higher than the highest...In this way one Assembly may go counter to the decision of another Assembly; **but it can never be contended that one Assembly can review the judicial decision of a previous Assembly** (Ibid., p.414, emphasis ours).

2. Dr. Thornwell, believing that it was not the Assembly of '45 which made the final determination of the case but the Assembly of '46 when they indefinitely postponed the consideration of the reference of this case to them by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, writes this of the finality of an Assembly's judicial decisions:

...By this reverence, according to our discipline, "they [the Presbytery of Fayetteville] totally relinquished the decision, and submitted the whole cause to the final judgment of the superior judicatory." **As to them, it was finally and irreversibly disposed of, unless it had been sent back by the higher Court.** The Assembly of 1846 took up this reference, and decided that it should be indefinitely postponed, which was, in effect saying, that its farther consideration should be forever [emphasis ours] dropped. The matter ought here to have ended (Thornwell, Collected Writings, 4:492).

In the same article, however, Thornwell agrees that the Assembly would have acted justly if the facts of history of the case had been what they believed them to be. Thus:

...It is evident, that if that Assembly [1845] had reversed the action of Fayetteville Presbytery, and fully sustained the complaint of Mr. McQueen, no complaint could have been constitutionally made to any succeeding assembly. This action, whether wrong or right, would have been final. Now, this is precisely what the Assembly of 1847 maintained that the Assembly of 1845 virtually did (Ibid. p. 490-1).

Thornwell agreed with Hodge and the Assembly on the principle of the finality of
an Assembly's judicial decisions; the disagreement is as to the facts of the case which is outside of our area of interest.

II The 57th General Assembly Settled Case

The decision of the 57th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was such a final adjudication of a specific case and its decision as the Supreme Court of the Church therefore must stand as final in that case whether right or wrong.

A. The 57th General Assembly justly intended their decision to be final in that particular case. This is shown from the terms of the judgment itself. “By a vote of 61 to 44, Recommendation 1 was adopted...and therefore the Complaint should be sustained” (Minutes of the G.A., 1990, p. 48).

B. There are, therefore, no just grounds for the 59th Assembly to consider that its predecessor had remanded the case to any court for any deliberation further than its determinative action.

III Creates Danger of Open Ended Discipline

For the 59th General Assembly even to consider the question would imply that the judicial process within the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is to be considered open ended. It presents the specter of a specific case of process being agitated ad infinitum within the courts of the Church, as succeeding Assemblies continue to reverse the findings of their predecessors.

A. If the 59th General Assembly is allowed to find the 57th General Assembly in error, there is nothing in principle to deter the 61st General Assembly from finding error on the part of the 59th Assembly.

B. Nor is there anything which would lead anyone to suppose that there could be any final determination of this particular case at all.

IV Subverts Constitutional Redress

It is subversive of the constitutional means provided for those who disagree with the grounds upon which the 57th Assembly made its final decision of the case. It seems to be a short cut which deprives the lower courts of the church their right to deliberate which would be the case if a similar case or doctrinal proposition were begun in the courts de novo.

V Proceeds by Unknown Judicial Process

In asking the 59th General Assembly to find error in the judicial decision of the 57th Assembly, the docketed question is asking the Assembly to make a judicial
determination (the finding of error against a judicatory in a judicial case being a judicial decision in its own right), but it requests this to be done by a judicial process unknown to the Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Historic Presbyterianism, also, has taught there are four ways in which a matter may come before a judicatory for review (see, I.A. above), and the matter that has been placed upon the docket of the Assembly has arrived in none of those four ways.

A. It is not an appeal, for the Form of Government defines an appeal in this manner:

An appeal is the removal of a judicial case to an appellate judicatory by the filing of a petition asking that the final judgment of a lower judicatory be reversed or modified. An appeal may be taken by the accused, or by a judicatory whose judgment has been reversed or modified by an appellate judicatory (Book of Discipline, VII,1.).

The question above is directed against the highest judicatory of the Church, not a lower judicatory.

B. Nor is it a complaint, which is defined as follows:

A complaint is a written representation, other than an appeal or a protest, charging a judicatory with delinquency or error. It may be brought by an officer or other member of the church against a session or the presbytery to which he is subject, by one session against another session, by a session against the presbytery which has jurisdiction over it, or by one presbytery against another presbytery [Book of Discipline, IX,1.].

The docketed item fits none of the circumstances allowed in this definition.

C. It is not a reference (even if the OPC recognized this procedure). A reference was defined in the old church as:

...a judicial representation, made by an inferior judicatory to a superior, of a case not yet decided; which representation ought always to be in writing (The Book of Discipline, 1834 ed., Chap. VII, sec.II,i.).

In the present case, the communication does not come from an inferior judicatory with reference to a case before it upon which no decision has been made. The case to which the question alludes has been decided already.

D. It does not come under the heading of General "review and control", for these powers are granted by Presbyterian polity to judicatories to exercise in regard to lower courts. The 59th General Assembly is not a court superior to the 57th General Assembly.
E. Even if for the sake of argument we granted that it should be treated as either an appeal or complaint, in neither instance would it be consistent with the time required for notice to be given of such action.

1. Notice of an appeal must be given within ten (10) days after the announcement of judgment (Book of Discipline VII, 1.).

2. In the case of a complaint the notice must be given within three months except on account of impossibility (Book of Discipline IX, 2.).

VI Overturns Judicial Decision by Administrative Action

This, therefore, constitutes an attempt to overturn a judicial decision by administrative action, which in itself is subversive of Presbyterian polity.

VII Deprives 57th Assembly of Right of Defense of its Action

The Assembly's consideration of this matter would deprive the court which issued the judgment the right of defending its decision before the tribunal judging its actions. The General Assembly as a court is not a continuous body. Each Assembly is a new entity, therefore, the 57th General Assembly can have no standing before the 59th, because it no longer exists; it at its final adjournment dissolved.

Overture 10

From the Presbytery of Ohio May 2, 1992

At its meeting held April 3-4, 1992, the Presbytery of Ohio determined to overture the Fifty-ninth General Assembly to review, through its Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, the propriety of the OPC's continued fraternal relations with the Christian Reformed Church of North America (CRC). Further, the committee shall bring its recommendation to the Sixtieth General Assembly (1993).

Grounds:

1. The issues raised by the personal appeal of William Hodgkiss in 1990 and by Overture 86 of the Washington, Pa., CRC council in 1991 indicate CRC Synodical endorsement of denials of confessional integrity. Specifically the Synod has allowed [to] stand the examination of the Rev. Ronald Spoelman before Classis Lake Erie of the CRC wherein, among other things, he stated that he could easily cite ten errors in the Bible. This exam was witnessed by OPC ministers Dr. Dan Osborne and Mr. Dan Knox.

2. The acts of deposition sanctioned by Synod 1991 against the Washington, Pa. CRC council indicate a perversion of discipline. Deposed officers were declared
eligible for reelection to office without any repentance being required. Right administration of discipline is an essential mark of a true church (Belgic Confession, Article XXIX and Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 30).

(3) Successive CRC Synods (1990 and 1991) have acted contrary to scripture on the matter of women in office.

(4) CRC Synod 1991 rejected forty overtures from CRC councils and classes and a fraternal letter from the NAPARC church in reasserting its commitment to pursue ratification in 1992 of a change in the Christian Reformed Church Order to open all offices to women. The fact that reversals of the decisions of previous synods require “sufficient and new” evidence, the decision of 1992 is, in reality, and accomplished fact in light of the 1990 decision, which is “settled and binding.” (Quotations are from CR Church Order, Articles 31 and 29, respectively.)

(5) CRC Synod 1991 acted contrary to scripture on the true matter of Creation/Evolution.

James F. Alexander
Stated Clerk

Overture 11

From the Presbytery of Philadelphia May 20, 1992

The Presbytery of Philadelphia meeting in regular session on November 16, 1991...determined to overture the 59th General Assembly...to amend the Form of Government, Chapter VI, Section 4, to read as follows:

Add to the end of the paragraph the following: “Under circumstances where a minister, with the approval of his presbytery, resides within the bounds of another regional church, his presbytery, with his concurrence, may request a session of that regional church to exercise care over him on its behalf. That session, with the concurrence of its presbytery, may grant him the right to vote in its congregation.”

Grounds:

(1) Under the present form there is no provision for men such as seminary professors and general secretaries of General Assembly committees who, for reasons of their calling, live in a regional church other than their own, and worship in a congregation of that regional church.

(2) Historically the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has allowed such men to continue their membership in the last presbytery where they served, in order to maintain a more balanced distribution of their gifts throughout the presbyteries and to avoid too high a concentration of ministers not-in-pastoral-charge in any one presbytery.
(3) Such men, being removed from the ordinary contacts of presbytery life, are even more in need of pastoral oversight than those residing within their regional church.

A. LeRoy Greer  
Stated Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1  
From the Presbytery of the Dakotas  
October 28, 1991

With regard to those complaints from Taylor, et al. upheld by the 1991 General Assembly, Presbytery took the following actions.

a. On motion, Presbytery acquiesced to the directive of the General Assembly and rescinded its action of dismissing all the charges against Mr. Unangst [90-109-539]. Mr. Eppinger had his negative vote recorded.

b. On amended motion, Presbytery adopted the motion: that in accord with the directive of the General Assembly, the Presbytery seeks the forgiveness of Messrs. Petrie, Samiran, and Nightengale for the dismissal of charges 2-5 against Mr. Unangst on the basis of the competency of the witnesses. (Note that this was done by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.)

c. In accord with the directives of the General Assembly, Presbytery rescinded the action of [90-111-558] and acknowledges in the minutes that Presbytery erred in not following FG XXIV,2.

d. In accord with the directives of the General Assembly the Presbytery will ask the forgiveness of Park Hill Presbyterian Church for not following FG XXIV,2.

Edward A. Eppinger  
Stated Clerk

Communication 2  
From the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland  
April 6, 1992

I want, on behalf of the Business of Synod Committee of the R.P.Church of Ireland to express our warmest thanks for the kind invitation received recently from your Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to send a delegate to the General Assembly in Beaver Falls. It would be a great pleasure to accept this invitation but the distance involved, the cost of travel and the proximity to our own Synod meeting which begins Lord willing on 8th June mean that we are unable to accept. We assure you of our deep interest in your work and witness and our prayer that the Lord will richly bless your Assembly this year.
Our Theological College was privileged in January this year to have Dr Richard Gaffin Jnr as Guest Lecturer. His ministry among us was greatly appreciated and very profitable.

The first Synod of the R.P. Church in Ireland met in 1811 though the first Irish Reformed Presbytery had been set up in 1763. The membership of the Church in Ireland including Covenant children is at present approximately 4000. We value your interest and prayer support as we minister in the difficult circumstances in Northern Ireland. Recently one of our Church buildings in Belfast was severely damaged by an I.R.A. bomb. In the face of such events we give thanks to God for His preserving care and for the evidence of His blessing on the Church’s witness.

Our mission team in Nantes, France has been encouraged in the past year by the numbers attending the worship services and Bible studies.

We send our greetings in the Lord and pray that you will continue to know His presence and His blessing on your service for Him.

Knox Hyndman
Clerk

Communication 3

From the Presbytery of Southern California

At its second Stated Meeting, April 3, 4, 1992, The Presbytery of Southern California passed the following motion:

“On motion, Presbytery adopted the Committee’s recommendation that (in accordance with FG XXIII,3) the Presbytery report to this year’s General Assembly the history of its working with Mr. Dengerink, and its desire to continue to examine him with a view to his ordination to the gospel ministry even though his formal seminary education was a two year rather than a three year program (describing the grounds for that decision), and that it seeks the Assembly’s advice.”

Mr. Michael Duane Dengerink was examined, and received as a candidate under care on April 19, 1991.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of our Second Stated Meeting, 1992, which records the actions taken with regard to this candidate.

“On motion Presbytery adopted the committee’s recommendation that all the parts of trial for ordination required by the constitution (cf. FG XXIII,e.6.) which Mr. Dengerink sustained before the committee be approved as sufficient for ordination.

“On motion Presbytery adopted the committee’s recommendation that the sermon preached by Mr. Dengerink before this meeting of Presbytery be approved as sufficient for ordination.

“Mr. Dengerink was examined in theology on the floor of Presbytery. Mr. Wagner asked questions on behalf of the committee.
“Questions were then taken from the floor.
“On motion the examination in theology was arrested.
“The motion to sustain the examination in theology did not receive a three-fourths positive vote and therefore is to continue according to FG, XXII,6.
“Mr. Newsom read letters of recommendation for Mr. Dengerink.
“It was moved and carried that the testimonials concerning Mr. Dengerink’s ministry, which were read at the time of his licensure, be deemed sufficient for ordination.”

Rollin P. Keller
Stated Clerk

Communication 4

From the Presbytery of New Jersey

The Presbytery of New Jersey, at its stated meeting on April 28, 1992, determined not to concur in the overture [Ed. note: Overture 5] to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of the Dakotas dated March 26, 1992, for reasons not limited to the following:

1. The overture makes aspersions concerning the Committee on Appeals and Complaints and its Chairman and construes the purpose of that committee so narrowly as to have precluded it from having made observations about the Appeal, the Charge and Specifications that, although unflattering to their authors, were both accurate and necessary.

2. The overture charges the Assembly with no concern for the need for repentance on the part of Messrs. Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran. The fact that the Assembly did not specifically address the question of repentance does not at all prove that it had no concern for it.

3. The overture charges the Assembly with breaking its own rules in appointing Messrs. Kuschke and Tyson to Advisory Committee 10, whereas this action was a de facto suspension of the Assembly’s Instrument F that the Assembly has followed for many years and which has never been challenged. The Assembly is certainly at liberty to suspend its own rules, whether by common consent or by the appropriate vote.

4. The overture charges Advisory Committee 10 with failures that are not at all clearly shown to be failures.
5. The overture suggests that the Assembly should have stretched the Charge and Specifications against the three elders to accommodate the Presbytery's interest, and then criticizes the Assembly for stretching them enough to deal with them at all.

Richard A. Barker  
Stated Clerk

Communication 5

From the Presbytery of New York and New England  
May 1, 1992

At its April 20-21, 1992, meeting, the Presbytery of New York and New England determined to send the committee report that follows as a communication to the 59th General Assembly.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY I TIMOTHY 2:12

Your committee which was elected at the fall 1991 stated meeting consists of Messrs. Eckardt, Hilbelink (chairman), and Kessler. Since the fall stated meeting your committee has met three times: in January, by phone in February, and in March. Your committee submits the enclosed papers along with a recommendation to the brothers in presbytery for their consideration.

We would mention up front to the presbytery that though there is difference of opinion as to where the specific lines must be drawn, there is agreement with the following from the last paragraph of Mr. Kessler's paper:

"The General Assembly's ground for upholding the Campbell complaint, however, is ambiguous. It does go too far in restraining women from exercising their gifts in the Body of Christ."

Your committee would agree that it is the grounds which made the GA's decision objectionable. It is dangerous to allow grounds to stand with such ambiguity. Note the Minutes of the 57th General Assembly, page 48:

132. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. (Advisory Committee 10, Complaint 1, Cont., cf. Section 128). The Assembly resumed consideration of the pending question. The motion to substitute (Section 125 ['That the complaint be denied.'] ) was lost by a vote of 51 to 53.

133. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.
134. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. (Advisory Committee 10, Complaint 1, Cont.). The Assembly resumed consideration of the pending question. By a vote of 61 to 44, Recommendation 1 was adopted with the addition of the Ground that the teaching of the Scriptures in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men. The policy complained against allows a woman to assume such a role and therefore the Complaint should be sustained.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Presbytery forward this report together with its papers to the 59th General Assembly as information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert W. Eckardt
John R. Hilbelink
William B. Kessler

OVERTURE FORWARDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FALL 1990

The Presbytery of New York and New England respectfully overtures the 58th General Assembly to adopt the following statement:

The 58th General Assembly hereby expresses its opinion that the 57th General Assembly erred in its action of June 15, 1990 in sustaining the Complaint of Thomas E. Campbell et al. versus the Session of Second Parish, Portland, ME, dated November 10, 1988 (dealing with a woman teaching a Bible study in which men were present), using as its ground that the teaching of the Scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men and further indicating that the policy complained against allows a woman to assume such a role and therefore the complaint should be sustained.

Grounds:

(1) The prohibition of I Timothy 2:11-15, in context (2:8 to 3:16) is specific. It prohibits women from exercising the teaching and ruling functions reserved to the office of elder (for exegesis in support of this interpretation, see the Report of the Committee on Women in Church Office, Minutes, 1988, pp. 329-331 or Minutes, 1987, pp. 255-257).

(2) The ground of the 57th General Assembly's action states "that the teaching of the Scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men." This understanding is more restrictive than the proper understanding of this passage. What teaching of the Word of God is not authoritative? Any teaching of the Word carries with it the inherent authority
of Scripture and therefore the authority of God Himself. The Assembly’s action, with its ground, leads inevitably to the conclusion that a woman may never, under any circumstances, teach a man. Such a conclusion is in conflict with the teaching of Scripture as a whole (e.g., Acts 18:26; I Corinthians 11:5; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

(3) The 57th General Assembly’s action, because of its misunderstanding of I Timothy 2:11-15, places undue and unnecessary restrictions on the sessions of our churches.

(End of Statement)

The Presbytery of New York and New England set forth the following grounds in support of its overture:

(1) "All synods or councils, since the Apostles’ times whether general or particular, may err; and many have erred" (Confession of Faith, XXXI, 3).

(2) The action of the 57th General Assembly was taken against substantial opposition, with 42% of those voting opposed to the action and 29 commissioners requesting that their negative votes be recorded.

(3) A protest against this action was presented to the Assembly and was signed by 38 commissioners.

(4) The Assembly took no action to answer the protest.

(5) Such an important decision, taken against such substantial opposition and with no careful consideration or response to the exegetical support of an opposing interpretation of Scripture supplied by a committee established by a General Assembly, should not be permitted to control the future policy of the church.

(6) It is legitimate for a General Assembly to express its opinion concerning what it perceives to be an error by a previous Assembly. If not, there could never be reformation or correction without establishing a new denomination and starting again.

PAPER ON I TIMOTHY 2:12 BY ROBERT W. ECKARDT

The purpose of this paper is to support the overture of the Presbytery of New York and New England to the 1991 General Assembly which requests the Assembly to express its opinion that the 57th General Assembly erred in its action of June 15, 1990, in sustaining the Complaint of Thomas E. Campbell et al. versus the Session of Second Parish, Portland, ME, dated November 10, 1988 (dealing with a woman teaching a Bible study in which men were present), using as its ground that the teaching of the Scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15 clearly prohibits women from a role which involves the authoritative teaching of men and further indicating that the policy complained about allows a woman to assume such a role and therefore the complaint should be sustained.
First Timothy 2:11-15 understood in its context simply prohibits women from exercising the teaching and ruling functions reserved to the office of elder. To infer from this that a woman may never, under any circumstances, teach a man is carrying the implications of this passage too far.

Thus, "I Corinthians 11:5,13 imply that in some form public prayer and prophecy by women was an accepted practice in the churches known to Paul (see verse 16; cf. the four daughters of Philip the evangelist at Caesarea who were known by the fact that they prophesied, Acts 21:9)" (Report of the Committee on women in Church Office to the 55th General Assembly, p. 328). "If the passage is read in its own terms, its plain suggestion is that women praying and women prophesying in public meetings of the church are recognized and accepted practices" (Ibid.)

PAPER ON I TIMOTHY 2:12 BY WILLIAM B. KESSLER

Study on Women

The apostle Paul writes in I Timothy 2:12, "But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent." The overall context for this verse begins at 2:1. Paul first directs his comments generally to men and then to women in the church. Men are to pray without anger and disputing. Women are to be modest and engage in good deeds.

In outlining the general order of the church for men and women, Paul gives a prohibition to the women. The apostle prohibits the teaching of men or the exercising authority over men by women.

The role of women teaching ought to be qualified by other Scripture. Women are encouraged to teach their children. Older women are enjoined to teach younger women. In the give and take of informal fellowship there is instruction that takes place by women. Even Priscilla instructs Apollos in the privacy of her own home.

Paul's prohibition, then, concerning women teaching men, refers to teaching men in public. Public teaching can be defined as teaching in a setting which has been sanctioned by the elders of the church, to which the whole or part of the congregation is encouraged to attend, for the express purpose of reading, interpreting and applying the Scriptures. It is the idea of the public teaching of the Bible that Paul prohibits a woman from doing when men are attending.

The public nature of teaching that is prohibited for a woman is emphasized by reformed exegetes. B.B. Warfield's comment on I Corinthians 14:30-34 summarizes the traditional view of women teaching men in public, "The prohibition of women speaking covers thus all public church-meetings — it is the publicity, not the formality of it, which is the point."
Some would argue that I Corinthians 11:5,13 implies that women could speak publicly. Even if we denied the traditional exegesis of this passage, it still does not sanction women teaching men in public. If we interpret women prophesying as praising the Lord, the act of praise with the congregation is different from teaching. If by prophesying a supernatural utterance is in view, then it is God's prerogative to abrogate the ordinary order for his purposes. Nevertheless, we must continue to obey his ordinary order. Calvin writes, "Thus, if at some time women held the office of prophets and teachers and were led to do so by God's Spirit, he who is above all law might do this, but being an extra-ordinary case, it does not conflict with the constant and accustomed rule" (I Timothy, p. 217). For Calvin the accustomed rule was that women ought not to teach men in public.

Some would deny that Paul is restricting women from teaching men in public. An example of their argument includes the subsequent context of I Timothy 2:12. They would state that Paul is only restricting women from teaching and exercising authority as elders. It is rather interesting that the preceding context is not taken into consideration. Paul is arguing from the general to the specific in I Timothy 2:1-3:7. In chapter two he instructs men and women in general. Then in chapter three he begins specific instruction for the special offices. To bind I Timothy 2:12 to chapter three, exclusively qualifying its meaning in relation to eldership, is too speculative. The preceding context ought to bear more weight in determining the meaning of I Timothy 2:12.

Still another interpretation of I Timothy 2:12 is that when Paul prohibits women from teaching or exercising authority over men, the conjunction 'or' (oude) is made to read like a preposition indicating a function, "I do not permit a women to teach as having authority over a man." The only problem with this interpretation is that the text does not say this. We cannot give ourselves liberty to read what we want into the Bible. Paul uses a coordinating conjunction introducing two inclusive possibilities, "teaching and/or exercising authority." He lists two separate activities that are both prohibited to women, teaching and exercising authority.

The General Assembly's ground for upholding the Campbell complaint, however, is ambiguous. It does go too far in restraining women from exercising their gifts in the Body of Christ. The intention of the ground ought to be preserved; that is, women ought not to teach or exercise authority over men in a public way. But perhaps the language should be changed to prevent any confusion.

PAPER ON I TIMOTHY 2:12 BY JOHN R. HILBELINK

The question before us is the relationship of I Timothy 2:12 to whether women may teach home Bible studies in which men are present. This issue to date has not been clearly addressed to everyone's satisfaction, even though some excellent
studies on both sides of the question are in print. The answer of the 57th General Assembly to this question was met with a protest signed by over 40 commissioners. Although the GA's answer did not directly affect the congregation and session involved (The local issue was over policy. The practice never took place.), nevertheless the effects were more far reaching. For example, one session ceased scheduling women on the lists of teachers for home Bible studies even though the studies were clearly under sessional oversight. One can ask further, how this affects churches which desire to receive instruction from one of the women staff writers for GCP?

If there is a plea in this paper it is that the local session be free within the parameters of Scripture in its oversight of the instructional ministry of its members by way of home Bible studies — that, given the diversity throughout the denomination in the understanding of 1 Timothy 2:12 and related passages, the matter of who may teach home Bible studies, whether men or women, be left to the discretion of the local session.

This writer, in this brief paper, would stress one exegetical point in 1 Timothy 2:12. Some would argue that a clean separation must be made between not permitting a woman "to teach...a man" and not permitting a woman "to have authority over a man." The flow of verse 12 from verse 11 does not permit such a clean separation. What verse 11 states in the positive, verse 12 states in the negative in a parallel fashion (the graphic format helps show the parallel):

11. "A woman should learn and full submission.
   in quietness''

12. "I do not permit a
   woman to teach or to have authority
   over a man; . . . .
   she must be silent.''

Notice the parallels: "learn"/"teach", "quietness"/"silent", "submission"/"authority". In verse 11, the phrase "full submission" (which is parallel to "have authority over a man") is an adverbial phrase modifying "should learn". This in parallel fashion places the matter of "having authority" in direct relationship to "I do not permit a woman to teach...." Or it might be paraphrased, "I do not permit a woman to teach a man so as to have authority over a man." The implication is that a woman may not teach as an elder.

There are a number of excellent studies in print on I Corinthians 11:2-16, I Corinthians 14:33b-35, and I Timothy 2:8-14. In addition to the many commentaries and the "Report of the Committee on Women in Church Office" (Minutes of the OPC 55th General Assembly, 1988, Appendix, pp. 310-373), this writer commends the following to you for further study:


EXCERPT DEALING WITH I TIMOTHY 2 FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN CHURCH OFFICE Minutes of the 55th General Assembly (1988), Appendix, Pp. 329-331

h. The situation in 1 Timothy 2 differs significantly.

(1) Numerous efforts have been made (in some cases, we should not hesitate to recognize, by those fully committed to the inspired authority and integrity of Scripture as God’s Word) to show that the commands of verses 11,12 are no longer applicable today. Those efforts, by now sustained and repeated, have nonetheless been unsuccessful. They are unconvincing in handling some of the details of the passage (e.g., in trying to show that “quietness” [verses 11,12] is somehow not intended to exclude women from the teaching or exercise of authority in view, or in maintaining that authentein [verse 12] means the rebellious abuse or some other misuse of authority). Unconvincing as well are efforts to reconstruct the background at Ephesus that allegedly limits the applicability of Paul’s commands to that time and place. No doubt his prohibition is occasioned by the particular circumstances of his original readers (what statement in Scripture isn’t?), but an accurate profile of the opposition he is concerned about has not been demonstrated persuasively. Nor in all likelihood can it be, given the limitations of the biblical and existing nonbiblical data. Probably it was some form of Judaism or Jewish Christianity with syncretistic, Gnosticizing tendencies, but if and, if so, how far and in what manner it had penetrated the Ephesians church remains unclear. It is an extremely questionable hermeneutical procedure to attempt to limit the current applicability of biblical teaching, especially a command, on the basis of an historical reconstruction that necessarily is largely speculative. It is risky indeed, as many today are doing, to view the prohibition in verse 12 “as based primarily on a situation for which we have no clear evidence” (D. Moo, Trinity Journal, 2[1881]:217).

(2) There are certainly a number of exegetical uncertainties in this passage (e.g., what exactly is the analogy between men and women in verses 8-10? are women’s prayers in view in verse 9? how are we to understand the use of Genesis 2-3 in verses 13,14? the reference to childbearing in verse 157?). But it is thoroughly
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wrongheaded to hold that because of these difficulties in the surrounding context it is arbitrary in principle and therefore not permissible to draw firm conclusions about the commands of verses 11-13, especially to conclude that they are still binding today. The extension of such an hermeneutical approach to Scripture as a whole would mean that because it contains “some things that are hard to understand” (2 Peter 3:16) therefore nothing it teaches is clear.

In fact, with all that remains imponderable about Paul’s argument, it is hard to deny that he is plainly basing the commands of verses 12,13 (1) on an order established in creation at the beginning and (2) on the fact of the sinful malfunction of that order at the Fall, and that he therefore intends that as long as the present creation order exists the commands continue in force.

Several broader contextual considerations reinforce this conclusion.

(a) We need always to be on guard against our tendency to treat the Pastoral Epistles as a kind of first Book of Church Order, which they are obviously not. Still, the Pastorals have a unique role in the New Testament canon. They embody apostolic provision for the postapostolic future of the church, particularly as they order aspects of church life for that coming time, “until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Tim. 6:14).

(b) The controlling concern in the section 1 Timothy 2:1-3:16 is “how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God” (3:15). This means that 2:8-15, despite some puzzling elements (e.g., the reference to childbearing in verse 15) addresses (permanent) relationships in the church community as a whole, not just between husbands and wives.

(c) Within the section 2:1-3:16 Paul goes on immediately, connecting directly with 2:8-15, to deal with the permanent offices in the church, beginning with the qualifications of the overseer/elder (3:1-7, cf. Titus 1:5-9). In other words, in 3:1ff., Paul orders and makes positive provision for the teaching and rule he has just prohibited to women.

(3) This last observation, (c), provides an important qualification of the commands in 2:11,12. We have already seen [g,(1), above] that 1 Corinthians 11:3ff. limits the apparently absolute imposition of silence on women found in 14:34,35. In keeping with that limitation, 1 Timothy 3:1-7 suggest that 2:12,13 prohibits women specifically from exercising the teaching and ruling functions reserved to the office of elder. Warfield’s statement quoted above, then, needs to be modified. In the case of 1 Timothy 2:11,12 the point is not only “publicity” but also “formality,” formal (official), public teaching and ruling; women are not to be (ordained as) elders.

(4) An important substructure of Paul’s argument in this passage, explaining in part his use of Genesis 2 and 3, is the unique analogy that exists between the church and the family. The basic form and role relationships established in the home (cf. Eph. 5:22ff.; Col. 3:18-21) have a carryover into the church: the elders are to the rest of the church as the husband/father is to the wife/children in the family. This substructure, rooted primarily in the biblical doctrine of the covenant,
reflects the parallel found throughout Scripture between the family and the church (the covenant community as a whole), a parallel unlike that between any other human institutions. This unique correspondence, we believe, is one that only a Reformed doctrine of the church, in distinction from the various ecclesiologies of non-Reformed evangelicalism, is able truly to appreciate and capitalize on in trying to identify and articulate a genuinely biblical rationale for defining the role of women in the church. A fundamental reason why women are not to be ordained as elders is that the church is not an aggregate body of individual believers but families (believers together with their children) in covenant with God. As Paul says, the church is "God's household." In our judgment there can be little doubt that an unbiblical individualism, present in many who are otherwise fully committed to the authority of Scripture, is a source of considerable confusion in current debates about women's ordination. [End of excerpt]

Stephen L. Phillips
Stated Clerk

Communication 6

From the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland

Please convey to the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church the warmest fraternal greetings of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland. We are very sorry that we are unable to send a delegate to your Assembly to convey our greetings personally but we would thank you for the kind invitation which you extended to us.

As a church we are in many ways quite encouraged at the present time. We are, as you know, a small denomination consisting of 12 congregations and c. 450 members but for the first time in our history we have 11 ministers. As such we are currently engaging in a time of consolidation and strengthening of existing congregations in the hope that soon we will be able to reach out with the Gospel into needy areas of our land.

We do trust that you will know the Lord's blessing during the days of General Assembly.

Gareth N. Burke, Convenor
Inter-Church Relations Committee
Communication 7

From the Presbytery of the Southwest                  May 3, 1992

At the 1992 Spring Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest, the
presbytery determined to seek the advice of the 59th General Assembly regarding
the licensure of two men who are currently under care.

The following are the motions approved by the presbytery.

With a view toward the licensure of Mr. David T. Brack, presbytery deter-
mined to report the whole matter of Mr. Brack's examinations, with the exception
of a lack of proficiency on Hebrew, to the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox
Presbyterian Church, seeking their advice regarding waiving this requirement (FG
XXI:6), believing that the exception is warranted by the manifest qualifications of
Mr. Brack for the office of the gospel ministry.

With a view toward the licensure of Mr. Gary W. Davenport, presbytery
determined to report the whole matter of Mr. Davenport's examinations, with the
exception of a deficiency in the formal educational requirement, and a lack of
proficiency on Hebrew, to the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian
Church, seeking their advice regarding waiving this requirement (FG XXI:6),
believing that the exceptions are warranted by the manifest qualifications of Mr.
Davenport for the office of the gospel ministry.

Also, in both cases, presbytery appointed Mr. Glenn D. Jerrell to represent the
Presbytery of the Southwest before the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox
Presbyterian Church concerning these exceptions.

For your information and that of the Advisory Committee to review this
matter, there will also be two other current members of our Candidates and
Credentials Committee, John R. Hunt, Jr., and Jack J. Peterson, present at the
Assembly.

I have also included work sheets on the motions passed on each man to give
an overview of what actions were taken.

John H. Johnson
Stated Clerk

Actions Pertaining to Gary W. Davenport

At the 1988 Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest, on separate
motions presbytery determined to sustain Mr. Gary Davenport's examinations toward licensure in Church History and English Bible. All the following motions were passed at the 1992 Spring Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

Gary W. Davenport, Candidate Under Care, preached a sermon in Matthew 15:21-28 entitled "A True Israelite at Heart."

Mr. Gibbons examined Mr. Davenport in Christian faith and life on behalf of presbytery. Other members of presbytery were given opportunity to question Mr. Davenport.

On separate motions the examination of Mr. Davenport in Christian faith and life was arrested and sustained.

Mr. Peterson examined Mr. Davenport in theology on behalf of presbytery. Other members of presbytery were given opportunity to question Mr. Davenport.

On separate motions the examination of Mr. Davenport in theology was arrested and sustained.

Mr. Oliphant read testimonials for Mr. Davenport.

On motion Mr. Davenport's examination in Greek done in committee was approved. (For other exams refer to 88-48-76)

On motion Mr. Davenport's exegetical paper on 2 Peter 3:8-13, his theological paper entitled "Tongues: The Mystery of the Gentiles Unfolds," and his written sermon were approved.

On motion Mr. Davenport's examination for licensure as a whole was sustained. It was noted that there was no audible dissent.

With a view toward the licensure of Mr. Davenport, on motion presbytery determined to report the whole matter of Mr. Davenport's examinations, with the exception of a deficiency in the formal educational requirement, and a lack of proficiency in Hebrew to the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, seeking their advice regarding waiving these requirements (FG XXI:6), believing that the exceptions are warranted by the manifest qualifications of Mr. Davenport for the office of the gospel ministry.

On motion Mr. Jerrell was appointed to represent the Presbytery of the Southwest before the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church concerning the exception for Mr. Davenport's licensure.

Actions Pertaining to David T. Brack

Candidate Under Care, Mr. Brack, preached on Galatians 5:16—6:5 a sermon entitled "Grin and Bear It."

Mr. Taylor examined Mr. Brack in theology on behalf of presbytery. Members of presbytery were given opportunity to question Mr. Brack.

On separate motion the examination of Mr. Brack in theology was arrested and sustained.
Mr. Shaw examined Mr. Brack in Christian faith and life on behalf of presbytery. Other members of presbytery were given opportunity to question Mr. Brack. On separate motion the examination of Mr. Brack in Christian faith and life was arrested and sustained.

Mr. Oliphint read testimonials for Mr. Brack.

On motion Mr. Brack’s examinations in English Bible, Greek, and Ecclesiastical History done in committee were approved.

On motion Mr. Brack’s exegetical paper on 1 John 5:16-18, his theological paper entitled “Puritan View of the Sabbath,” and his written sermon were approved.

On motion Mr. Brack’s preached sermon was approved.

On motion Mr. Brack’s examination for licensure as a whole was sustained. It was noted that there was no audible dissent.

With a view toward the licensure of Mr. Brack, on motion presbytery determined to report the whole matter of Mr. Brack’s examinations, with the exception of a lack of proficiency in Hebrew, to the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, seeking their advice regarding waiving these requirements (FG XXI:6), believing that the exceptions are warranted by the manifest qualifications of Mr. Brack for the office of the gospel ministry.

On motion Mr. Jerrell was appointed to represent the Presbytery of the Southwest before the 59th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church concerning the exception for Mr. Brack’s licensure.

Communication 8

From the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands May 4, 1992

On behalf of our committee I thank you very much for inviting us to be present at the meetings of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

However, though we would like to give further meaning to our relationship by attending one another’s synod-meetings, we will not be able to send a delegate this time. The costs involved in traveling to the U.S.A. make it impossible to accept your invitation, since we have exceeded our budget already.

For that reason we must be satisfied with sending you this letter to in this way convey our warmest greetings and assure you of our sincere desire that the Lord may bless the upcoming Assembly. May His grace rest upon your churches and may these churches be given the privilege to stand up for the truth in the midst of a world that is in great confusion.

P. den Butter
General Secretary
Communication 9

From the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

At our regular spring meeting of Presbytery, held on April 24-25, 1992, the following action was taken:

That the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic not concur with the overture [Ed. note: Overture 5] from the Presbytery of the Dakotas and that this matter should not be put on the docket of the General Assembly.

Richard N. Ellis
Assistant Clerk

Communication 10

From the Reformed Church in Japan

On behalf of the Reformed Church in Japan I wish to thank you for your invitation to send a fraternal delegate to your 59th General Assembly to be held at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, June 4-June 12, 1992.

Since we are unable to fulfill our privilege of sending a delegate to your General Assembly also this year, we wish to extend by way of this letter our cordial greetings to you.

Before writing a few notes on the recent developments in our church, we express our thankfulness for your fraternal delegate, Mr. Mark Bube, Secretary of Foreign Missions Committee, who gave brotherly advice and also similar advice through your Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations on the matter of our continued mission cooperation with limited number of missionaries of PCUSA. Mr. Mark Bube discussed extensively the matter with representatives of our committees concerned. We are very pleased to have been informed that you understand the real situation and that the relationship is strictly limited to the works of church planting by a few missionaries doctrinally and practically governed by the Western Presbytery of RCJ.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the proposal to enter into mission cooperation with the Philippines Christian Reformed Church (PCRC), with which one of our missionaries, Rev. Jin Ito, has been working through the affiliation with the CRCNA mission in Philippines. Now the relationship established between the two church will no doubt contribute to more direct evangelistic actions by both churches.

In view of the recent treaty changes in Russia and Eastern Europe, the Japan Bible Society in close connection with the United Bible Societies has been promoting the movement to send Bibles to these countries. Since this is the most meaningful
evangelistic activity at this stage in these countries, the Assembly adopted the proposal to join in the movement by financial contribution to the project from all local churches of RCJ.

As for an ecumenical issue, we noticed that your church decided to apply for membership to the International Conference of Reformed Churches in 1993. Our General Assembly approved sending an observer to the meeting of the same ICRC in September 1993.

May the Lord of the church richly bless you in all your deliberations at the forthcoming 59th General Assembly.

Yoshio Mitani
Stated Clerk

Communication 11

From the Canadian Reformed Churches May 30, 1992

I thank you for the kind invitation received from Rev. J. P. Galbraith to send a fraternal delegate to your 59th General Assembly. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to do so and therefore I have been charged to send you brotherly greetings from the Canadian Reformed Churches. Our prayers are with you as you meet in General Assembly.

We are grateful to the LORD our God that we have been able to meet regularly with your Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations over the past years, and that these meetings could be held in a most brotherly and frank manner over an open Bible and in the mutual recognition of each other's desire to serve our God fully in accordance with His Word.

Currently, we are preparing our report for Synod 1992 which is scheduled to convene in November 1992, the Lord willing. We will propose to continue the temporary ecclesiastical contact which we have had with you since 1977. It is also our desire—despite differences—that this contact will develop beyond the point of discussing issues of mutual concern. Both you and we know ourselves bound by the command of our Lord and Saviour to seek the unity in true faith with all those who confess Christ Jesus. This confession has been in the center of much of our discussions over the past three years, and although there remain important differences in our views how this confession ought to function in the local churches, we remain united in our desire to confess the full breadth and depth of the riches of the true and complete doctrine of salvation. We thank the LORD our God for this, because this is a work of His grace.

However, we regret that the differences which remain prevent a closer relationships, particularly those regarding the fencing of the Lord's Table, and more generally regarding ecclesiology. We acknowledge that the recent events in Denver
illustrate some of these differences as well, and our major assemblies will have to deal with these issues later this year.

Undoubtedly, the 59th General Assembly has many items of importance on its agenda, and we encourage you in all deliberations to remain faithful, in particular when dealing with the Christian Reformed Church. We are deeply grieved—as we know you are—by the sad developments in this church which are such flagrant departures from our common Reformed heritage. May the LORD be gracious!

The LORD bless you and keep you throughout these days of meeting.

With brotherly greetings,

Tony VanderVen, Secretary
COMPLAINTS

Complaint 1

From Gary M. and Deena Stevenson January 26, 1992

And now, this 25th day of July 1991, comes Gary and Deena Stevenson and complains against the action of the Session of Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church (WOPC) Mt. Vernon, New York in connection with erasing our names from the rolls of the Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church against our will and desire.

After meeting with both the Session of WOPC and the Special Committee on June 23, 1991, we believe that your action was not founded on the biblical principal of reconciliation, and you have not shown us any evidence of a clear biblical warrant for this action. A solemn warning was given to you during the April Presbytery meeting "to use authority only when a clear biblical warrant is present."

We filed this Complaint because we believe our erasure is in conflict with all of the following:

1. The intentions of Presbytery, as expressed in their adoption of the report of the Special Committee, especially the following paragraphs of that report:
   a) Paragraph 4: "...that continued efforts are needed by the Pastor, the Session, and estranged members to resolve these underlying issues." Subsequent to the April 6th meeting, you have not visited us or contacted us to discuss how we might jointly move towards this goal.
   b) Paragraphs 12-14: We believe that you, the Session should have "exercised wiser restraint" in dealing with our erasure. The April 25th letter from the Special Committee presents erasure as a request, not as a conclusion that you will be implementing in three days against our will. We do not believe that your hasty and final action on our erasure can be seen as an example of patience.
   c) Paragraph 19: We believe that our erasure is an action that tears down rather than builds up and as such is "contrary to the example of Paul (2 Cor. 13:10)." Rather than building us up, this erasure makes us feel more estranged than ever and will make efforts towards reconciliation more difficult.
   d) Paragraph 26: We were part of the "entire flock" referred to in this paragraph on April 6, 1991. Our erasure, therefore, is a diminishing of your responsibility to care for the entire flock. We have not seen any indications that you intend to continue "caring" for us since our erasure. On the contrary, you have willingly and without warrant left us without any spiritual oversight, because you were aware at the time of erasure that we could not in good conscience, take an oath before God to uphold the government of Redeemer PCA.
2. We believe that our erasure is in conflict with the Book of Discipline in the following ways:
BD 5:2-a; Of the six paragraphs in this section on erasure, one refers to non-communicant members, one refers to members who cannot be found and three of the remaining four require that efforts be made by the Session to dissuade the member of his course of action. The overriding concern of this section on erasure appears to be those who have either explicitly or implicitly expressed a desire to leave that particular church.

Since the section used for our judicial erasure, BD V:2-a-(3) implies that the intentions of the member are to clearly leave, and that the Session "may," not "shall" erase his name, we believe that your obligation under Presbytery's April 6th action was to first attempt all estranged members (especially those who desired such restoration) to full and supportive membership and participation in WOPC. Instead, you as a Session have not contacted us, called us, or visited us even once. Your only communications with us prior to the June 23rd meeting (which we requested), was your notification of the April 24th congregation meeting, as part of the amends, and notification of our erasure.

3. We believe that our erasure is in conflict with the scriptural doctrine of reconciliation, as found in the following passages: Matt. 5:24, Acts 7:26, Rom 5:10-11, Rom. 11:15, 1 Cor. 7:11, 2 Cor. 5:18-20, Col. 1:20, Col. 1:22, Luke 17:3-4.

We believe that you have erred in acting upon the Special Committee's advice that our names be erased from the rolls. We believe that you should have instead recognized that their recommendation grows out of a view of reconciliation (expressed in their April 25, 1991 letter) that contains an unbiblical emphasis on time and distance (to heal), as essential components of reconciliation which have at least partially supplanted the work of the Holy Spirit.

We believe rather, that in order for reconciliation to occur, the parties must return to their original relationship so that the Holy Spirit may work through them to restore that relationship to its original condition as it was prior to any offenses.

True reconciliation can only come about through the working of the Holy Spirit, not through erasure and physical separation. We believe this action that you have taken brings reproach on the Church and on the name of Christ, because it is an action that is contrary to the heart of the Gospel, which is God's reconciling work through Jesus Christ.

Also, it was stated during our meeting of June 23rd that in July of 1990 we were exhorted not to leave. That meeting was not an official Session meeting. Pastor Reynolds and Deena set up the meeting to reconcile personal differences, and Elders Warnock and Morejon were asked by the Stevensons to be observers. Luis Morejon has stated to us that as Clerk of Session at that time, he did not take any notes, nor were any minutes of the meeting ever documented. Since Luis Morejon did not agree with our staying at WOPC "no matter what" (as stated by Elder Warnock), and since this exhortation was never put in writing, we did not interpret this as an official
Sessional exhortation. If you perceived it as such, it nevertheless pre-dated the action for which we were erased. In spite of this, we did not leave in July but rather at the end of September, only after the action of the Session on August 5th.

Because we believe that you have erred in erasing our names from the rolls of WOPC without any evidence that you have done so with a clear biblical warrant, we ask that you make amends by re-instating us immediately to full membership, and that this act of discipline (without full process) be cleared from our names.

We also ask that you publicly announce this reinstatement to the congregation since the erasure was announced as an act of discipline.

"As a Shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness" Ezekiel 34:12 (NIV).

Sincerely in Christ Jesus
Gary and Deena Stevenson

Complaint 2

From T. Jeffrey Taylor, et al. March 17, 1992

To Edward A. Eppinger, Clerk of the Presbytery of the Dakotas of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this 11th day of December, 1991, come T. Jeffrey Taylor, LeRoy E. Miller, Craig R. Rowe, and Stephen D. Doe and complain against the action of the Presbytery of the Dakotas at September Stated Meeting, 1991 when it misused provision BD IV.A.1.d and denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s supper or of performing the functions of their office until the case is concluded (91-65-183), and in support of said complaint do set forth the following reasons:

1. The accused persons were members in good standing in the OPC.
2. No evidence had been heard in the trial against the accused.
3. BD IV.A.1.d states, “If unusual circumstances require it...” There were no unusual circumstances. The accused had been removed from their offices and suspended from membership by the presbytery in the previous trial. They had been suspended from the functions of their office and the Lord’s table by the use of BD IV.A.1.d before. The General Assembly upheld 4 of the 5 specifications of error and modified the censure to rebuke. The censure was pronounced by the presbytery. Then new charges were filed against the men. The presbytery’s use of this section of the BD again is a misuse and is very heavy handed!
4. These men are to be regarded as innocent of the charges until the conclusion of the trial. There is no known evidence on which the presbytery can state that there are unusual circumstances regarding the accused persons.

5. The BD IV.A.1.d envisions a case where the guilt is established prior to or during the trial. No such guilt had been established when the presbytery took this action.

6. The presbytery did this when the accused were charged before, and the General Assembly modified the censure to rebuke. The censure of rebuke presupposes a sin in which the guilty is yet qualified to commune at the Lord's table and to function in his office. The presbytery did not repent of barring the accused.

Amends sought:

1. That the presbytery rescind its actions (91-65-183) and record in its minutes that it was unlawful in the misuse of BD IV.A.1.d.

2. That the presbytery seek the forgiveness of the accused.

Complaint 3

From T. Jeffrey Taylor, et al. March 17, 1992

To Edward A. Eppinger, Clerk of the Presbytery of the Dakotas (POD) of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this 11th day of December, 1991, come T. Jeffrey Taylor, LeRoy E. Miller, Craig R. Rowe, and Stephen D. Doe and complain against the action of the Presbytery of the Dakotas at its September Stated Meeting, 1991 in declaring the Park Hill congregations (formerly known as the Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church) to be guilty of the sin of schism (POD 91-44-82).

1. The judgment of the Presbytery of the Dakotas declaring the Park Hill Presbyterian Church guilty of the sin of schism was done without a trial, thus denying the congregation the elementary rights accorded to all persons by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church's BD.

2. It was granted by those moving this action that the constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church permits a congregation to leave this denomination in the manner in which Park Hill Presbyterian Church did leave according to the provisions of FG XVI.7.

3. This action was taken upon a body which is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; therefore the Presbytery was not competent to render such an ex post facto judgment.
4. The moderator ruled the original motion out of order on the grounds that the O.P.C. constitution does not require any reasons for a congregation to withdraw. His ruling was overturned (91-44-80).

5. The Park Hill congregation did not give reasons for their withdrawal from the OPC.

6. Our FG (XVI.7) does not require congregations to give reasons for withdrawal from the OPC.

Amends sought:

1. That the POD rescind the action of 91-44-82, and acknowledge in the minutes that it was unlawful for the presbytery to declare Park Hill Presbyterian Church to be guilty of the sin of schism.

2. That the presbytery send a letter asking the forgiveness of Park Hill Presbyterian Church.

Complaint 4

From Robert L. and Virginia C. Bahnsen

April 6, 1992

To Christian B. Berg, Clerk of Covenant Community Church, an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Orange County, CA.

And now, this 30th day of December, A.D. 1990, come Robert and Virginia Bahnsen, members of Covenant Community Church, and complain against the action of the ruling elders (Chris Berg, Robert Coie, Doug Jones, and Ellery Stowell) and moderator (Pastor Anthony Curto) regarding statements made in a letter dated December 12, 1990, which was distributed by them during the congregational meeting December 16, 1990.

Reference: Page 2, Paragraph 1, line 7 "The absent Biblical qualifications most often cited...of good reputation outside the church."

We seek to present evidence of Dr. Bahnsen's good reputation outside the church and to challenge the statement as (1) ambiguous, (2) accusative, and (3) potentially damaging to his future livelihood.

(1) The statement within parentheses "(the School is of relevance here)" is ambiguous and presents the impression that all members are cognizant of the facts and reason for the declaration that Dr. Bahnsen lacks a good reputation outside the church.
Is it assumed that the “School” is Newport Christian School? There is not indication of whether the alleged lack of good reputation is among the staff, school board, students, parents of students, other school administrations, vendors or whoever else may be imagined.

There is no evidence submitted that the lack of good report is justified in any or all cases and if any efforts by fellow session members, teachers, staff, school board members attempted to protect and defend his reputation.

The statement implies that full responsibility for anything negative regarding the school and its operation is upon Dr. Bahnsen and that no sharing of responsibility is upon the other members of Session, the members of the School Board, and the staff. However, no explanation is given for their impotence to overcome his influence.

(2) The statement is accusative and is not accompanied by testimony. In 1 Tim. 5:19 we are told, “Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.” This letter is to complain against your failure to abide by the teaching of scripture in asking us to hear your accusation without any witness.

Request is made for copies of minutes of session or congregational meetings which will provide evidence for the accusation. In the absence of such evidence it appears that the statement is based on gossip.

(3) The unsubstantiated categorical public statement that Dr. Bahnsen lacks a good reputation poses a serious threat to his livelihood for it presents the potential to impede the distribution of his published articles and books, taped messages, lessons, and debates. The statement made in public, presented in writing, and widely distributed is, in our opinion, defamatory and detrimental to his ability to have his works received.

We recognize you may choose to disregard our personal position and statements as we are his parents: however, you may not easily dismiss the more objective evidence of the following quotations from correspondence received by us in the operation of Covenant Tape Ministry:

“We want our relatives to be as hooked on Dr. Bahnsen’s tapes as we are. They are wonderful!” (Austin, TX)

[Twenty-five additional testimonials follow at this point.]

The preceding quotations are but a few of the evidences of Greg Bahnsen’s good reputation outside Covenant Community Church.

Additionally,

1) The above quotations do not include any verbal comments received via telephone or in personal conversation.

2) Over 50 other customers have each purchased from $200 to $800 of his tapes.
3) One customer drove from Ritter, OR to purchase tapes costing over $300 and waited in his car while his order was duplicated.

4) The customer list of Covenant Tape Ministry includes addresses from five separate cities in Canada, three cities in Australia, Japan, Egypt, Finland, South America, Scotland, England, and at least 45 of the 50 states.

5) Seven previous members of Covenant Community Church have requested subscriptions of his weekly sermons after moving away.

Amends:

We request remedy of the above complaints by the following:

1. Provide copies of minutes of session or congregational meetings which will provide evidence for the categorical and ambiguous accusation. In the absence of such evidence it appears that the statement is based on gossip.

2. Make public a verbal and written retraction and apology for their statement and the damage it has caused to Dr. Bahnsen’s reputation.

Robert L. Bahnsen
Virginia C. Bahnsen
Complainants

Complaint 5

From Timothy J. Harris

April 22, 1992

To Mr. Christian B. Berg, Clerk of Session of Covenant Community Church of Orange County, of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now, this 24th day of December, A.D. 1990, comes Timothy J. Harris and complains against actions of Session leading up to their counsel to Greg L. Bahnsen to resign as pastor, and leading up to their recommendation to the congregation to accept the resignation of Rev. Bahnsen as pastor of the church; charging that Session (I) took a series of actions which jeopardized the good name of an elder in Christ’s church, without provision for due process, (II) was delinquent in its pastoral care toward the people of God, by virtue of receiving and acting upon information supplied through tale-bearing, and (III) was remiss in its role as shepherd of the flock, by providing to the congregation information that was careless, misleading, unsubstantiated, or inaccurate, and incorrect theology and exegesis, in its recommendation to the congregation of an action having far-reaching importance to its life; all to the harm of the peace, unity, and purity of the church of Jesus Christ; and
in support of these allegations he submits, as reasons for the complaint, the following specifications, arguments, citations, and witnesses.

I  Session took a series of actions which jeopardized the good name of an elder in Christ's church, without provision for due process.

1. A letter was distributed at the December 16, 1990 congregational meeting, purporting to speak for Session, in which insinuations are made against the qualifications for office of an elder in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (Rev. Bahnsen). In particular, paragraph 8 says in part, "Session...has also come to recognize that a substantial part of these criticisms [pertaining to gentleness; of good reputation outside the church; not quarrelsome; easy to be entreated; not overbearing; not quick tempered (paragraph 7)] is well founded and needs to be dealt with....We have come to the firm conviction that the best course for both the church (with members who are hurting) and for Dr. Bahnsen is for him to resign from CCC and seek counsel to resolve these problems." From this we see that the four authors of the letter have made the determination that, in fact, the allegations alluded to are substantially true.

   Evidence: Attachment B, especially paragraphs 7 & 8.

2. These insinuations were not first presented in substantiated form to the individual in question, nor was the procedure of Math. 18 or I Tim. 5:19 followed, nor that of the standards of our church (e.g., FG XXVI "Divesting from office"; BD II.C "The Presbytery's Jurisdiction"; BD III.5 "No charge of a personal private offense shall be admitted unless...", etc.).

   Evidence, witness, and citations:
   i. Prima facie reading of letter (Attachment B) — e.g., there is no rebuttal to Dr. Bahnsen's (absent) defense.
   ii. Testimony of Dr. Bahnsen.
   iii. Prov.25:9-10 "Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another: lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away." Prov.26:22 "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth."

3. The need for processing by Matt. 18 and in terms of BD III.5 is seen in that several of the cited defects (e.g., "not easy to be entreated, quarrelsome, overbearing") would usually be established by the reporting of private offenses. But even if they may be established by the evidence of public offenses, they are behavioral defects harmful to the unity of the church of Christ — they involve resistance to Scripture and the standards of this church in one's life. Thus, processing in terms of the call for repentance is required.

   Citations to prove that the allegations against Dr. Bahnsen, if true, are sins
requiring repentance, and not merely characteristics disqualifying for office:

i. WLC 135, "The duties required in the sixth commandment are...meekness, gentleness...mild and courteous speeches and behavior..."

ii. WLC 136, "The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are...sinful anger,...all excessive passions,...provoking words...")

Witness that due process in establishing offenses, with the possibility of having a genuine offer of repentance accepted, has not occurred:

iii. Dr. Bahnsen's testimony.

4. But even if point 3 is denied, and it is claimed that these qualities are not chargeable, but pertain only to qualification to special office; then Session still erred in presuming to rule on the qualifications for office of Dr. Bahnsen, even though his credentials were established by Presbytery (not Session), and the stated procedure for challenging those credentials, or qualifications, specifies action at the Presbytery level.

Citations:

i. (Pertaining to establishment of credentials) FG XXIII “Ordaining and Installing Ministers”

ii. (Pertaining to removal of credentials) FG XXVI “Divesting from office”

5. But even if it be asserted that the Session may unilaterally make a judgment upon the qualification for office of a teaching elder, Session still failed to observe or account for the precautions which our constitution would provide by analogy. None of the reasons cited (in FG XXVI.3.a) for divesting a minister without censure have been declared to be met, nor has, per FG XXVI.3.b, the opportunity been given to him to “defend his continuance in office”; nor did the congregation express a desire to “to be relieved of its pastor” (FG XXIV.2).

Citations and witness:

i. FG XVI.3, XXIV.2

ii. Dr. Bahnsen’s testimony as to Sessional proceedings

In summary, neither direct provision nor analogy can be found in the standards of this church, which would justify the action taken by Session. Positive violation of the biblical standards of due process are evidenced. All of the danger to an individual entailed in the bringing of charges was permitted, but none of the protections.

The serious nature of this offense is revealed in that the cautions established by our Lord, and (in consequence) institutionalized by the fathers of our church, were violated, to the potential loss of livelihood of an individual; worse, to the unjust defamation of the good name of an elder without due process; worse yet, as a
precedent in the church, this action, if approved, would make it so that no elder anywhere would be safe from the evil effects of slander; all this to the damage of the peace, the good name, and the government of the church of Jesus Christ.

II Session was delinquent in its pastoral care toward the people of God, by virtue of receiving and acting upon information supplied through tale-bearing.

1. The pretext for questioning Dr. Bahnsen's qualifications, presented as a summary of attacks by some members of the church on Dr. Bahnsen's qualification, indicates a lack of biblical processing of such complaints; to the spiritual harm of those members who improperly presented their objections. Sinful habits of backbiting, gossip, and tale-bearing have thereby been reinforced in several of the sheep. In addition, a precedent has been set for others to do so in the future, since other sheep see their elders condoning this kind of behavior.

   Evidence and citations:
   i. Attachment B, paragraphs 7 and 8: "...your Session has repeatedly been confronted by members' concern with Dr. Bahnsen....many have shrunk from dealing with their concerns biblically...Your Session, while recognizing the shortcomings of immature behavior on the part of some members, has also come to recognize..."
   ii. Lev. 19:16 "Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people...I am the Lord"; I Cor. 13:5 "Charity...thinketh no evil"; Prov 17:9 "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love: but he that repeateth a matter, separateth very friends"; etc., etc.

2. The hypothetical future ungodly response of members of the congregation to the main alternative contemplated by Session was, incredibly, a determining factor in Session's choice of recommendation.

   Evidence:
   i. Paragraph 11 of Attachment B, "Other changes may take place in the composition of the Session, which may have repercussions among others in the congregation."
   ii. Public statement of Rev. Curto, of his intention to resign, should the proposition not be accepted.

3. On Feb. 9, 1991, Session informed the undersigned, that certain members of the church are offended at him, and said that failure on his part to go to them to apologize would lead to charges being brought. (Note that this was the first time the Session had brought their concerns in this matter to me, that this was seven weeks after the occurrence of the offense, and yet, that at the very first broaching of the subject, the specter of charges was raised.) Session refused to identify the specific
individuals that are offended, requiring instead that I go to each individual in a whole class (which they did define) and apologize for the hypothetical offense I might have caused. Here again, then, we see that Session is reinforcing and, by its receptivity, encouraging sinful habits of backbiting on the part of church members.

The serious nature of this offense is revealed in that, by reinforcing and encouraging sinful habits or practices, the peace, purity, and unity of the church of Jesus Christ was disturbed. Compare WLC 144 “The duties required in the ninth commandment are...discouraging tale-bearers, flatterers, and slanderers.”

III Session was remiss in its role as shepherd of the flock, by providing to the congregation information that was careless, misleading, unsubstantiated, or inaccurate, and incorrect theology and exegesis, in its recommendation to the congregation of an action having far-reaching importance to its life.

1. The letter (Attachment B) itself was confusing as to its status. On the one hand, it claims only to be written by “the moderator and ruling elders” (not “Session”), and at least two signatories admit that the letter was not read or approved by Session in an official, duly-constituted act. Not all elders even had read it. On the other hand, it appears to speak with the authority of a Sessional recommendation: it was written under the church letterhead, uses phrases as if adopted by Session (“Your Session...”, “you have chosen your Session...” [paragraphs 8, 12], etc.) and in tone purports to speak for the Session — e.g., in its authoritative analysis of certain historical events, and of future viable possibilities. From this we see that the four men, though members of Session, violated the carefully delimited manner for exercising rule in the church, and falsely represented themselves.

   Evidence and citations:
   i. References throughout second letter (Attachment B).
   ii. Testimony of Dr. Bahnsen, that he did not miss any duly-called meetings, and that the letter was never acted upon by Session.
   iii. Admission of clerk and moderator in telephone conversations, that the letter was not approved in an official, duly-constituted meeting.
   iv. FG XIII.5, governing the convening of Session.

2. The letter indicates that “hundreds of hours of meetings, together, and with members” took place, confirming their analysis of Dr. Bahnsen’s qualifications. However, members that could have presented a corrective view were not met with. (One member, the undersigned, could have provided a substantial amount of eye-witness testimony seriously damaging the verity and consistency of much testi-
mony that had been secretly taken.) Spending many hours in a tainted procedure does not make it a good procedure.

Evidence and citation: (i) Attachment B, paragraph 12; (ii) BD IV.B.2, under “Rules of Evidence”, “The accused may object to the competency of any witness and the authenticity, admissibility, and relevancy of any testimony or evidence produced in support of the charge and specifications.”

3. The first letter (Attachment A), of undisputed Sessional authority, states “our financial situation has forced a decision to seek the resignation of one pastor.” The second letter (attachment B) states that “it is simply not workable to keep the ministry of two pastors,” as the conclusion to certain financial information. This was admitted to be misleading by later statements by members of the session, that finances weren’t relevant. The treasurer also contradicted the notion that finances made it absolutely necessary to let one pastor go. The congregation was never approached as to their willingness to increase their level of giving or perform fund-raising activities. Hence, this information was inaccurate; moreover, it only confused the question since, everything else being equal, and even if true, the decision of which pastor should be let go would be in limbo.

Evidence:
   i. Attachment A, first paragraph
   ii. Attachment B, paragraphs 3-6
   iii. Public speech by Rev. Curto, “Even if there were a million dollars in the bank, it would have come to this.”
   iv. Public speech by treasurer analyzing financial status of church.

4. The letter refers to “increasing difficulty in submitting to the ministry of Dr. Bahnsen” of “a growing segment of the congregation”. But this allegation is not well-defined, e.g., are there none experiencing, with sanctification, “decreasing difficulty”? is the segment which is “growing” defined as an absolute number or a percentage? with respect to what previous measure of the number having “difficulty” is it growing? what was that number? The answers to these questions simply do not exist; yet the statement is a meaningless slur apart from such answers.

Evidence: Attachment B, paragraph 3.

5. Paragraph three of Attachment B, then, when we remove the ill-defined accretions, asserts two premises:
   (1) We can only support one pastor.
   (2) A segment of the congregation has difficulty in submitting to the ministry of Dr. Bahnsen.

   As mentioned, premise 1 was rendered dubious by the treasurer’s testimony, elders’ own admissions, and the fact that ideas for extra giving or fund-raising were not solicited. But let us assume that premise (1) is true for the sake of
argument. The letter errs, however, by telling a partial truth. Based on many hours of conversation with many members of the church, both before and after the disaffection, I testify (and others could have testified and did testify), that a third premise is also most certainly true, yet not mentioned, namely,

(3) A segment of the congregation has difficulty in submitting to the ministry of Rev. Curto.

But, though I had personal knowledge that both premises (2) and (3) are true, it never occurred to me that either would lead to a recommendation that either pastor or both pastors should resign. The implied fourth premise which is needed, then, must be something like

(4) If a church has two pastors, but can only afford one, then that pastor should resign whom a larger segment of the congregation has difficulty submitting to, than is the case for the other.

The session did not show why hidden premise #4 should be accepted. But even if we grant it, we still need premise #5,

(5) The segment having difficulty submitting to Dr. Bahnsen is greater than the segment having difficulty submitting to Rev. Curto.

I aver, based on my experience with people at the church, that premise #5 may be false. Session did not provide evidence showing that #5 is true. From all this we see how misleading paragraph 3 is as stated. Yet this confusing and invalid “argument” was presented by the four members of Session as a summary of their reason for recommending concurrence in Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation.

6. Moreover, the conclusion drawn from the statement, “a growing segment of the congregation has had increasing difficulty in submitting to the ministry of Dr. Bahnsen,” implies it has been established that the “difficulty in submitting” is not caused by sinful rebellion against the Word of God. Scripture, however, is emphatic that some — and at times, many —, even in the church, will be offended by the uncompromising ministry of the Word. It has not been determined by due process, or at least it has not been summarized as a finding subject to appeal, that the persons holding negative views are not in this category. Yet the argument of the letter assumes that the mere fact of sheep scattering is sufficient cause to question an elder’s qualifications.

Evidence and Citations:

i. Attachment B, paragraphs 12 & 13, “When the sheep start to scatter, we may not bear direct responsibility, yet we are directly accountable. What can we do?...We have sought in vain for any other responsible solution....Accept Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation...”

ii. Numbers 16:2-3, “And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, 250 princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron,
and said unto them, “ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?”

iii. John 6:67, From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto them, “will ye also go away?”

7. The unconscionable reach these men needed to justify their action was indicated therein, that the only exegesis of Scripture supplied at the meeting in support of their proposal (Acts 15:39), was immediately and spontaneously rebutted by several young men of our congregation. (The separation of Paul and Barnabas is disanalogous in a critical respect, our young men pointed out: in Paul and Barnabas’ case there was not a congregation covenantally bound to both men which would be forced to make a decision as to which to follow.) This is not to mention the fact that Scripture is silent as to whether the separation was a godly one. Still, though I understood the rebuttal given by our young men, it may be that many in the congregation did not, and may have been led astray in their thinking by a Biblical example loudly asserted by their pastor to be relevant.

8. The men of the Session created confusion in people’s minds by answering all objections, ultimately, with the exhortation “trust us.” And indeed, we should ordinarily foster a great deal of trust toward those in whose hands we have entrusted our souls. Yet, we also know, that “all synods or councils since the apostles’ times, whether general or particular, may err, and many have erred; therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice, but to be used as an help in both”, WCF XXXI.4. It is the glory of Presbyterian polity, which we believe is biblical polity, that decisions of various judicatories, being subject to error, are arrived at based on testimony which is, in principle, laid on the table, subject to scrutiny, and appealable by the affected parties. We may, at times, have to submit to the wisdom of a judicatory which differs with us as to what consequence should follow from proper findings. In this case, however, there was no indication that proper findings had even been made, let alone that they had been properly dealt with. The appeal to trust was therefore mis-directed and unjustly confusing.

Citations
i. BD IV.1.b “The judicatories of the church shall ordinarily sit with open doors...”

ii. WCF XXXI “Of synods and counsels” It belongeth to synods and councils ministerially...to receive complaints in cases of mal-administration, and autoritatively to determine the same: which decrees and determination, if consonant to the word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission....4. All synods or councils since the apostles’ times, whether general or particular, may err, and many have erred; therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice, but to be used as an help in both.
The serious nature of this offense is seen in its violation of WLC 144 “The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor,...sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice...”, and in its commission of WLC 145 “The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbors....out-facing and over-bearing the truth;...receiving and countenancing evil reports, and stopping our ears against just defense...”; especially in view of the serious consequence of these errors in influencing the congregational vote; in their consequent effect on a man’s livelihood, and on the loss to the church of a minister renowned for his clear exposition of Scripture; and all to the disturbance of the peace, unity and purity of the church of Jesus Christ.

Requested amends:

1. Public apology to the congregation and Dr. Bahnsen should be made by the moderator and ruling elders of session, for publicly reporting their unperfected, damaging conclusions, which were based on testimony not properly established, and therefore unjustly detrimental to Dr. Bahnsen’s reputation. Notice of this apology should be entered into the minutes of the congregation, and conveyed to members of the congregation which were present at the Dec. 16 meeting but no longer actively worshipping with us.

2. Due process should be initiated or abandoned with respect to those persons whose testimony against Dr. Bahnsen has been informally received, including the right of confrontation and cross-examination by the accused.

3. If not already done, the actions taken on Dec. 16, 1990 should be vacated on the grounds of the confusion engendered in the decision, caused by the letter and speeches of the four men on the Session, as discussed in this complaint.

4. The moderator and ruling elders should consider whether a leave of absence from the session is not called for, until their expressed feelings of ambiguity toward a fellow elder are fully resolved.

Definition of terms:

“Attachment A” - First letter from members of Session and read to congregation as part of agenda at meeting on Dec. 16, 1990

“Attachment B” - Second letter from members of Session, distributed to congregation in written form at same meeting

Submitted by Timothy J. Harris
Complaint 6
From Kenneth R. Hall and Timothy J. Harris

April 22, 1992

The undersigned complain against the delinquency of session, in conducting a congregational meeting out of accordance with the standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In proving this assertion, we set forward the following premises.

1. The Form of Government states, XVI.3 (p.60) "...no business shall be conducted except that which is stated in the notice [of a congregational meeting]."

2. A congregational meeting was called for Dec. 17, 1990, with the following stated purpose: "to seek the congregation’s concurrence in the resignation of Pastor Greg Bahnsen, and the Session’s recommendations for severance considerations for Dr. Bahnsen." (attachment A). The business, then, was only to take actions pertaining to the proffered resignation of Dr. Bahnsen.

3. In the course of the meeting, a materially significant concomitant was added to the issue being voted upon, namely, the threatened eventual resignation of Rev. A. Curto, should the congregation vote negatively to the proffered resignation of Dr. Bahnsen. This factor was not made known until the day of the meeting (indeed, not until well into the meeting itself). (Evidence: our witness to speech by Rev. A. Curto). That this speech changed the business of the meeting in its essence, can easily be seen. The notice of the meeting implied that one of the following two alternatives pertaining to our pastoral relations would be decided by the vote:

(Bahnsen AND Curto) OR (Curto)

During the meeting, however, the outcome of the decision was presented as:

(Bahnsen) OR (Curto)

In other words, the continued presence of Rev. Curto as pastor is not relevant in the contemplation of the action as announced, but inescapably relevant as presented at the meeting. Something as significant as the continued ministry of a pastor (e.g., of the continuation of Rev. Curto as pastor) can hardly be considered a mere peripheral circumstance of the announced business.

4. In a letter from the moderator and ruling elders of the church, the fact of Rev. Curto’s threatened resignation is most likely alluded to in paragraph #11, "Refusing Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation cannot be considered an easy solution...Other changes may take place in the composition of the Session, which may have repercussions among others in the congregation." This illustrates that members of the Session were aware of Rev. Curto's intention during the writing of the letter, and therefore in ample time to have communicated this factor to the congregation.
It is the opinion of the complainants, that these facts prove that a violation occurred of the principle established by the book, for a fair and orderly meeting to conduct business. The new information was awesome in its scope; there was no time to ponder its significance in solitude and without hurry. Moreover, the information would have been prone to distract from, if not annihilate the very possibility of considering the announced motion for its own intrinsic merits. This was evidenced in the emotional impact Rev. Curto’s statement was observed to have on the congregation — women were crying; a number of people declared that they refused to choose between the two pastors. Yet the information was known by the principals in ample time to have been supplied to the congregation.

Recommended amends:

1. The actions taken on Dec. 17, 1990 should be vacated on the grounds of the irregularity of the proceedings.

2. Anyone wishing to submit a resignation subject to congregational approval shall be required to submit in written form a persuasive demonstration of how his own resignation would benefit this church or the church at large.

3. A new congregational meeting should be called after these statements have been distributed to the congregation, to act on separate motions pertaining to any tendered resignation.

Tim Harris
Ken Hall
REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

SYNOPSIS

The work of the Clerk in this last year of his tenure, despite hopes to the contrary, has proceeded much the same as the previous two years. The Clerk has gained greater insight into the uses of Microsoft Word and of database programs, that have made some aspects of the job easier and which he hopes to share with his successor.

I DOCKET

A. Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules (SR)

Among the amendments to the SR proposed by the 58th to the 59th General Assembly (GA) are two mutually exclusive ones [in re the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (CAC)] which, in the Clerk's opinion, the GA needs to act upon before the erection of Advisory Committees. Furthermore, the CAC is itself proposing a third version of this same amendment. In the Clerk's judgment it is legitimate for this GA to consider adopting the latter amendment now, without proposing it to the 60th GA, because it represents less of a change from past practice than the other two amendments, and can be regarded as a perfection of the others.

The Clerk is therefore proposing that Advisory Committee 7 meet following the opening worship service to consider these amendments, with a view to the GA acting on them before Advisory Committees are formally erected.

There is nothing in the SR that provides for this procedure. See Recommendation 1.

B. Questions Affecting the Docket

Overture 9 asks the GA to find item 30 on the docket [placed there by the 58th (1991) GA] out of order. It appears to the Clerk that this matter must be decided before the docket is adopted. The Clerk is therefore proposing that Advisory Committee 7 also consider this matter after the opening worship service, with a view to assisting the GA in the consideration of this matter.

If the GA adopts the position of Overture 9, it seems to the Clerk that that position would also require that Overture 5, Communication 4, and probably Communication 5, be found out of order. He is suggesting that Advisory Committee 7 consider this question.

Overture 8 asks for a relatively minor change to our traditional docket which the GA might want consider as if it were already in effect. The Clerk is proposing that Advisory Committee 7 also look at this proposal before the adoption of the docket.

C. Other Proposed Amendments to the SR, and Overtures
Appendix

In 1990, a number of pending changes to the SR and several Overtures and Communications to that GA were laid over to the 1991 GA. This Clerk believes that the postponing of pending changes to the SR, and of Overtures, to the next GA are among the least justifiable postponements. Consequently, in 1991 he proposed orders of the day for all Overtures and for all pending amendments to the SR, with a view to their being considered before the projected terminus of the GA. He is repeating that practice this year. See also Recommendation 2.

D. Time Schedule
The time schedule included in the Docket is the same one the GA followed in 1991.

II AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THIS ASSEMBLY

One amendment to the Form of Government (FG) was proposed by the 58th GA to the presbyteries for adoption. A number of amendments to the SR were also proposed to this GA for adoption.

A. Form of Government
Chapter XXXII, Section 2, in re the effective dates of amendments to the Book of Church Order (cf. Minutes, 58th GA, Article 127)
Approved: (8) DK, MA, MW, NJ, NY, NC, SO, SC
Disapproved: (4) NW, OH, PH, SW
Adopted. Approved by a majority of the presbyteries.
The Moderator, in accordance with FG XXXII,2, should declare the amendment to FG XXXII,2 adopted and in effect.

B. Standing Rules
The pending amendments to the SR (cf. Minutes, 58th GA, Articles 15, 30-3, 30-4, 30-5, 32, 58-1, 64, 65, 89-VI-1, 132, 192, 204 are the following:
III.B.1 Delete existing 1. Insert new 1-3 as follows:
"1. There shall be a Stated Clerk whose term of office shall be three years.
"2. The Board of Trustees of the General Assembly shall be responsible to fill a vacancy occurring in the office of Stated Clerk between Assemblies to serve until the next Assembly at which time his successor shall be nominated by the Trustees for election by the General Assembly to a term of three years.
"3. There shall be an Assistant Clerk".
Renumber existing III.B.2.-4. to be III.B.4.-6.
X.2.b. Add the following (one or the other, not both)
(Version 1) "Members of this Committee shall be exempt from serving on other temporary or advisory committees, except to aid an advisory committee on appeals and complaints in their research and deliberations, as requested by that
committee.”

(Version 2) “Members of this Committee shall be exempt from serving on other temporary or advisory committees in order that they may serve as non-voting members of advisory committee(s) considering appeals or complaints, except in those years in which there are no appeals or complaints before the Assembly.”

[Note: The Committee on Appeals and Complaints is proposing a third version of this amendment.]

XI.2. Delete “and recommend his remuneration” and insert “in appropriate years”.

XI.3. Change present 3. to 4. and insert new “3. The Trustees of the General Assembly shall review the performance of the Stated Clerk and recommend his remuneration to each Assembly.”

XIV.2. Change to read “These rules, except this chapter, may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly upon motion duly made; they may be amended by a majority vote of the Assembly, the amendment having been proposed to it by a preceding Assembly.”

III WORK OF THE STATED CLERK

A. Overview
   1. Nature of the work
      Much of the Clerk’s work is editing and correspondence. The Clerk wrote approximately 165 letters in 1990, not counting multiple copies of the same letter. The editing details of the Minutes and the Directory continued to require much time.
   2. Appeals and Complaints
      April 23, 1992, was the deadline for submission of appeals and complaints to the 59th GA. Six complaints have been carried to the GA. On advice of the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, the Clerk is proposing that they all be referred to one advisory committee.
   3. Other Clerkly Tasks
      a. Comprehensive index of all GA Minutes. The Clerk again has been unable to do any further work on this project.
      b. Index for the BCO. The Clerk again has been unable to do any further work on this project.
      c. Bound copies of the Minutes. The Clerk has been unable to make any progress on this project other than to discover that it may be possible to do it for considerably lower cost than he thought last year.
      d. Storage for the inventory of Minutes. The Assembly’s inventory of Minutes continues to be stored at Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., Phillipsburg, NJ.
   4. Computer
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The 57th GA authorized the Clerks to spend up to $3500 for computer-related equipment. The Clerk, in July, 1991, bought for the GA a Everex 386SX computer with an 80MB hard drive, and a Panasonic monitor and KX-P4420 laser printer, for $2537.86. This machine will be used at the GA and turned over to Mr. Duff. Microsoft Word Version 5.5 has been purchased for the new Clerk and the new Assistant Clerk. These programs belong to the Assembly.

Some years ago a computer was given to the Assembly for the use of the Assistant Clerk. That computer is now obsolescent and of negligible value. See Recommendation 3.

B. Publications

1. Church Directory

The 1992 Directory was distributed early in January, 1992. It was sent to all Clerks of Session, in quantity equal to half his church's communicant membership, and to all individuals and agencies on the Clerk's mailing list specifically for the Directory. Single copies were sent to all ministers deemed not to have easy access to one though a local church. There were 8500 copies printed. Total costs were $6893.31 and advertising revenues (thus far) are $4973.00, for a net cost of $1920.31 at this writing. This is about $500 more than the net cost a year ago. $825.00 in advertising receipts are outstanding. The Clerk was unable to publish any Directory updates in New Horizons in 1991.

Even though the Directory has been published in January for more than three years running, ministers and churches continue to be surprised and to send corrections after publication that could have been sent in time to be included. The Clerk reminds all ministers and churches that the deadline for new or revised entries in the Directory is about November 15.

2. Minutes

a. Size. The 1991 Minutes, at 484 pages, are the second longest Minutes in our history, exceeded only by 1988's 536 pages. Words, especially written ones, are not cheap. There is a barrier (according to Harmony Press), not far beyond 536 pages, at which we would have to go to a more expensive method of binding.

b. Cost. Cost figures are not available at this writing.

c. The Process. All copy (actually, floppy disks) for the 1991 Minutes was given to the printer February 28, March 9, and March 26 (approximately the last 20% of the book). Proofs were returned to the printer about as fast as the printer could use them. The Clerk's wife assisted in the proofreading. Proofreading, although not nearly as thorough as it might be, always turns up corrections - occasionally astonishing ones. (How could I have missed that earlier?) In addition, some details (e.g., page references in the Journal, Contents pages, synopses of reports, and Index) can not be determined until proofs are available.

The difficulty that delayed the Minutes in 1991 did not recur. Neither
the Clerk nor the printer knows precisely why, but one possibility is an update to one of the printer’s computer programs (Mac Link) that did not become available until after the work on our 1990 Minutes.

Nearly everything in the 1991 Minutes is done with what Microsoft calls style sheets. Our printer says they greatly facilitated the job.

d. Distribution. The Clerk expects the Minutes to be available for shipping approximately May 15, 1992. They are sent to all ministers, clerks of session, and elder commissioners to the 58th GA.

e. Conclusion. This Clerk is now persuaded that it is unrealistic to expect finished Minutes to be available less than two and one half months after initial material is given to the printer. Even though most of the editing on the Journal was done in August, 1991, the requirements of the Directory, and other responsibilities of the Clerk, meant that most of the work on the rest of the book was done in January and February, 1992. The new Clerk will not have all of the other competing responsibilities that this Clerk had, but he will have some.

3. Book of Church Order
   This year, as was the case in 1990, a revision of the BCO is available at the GA because the Clerk knew early enough in the year that the pending revision to the BCO would carry.

4. Journal
   The 58th GA, after a plea by the Clerk, turned down a recommendation by Advisory Committee 9, growing out of a de novo motion from the floor, to instruct the Clerk “to send to each minister and session a copy of the Journal...in the form in which they have been presented to this Assembly...” The Clerk had argued that the recommendation was duplicative, expensive, largely unwanted, and disruptive of another responsibility that had to be discharged in the same time frame. The Clerk also offered, as an alternative, to send the Journal to any minister or session requesting it in writing, and New Horizons agreed to print the offer. Seventeen requests for the Journal were received and filled, not “in the form in which they have been presented to this Assembly,” but in much better form.

   The Clerk urges the GA to resist the temptation to regard the Journal, in the form available at the GA, as satisfactory for general distribution. This is not intended to disparage at all the work of the Assistant Clerk. It is simply to point out that many gaps (mostly small, some large), infelicities, inconsistencies, and details that can not be attended to in the hubbub of the GA must be resolved before the Journal is suitable for general use. This will be true no matter who are serving as Clerks.

5. Update to Ministerial Register
   The Committee for the Historian recommended to the 58th GA that the updated ministerial register be included in the Minutes of that GA. The Clerk believed that this would have lengthened the Minutes into the higher priced binding area, and that the Minutes format might not serve the needs of the register as well
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as some other, separate form. The Committee came to agree with the Clerk, and the updated ministerial register is being sent with the 1991 Minutes, but as a separate document.

C. Finances

The Clerk prepared 112 vouchers in 1991 for expenses charged to the GA Operations Fund, and has carried out the correspondence and billing occasioned by the Directory advertising. As of the most recent report received by the Clerk (3-31-92), the GA Operation Fund appears to be in good condition.

The Clerk has become aware that several terms have been used to denominate the fund from which the GA’s expenses are paid. The last time that the SR were amended regarding this fund it was called the GA Operation Fund. The Clerk proposes that this be the official name of the fund, and that the Controller be requested to use it. See also Recommendation 4.

IV DATA BASE INITIATIVE

The Clerk reported a year ago that he had enlisted the help of a computer consultant who is a member of Grace OPC, Westfield, to investigate the practicality of incorporating into one computer data base the (now separate) data used for the Directory, for the lists of ministers and clerks of session in the Minutes, and for the Clerk’s various mailing lists. No progress has been made on this project, partly because the consultant’s father suffered a devastating stroke in January, 1992. This Clerk offers to continue this investigation at the pleasure of the new Clerk.

V INVITATION FROM WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The OPC received an invitation (08-02-91) from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, to send an observer to the meetings of its Board of Trustees. The Clerk responded that he had no authority to accept the invitation, but had asked the Rev. Thomas E. Tyson “to serve until such time as the General Assembly may act on the invitation.” [Note: The Committee on Christian Education also favors accepting the invitation.] See Recommendation 5.

VI TRIBUTE

This Clerk on June 6, 1992, comes to the close of his second tenure in this office. He is deeply grateful to God and to the OPC for the privilege of having served in this high office. He prays God’s blessing on Mr. Duff, and hopes that he will make liberal use of his predecessor.

This Clerk would be remiss if he did not acknowledge his personal debt, going back to 1972, to Stephen L. Phillips for his unfailing cheerfulness, awesome dedica-
tion, gentle prodding to adopt modern methods, and constant looking for and doing things to make the Clerk look better. He is a splendid servant of God and the OPC.

VII  RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA that the following be added to SR III.B.(new)5.e.(1)(a): The Clerk may propose measures for the early resolution of questions affecting the docket or Advisory Committee assignments raised by conflicting matters of business being brought to the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA that the following be added to SR IV.6.: “; it shall include orders of the day to insure that all overtures and pending amendments to the standing rules are taken up before the projected terminus of the Assembly”.

3. That the Eagle computer that belongs to the Assembly be given to the Rev. S. L. Phillips.

4. That the Assembly propose to the 60th GA the following amendments to the SR:
   III.B.(prospective)4.f.: Change “General Assembly purposes” to “the General Assembly Operation Fund”
   III.B.(prospective)5.j.: Change “Assembly’s funds” to “Operation Fund”
   III.B.(prospective)5.j.(1): Change “operating expenses of the General Assembly to “General Assembly Operation Fund”
   V.10.: Change “Budget” to “Operation”
   V.11.: Change “Budget” to “Operation”
   X.4.: Change “Budget” to “Operation” (two places)
   X.4.a.: Change “Budget” to “Operation”
   X.5.b.(1): Change “General Assembly purposes” to “the General Assembly Operation Fund”

5. That the GA accept the invitation of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, to send an observer to the meetings of its Board of Trustees, and designate the General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, or, in the event of his unavailability someone designated by that Committee, to serve as observer; and that the observer be requested to include such report to the GA as he cares to make, in the Report of the Committee on Christian Education.

Richard A. Barker
Stated Clerk
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I MEETINGS

The Trustees of the General Assembly have met but once since the 58th General Assembly by telephone call. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve an extension to the mortgage loan note given to the Church by the Jesus Fellowship, Miami, Florida, until February 9, 1994, at the same 10% rate of interest.

II INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

A. The Trustees continue to correspond with the Internal Revenue Service in regard to the group ruling granted to the Trustees of the General Assembly and the subordinate units of the General Assembly. This group ruling gives tax-exempt status to all the local congregations and other agencies listed in the current Directory of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The reference number to be used in correspondence concerning tax-exempt matters is 23-7001990.

B. It should be remembered that:

1. the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and its member churches have been certified by the Internal Revenue Service as being exempt from filing Federal income tax returns under sections 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have been given I.R.S. Identification Number 23-7001990. Donors may deduct, on their Federal income tax returns, contributions to the Denomination and/or member churches under Section 170 of the Code. This certification of exempt status is also useful by any member church in obtaining permission to mail through the U.S. Postal Service at special third-class rates. If needed by any member church, a certificate of the church's membership in the Denomination and/or copy of the I.R.S. certification letter may be obtained from the Secretary of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

2. the tax exempt status detailed above has no relationship with exemption from state sales taxes. Each state which has a sales tax has its own rules for making tax exempt purchases for the church's use. For these details, the church should write to the Department of Revenue of the state at its capital.

III STATED CLERK

The Rev. Donald J. Duff, Stated Clerk-Elect, in preparation for assuming his office, has moved to the area, is establishing his office at the denominational
administrative offices, and familiarizing himself with the details of his duties.

IV ELECTIONS
The terms of the following listed trustees expire at this Assembly: Martin L. Dawson, Sr. (minister) and Howard A. Porter (ruling elder.)

V ESTIMATED EXPENSE
The Trustees estimate their costs for the next year will be $50.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven F. Miller, President
REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

This report summarizes statistics for 1991 from each presbytery, local church, and mission work of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The tabulated Statistical Reports of the Churches are located in the Yearbook. These are followed by a Summary of Statistics for the whole church and a recapitulation of membership statistics since 1938.

I SUMMARY

OPC statistics in 1991 indicate an upturn in nearly every category of measurement following a two-year period that was marked by the large negative impact of the withdrawal of several congregations. Table 1 (see page 150) provides a synopsis of OPC statistics with listings for each of the 12 regional churches and a comparison of the totals to those of recent years.

Total membership reached 18,325, increasing one percent for the year. Morning worship attendance fared considerably better, increasing 3.8 percent over the previous year, rising 2.0 percent to 9,001 (November). Total contributions reached their highest level ever, $14,331,549, by registering a 7.2 percent increase.

Three new and separate churches were organized from home mission works, and one church was received from outside the OPC. Offsetting these gains, however, three churches were dissolved and one was returned to status as an unorganized mission work. Thus, the total number of churches in the OPC at year’s end remained unchanged at 170. Several new home mission works were started, bringing to 26 the number of unorganized mission works at the end of 1991.

II CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

As Table 1 indicates, the number of churches at the end of 1991 did not change from 1990’s total of 170. The individual changes that occurred during the year are summarized below.

CHURCHES

ADDITIONS (4):
Organized as new and separate churches:
   PARK WOODS, Overland Park, KS
   CHRIST, Mills River, NC
   COVENANT, La Grange, GA
Received from outside the OPC:
   OPC, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada

REGIONAL CHURCH:
   Dakotas
   Mid-Atlantic
   South
   Midwest
REDUCTIONS (4): Dissolved:

- FAITH, Milwaukie, OR Northwest
- TWELTH AVENUE, Norman, OK Southwest
- LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELL., Lubbock, TX Southwest

Changed to mission work status:

- HOPE, Libertyville, IL Midwest

Unorganized mission works increased by two to 26. The number of mission works at the end of 1990 was previously reported to be 25, but this should be amended to 24. In last year’s report the mission outreach of the Presbytery of Southern California in Baja California was counted as an unorganized mission work. However, since it is actually an indigenous Mexican work aided by presbytery without a view to its becoming an OP congregation, it should not be counted as an OP unorganized mission work. This is now consistent with the way Kidane-Hiwot in Washington, D.C. has been reported.

It should be noted further that First OPC, Hueytown, AL was counted as an OP mission work in 1990, although their actual reception as an unorganized mission work occurred on 2/27/91.

Individual changes are listed below.

MISSION WORKS

ADDITIONS (7):

New mission works started:
- Trinity, Denver, CO Dakotas
- Grace, Rocky Mountain, VA Mid-Atlantic
- River of Life, Phillipsburg, NJ New Jersey
- Covenant, Maryville, TN South
- OPC, Ridgecrest, CA So. California
- Geneva, Dallas, TX Southwest

Previously organized as a church:
- Hope, Libertyville, IL Midwest

REDUCTIONS (5):

Organized as new and separate churches:
- PARK WOODS, Overland Park, KS Dakotas
- CHRIST, Mills River, NC Mid-Atlantic
- COVENANT, La Grange, GA South

Terminated by presbytery:
- Providence, Greensboro, NC Mid-Atlantic
- OP Chapel, Wilsonville, OR Northwest
ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 315 ministers in the OPC at the end of 1991, a decrease of ten from 1990. The following 26 actions during 1991 produced the change in the number of ministers on the rolls of OPC presbyteries.

MINISTERS ADDED (8):

- Ordained:
  - Thomas A. Martin
  - Jules J. Rearden
  - Randall A. Bergquist
  - H. Jeffrey Lawson
  - John R. Hunt

- Received into the OPC:
  - Theocharis Joannides
  - Charles M. Wingard
  - Jon D. Smith

MINISTERS REMOVED (18):

- Deceased:
  - Everett C. DeVelde, Sr.
  - L. Craig Long

- Dismissed from the OPC:
  - Mark D. Futato
  - Gordon S. Miller
  - David W. Robinson
  - Richard C. Sowder
  - Alan Lee
  - David J. Miller
  - H. Leverne Rosenberger
  - Robert S. Evans
  - R. Steven Cairns

- Demitted the ministry:
  - J. Anthony Blair
  - Karl T. Cooper
  - Ronald J. Hoekstra
  - LeRoy Leach
  - C. Tom Fincher

- Erased:
  - Jung In Kim
  - C. Herbert Swanson

In addition to these changes seven ministers transferred between OP presbyteries in 1991.
The number of ruling elders in the church increased slightly to 772 in 1991. Seventy-two percent of these, or 553, are currently serving on sessions. Deacons number 413, an increase of 11 over 1990. Altogether there are 1,500 ordained officers in the church, or an average of almost nine per congregation. If one assumes an equal number of men and women in the church, approximately one out of four men is ordained.

IV  MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

In any given year literally hundreds of people join and leave our congregations. Many people transfer between OP congregations, while others cross denominational lines. New births result in 400 to 500 professions of faith each year. Births typically outnumber deaths by four to one. Through it all, God graciously provides our church with stability in a culture that is increasingly marked by transition and mobility.

The year 1991 was no exception to these changes. The total membership of 18,325 persons at year's end consisted of 315 ministers, 12,265 communicant members, and 5,745 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents an increase of 188 persons (1.04 percent) from 1990's adjusted total of 18,137 members. Table 1 contains a short summary of the membership and attendance statistics for 1991 for each regional church and the whole church.

A review of membership data in the Yearbook's Summary of Statistics reveals a downward trend in the number of young people making profession of faith. In 1991 a total of 117 baptized non-communicants (one out of 49, or 2.04 percent) made profession of faith. This is the lowest number in many years in spite of general growth in the number of baptized children. During the 1980s the yearly average of youth professions of faith was 160 (2.89 percent), while in the 1970s the average exceeded 3 percent of the total number of baptized children. Three of the past five years have shown unusually low numbers of professions by youth (below 2.5 percent), making this one statistic that bears watching in the years ahead as the church continues to examine its ministry to covenant young people.

Figure 1 (see page 151) summarizes membership data since 1970 for the whole
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church. The plotted data depict the sudden drop in membership in 1989-1990 and
the beginnings of recovery in 1991. The recent drop-off was not across-the-board,
but was due almost entirely to the withdrawal of several congregations. Many OP
churches continued to grow during that period, as indicated by the resumption of
the earlier growth pattern.

Attendance figures for worship and Sunday School are shown in Figure 2 (see
page 152). Worship attendance averaged 14,582 in November 1991, which is about
80 percent of total membership. This is an increase of 530 persons (3.8 percent) from
a year earlier, and almost reached the attendance figure of 14,777 recorded in 1988.
Worship attendance data was not gathered prior to the 55th General Assembly, but
its general trend can be estimated from the total membership data. Sunday School
attendance averaged 9,011 in November 1991. This is 177 persons (2.0 percent)
higher than in 1990, and is the highest since 1986-1987 when attendance briefly
exceeded 10,000.

At the end of 1991, eighteen OP churches had a membership exceeding 200
persons. Of these churches, nine also had an average weekly worship attendance
exceeding 200 in either May or November. These are listed below in order
approximately by size:

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<th>MEMBERS</th>
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<td>CALVARY, Cedar Grove, WI</td>
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V  CONTRIBUTIONS

Total contributions and average giving per communicant member are listed in
Table 1 for the regional churches. Total giving in 1991 was up 7.2 percent from the
previous year, and exceeded $14 million. Per capita giving reached $1,168 per
communicant member, increasing 6.4 percent after staying almost constant in 1990.

The $14.3 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC
in 1991 has been broken down as in past years into three categories. General
offerings for local church expenses totaled $10.4 million, or 72.3 percent of giving.
Benevolence offerings for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry totaled $2.7
million. This is almost identical to 1990 and comprised 18.9 percent contributions
compared to 20.5 percent in 1990. Special offerings for capital improvements totaled $1.3 million, or 8.8 percent of giving.

Contribution data since 1970 are summarized in Figure 3 (see page 153). The three categories of offerings and total giving are shown in this figure. The data are plotted so that the slope of each curve is a direct indication of its rate of change. For example, it can be seen that since 1984 the rate of increase of benevolence giving has not kept pace with the growth in general offerings or in capital improvements. The differences may appear to be subtle, but the net effect recently has been some $300,000 less funds available each year from church budgets for benevolence purposes than if the proportions had remained unchanged.

VI CONCLUDING COMMENTS

As statistician I am sometimes asked whether church statistics aren't simply a waste of time considering all the other matters that need attention in the church. The questions usually come from busy clerks of session in early spring of each year. After all, who uses the information? Certainly it's a valid question to ask. One need only think of David who displeased the Lord when he counted the people (II Samuel 24) to have second thoughts. On the other hand, the Bible is full of records and numbers. But why bother with statistics?

Some have questioned why sessions keep track of membership rolls, transfers of membership, etc. Why have such tight administration? Why not let people come and go as they please, and concentrate on ministering to those who do come rather than spend time in efforts to retrieve those who have left? Elders are called to "shepherd the flock of God among you" (I Peter 5:2). The Good Shepherd knows his sheep (John 10:27). If the parable of the lost sheep is any indication, the shepherd knows just how many sheep he has (Luke 15:3ff). Ninety-nine percent is not good enough when there is a single sheep lost out there somewhere. Our Standards rightly call for careful administration of the membership of the church as a necessary element of good discipline. As a doctor keeps careful records of his patients' medical histories, elders also must exercise systematic and well-disciplined oversight of those under their care. That involves some record keeping, which brings us back to the original question, why keep statistics?

The church is in a constant state of change. People move about in great numbers. Even congregations come and go. Statistics can help reveal trends that provide an indication of the spiritual health or well being of the church. From time to time there are new developments that would otherwise go unnoticed. Good stewardship of $14 million of resources involves having some idea of giving trends within the church, and for the session, within a particular congregation or the presbytery.

We don't share David's ill-conceived interest in human strength, and we don't
pursue numbers for the joy of it. However, “as those who will give an account” (Hebrews 13:17) we are not merely hirelings, but are truly concerned about the sheep in our fold. Certainly, there is far more to shepherding than keeping statistics; and so, let us go about our duties with eagerness and joy as we see the day of the Lord approaching.

Respectfully submitted,
Luke E.Brown, Statistician
**Table 1.**
**A SHORT SUMMARY OF ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATISTICS**
**At the End of the Year 1991**

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<th>REGIONAL CHURCH</th>
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**WHOLE CHURCH:**

| 1991  | 170 26 315 772 413 | 12,265 5,745 18,010 | 198 1.11 | 14,582 9,011 | 14,331,549 1,168 |

**Previous Years:**

| 1990  | 170 24 325 764 402 | 12,159 5,653 17,812 | (575) (3.13) | 14,052 8,834 | 13,369,461 1,100 |
| 1989  | 171 20 323 793 433 | 12,573 5,814 18,387 | (654) (3.43) | 14,233 8,668 | 13,852,017 1,102 |
| 1988  | 168 24 335 n/a n/a | 13,128 5,933 18,061 | 291 1.07 | 14,777 8,985 | 13,446,161 1,026 |
| 1987  | 168 24 334 n/a n/a | 13,013 5,827 18,840 | 148 0.79 | n/a 10,219 | 12,309,768 946 |

**Notes:**

1. A complete summary table for the whole church is located in the Yearbook following the tabulated Statistical Reports of the Regional Churches.
2. Ministers are not included in member totals shown in this summary table.
3. The asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from last year's report.
Figure 1.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
1970 through 1991

TOTAL MEMBERS

Baptized Children
(Non-Communicants)

Ministers

Communicant Members

YEAR

MONTH
Figure 2.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE DATA
1970 through 1991

YEAR

NUMERO OF PEOPLE (Thousands)

TOTAL MEMBERS

Morning Worship Attendance
(Not reported prior to 1988)

Sunday School Attendance
Figure 3.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFERINGS
1970 through 1991

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ($ Millions)


TOTAL

General Offerings
(Local Operations)

Benevolence Offerings
(Missions, Outreach, Diaconal)

Special Offerings
(Capital Improvements)
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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I THE BROADER MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Goal Areas

There are six subcommittees of the Committee, each of which is responsible for research and promotion of a particular ministry, as well as assisting the Committee to encourage and support these ministries as they are performed by the membership of the denomination. Subcommittees are listed below, together with their members, goals and activity.

1. Worship (Larry E. Wilson, Allen H. Harris, G. I. Williamson)
   a. Goal: to encourage and guide the individual, family, and congregational praise of God, engaging the intellect, will and emotions of his people in the varied ministry of Word, sacraments, music and prayer
   b. Activity
      (1) Great Commission Publications (GCP) markets Trinity Hymnal and continues to supply the adult study books, Discovering the Fullness of Worship and Worship Planbook, as well as the catechism bulletin inserts, Q & A.
      (2) Our Songs in God's Worship, containing reports presented to the 13th and 14th General Assemblies on the subject of what are appropriate materials for singing praise to God in public worship, and annotated bibliographies
on congregational and family worship continue to be made available to the churches.

(3) The subcommittee is developing a liturgical compilation (including Salutations, Calls to Worship, Benedictions, etc.).

2. Teaching (Allen D. Curry, Douglas A. Felch)
   a. Goal: To assist the church in learning, applying and obeying in all of its life the whole counsel of God as revealed in Scripture and summarized in our doctrinal standards, with an understanding of God's past leading of the church and his promises for the future.
   b. Activity
      (1) The Committee considers any questions, comments and criticisms of GCP published materials that are communicated in writing, and makes any recommendations to GCP that it deems appropriate or brings the matter to the attention of the full CCE.
      (2) Through the services of GCP, Sunday school material is provided for ages four through adult, and through a cooperative agreement with the Christian Reformed Church its material for two- and three-year olds has been revised and prepared for our use. One new adult study book, The God We Love And Serve, by Allen D. Curry, was published during 1991.
      (4) The Committee continues to promote regional teacher training seminars through providing our churches with informational brochures and granting them financial assistance.
      (5) The general secretary has produced material for, and has held six regional seminars on Catechetical Instruction during 1991.

3. Fellowship (Donald M. Poundstone, Allen D. Curry)
   a. Goal: To promote the communion of saints for spiritual edification in the love of Christ and ministry in outward things, both within and without our denomination
   b. Activity
      (1) The booklets on church membership, We Invite You, together with There Is Good Reason and Introducing a Contemporary Presbyterian Church, continue to be made available to churches as a three-part resource for use with new people.
      (2) At The Committee's request, GCP has begun a revision of Confessing Christ, the communicant membership course written by Calvin K. Cummings, and plans to offer it in 1992.
      (3) The booklet, Focus on Fellowship, which gives a descriptive list of ways to promote fellowship in the church, continues to be made available to the churches.
A Handbook for Camps and Retreats, prepared by the subcommittee, was approved by the Committee for distribution to each presbytery and was so distributed.

4. Evangelism (Richard M. Lewis, David W. Kiester)
   a. Goal: *To help equip the church for its mission to make disciples of all nations*
   b. Activity
      1. Books and articles on evangelism have been reviewed by the subcommittee for inclusion in *New Horizons*.
      2. The report, *Evangelism in the OPC*, which documents numerous ways in which a congregation might engage in evangelism, continues to be made available to our churches.
      3. The Committee has published the tract "Pray For Us" (formerly "Ora Pro Nobis") during 1991 and makes it available to churches, free of charge, upon request of the CCE staff.
      4. An article explaining the use of "Letter Tracts in Evangelism" appeared in the April 1992 issue of *New Horizons*, together with an invitation to churches to send for samples.

5. Diaconal Service (Richard M. Lewis, David Winslow)
   a. Goal: *To equip and inspire the people of God for their ministry of compassion, mercy and good deeds to a needy world*
   b. Activity
      Informational and promotional articles on the work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries appeared throughout the year in *New Horizons*, on a page reserved for that purpose. The magazine also carries articles on ministries of mercy by OPC congregations and by individual members.

6. Christian Schools (Paul S. MacDonald, James S. Gidley and Robert J. Ream)
   a. Goal: *To encourage the establishing and conducting of Christian schools and to promote the passage of legislation which protects the rights of such schools*
   b. Activity
      1. Articles promoting the general cause of Christian schools are in various stages of preparation by subcommittee members for submission to *New Horizons* or distribution by other means.
      2. The general secretary has prepared various materials on the need for and nature of Christian Schools, and presented one seminar during 1991.
      3. Members of the subcommittee have been reading books on Christian schools with the intent of reviewing them for the Committee and/or *New Horizons*.
B. Special Committees

The Committee has special committees whose mandates fall outside the above-mentioned goal areas.

1. Equipping Ordained Officers (James S. Gidley, Larry E. Wilson, David Winslow)
   a. Mandate: To prepare study materials for churches, designed to assist the office-bearers of the church in their God-given task of the edification of the whole body.
   b. Activity
      In September of 1991 the Committee on Christian Education approved the publication of *Ordained Servant* as a journal which will provide solid materials for the equipping of office bearers to serve more faithfully. The goal of this journal is to assist the ordained servants of the Church become more fruitful in their particular ministry so that they in turn will be more capable to prepare God's people for works of service. To attain this goal, *Ordained Servant* will include articles (both old and new) of a theoretical and practical nature, with the emphasis tending toward practical articles wrestling with perennial and thorny problems encountered by office bearers. *Ordained Servant* is sent free of charge to all OP Churches for their officers, and to other ministers, licentiates and men under care who request it. Others may subscribe at $12 per year. *Ordained Servant* is edited by G. I. Williamson, the subcommittee serves as the editorial board, and Pleroma Press in Carson, N. D. is responsible for production. The first issue was published in January, 1992.

2. Youth Ministry (Douglas Felch and David Winslow)
   a. The chief responsibility of this special committee is that of providing oversight for the Youth Consultant, Mark Sumpter, who edits *Reaching Youth for New Horizons*, reviews materials designed for youth and youth leaders, and provides (via telephone, primarily) advice to our churches in the area of youth ministry.
   b. Three *Reaching Youth* inserts were published in the January, May and October issues of *New Horizons*, respectively.
   c. Still available to our churches is an annotated bibliography, *Youth Leaders' Resource Directory*.
   d. Mr. Sumpter is currently consulting with the Session of the Oostburg, Wis. OPC on plans for a nationwide training conference for both youth and youth workers, possibly to be held there in 1995.

3. Standards in Modern English (F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., G. I. Williamson, Paul S. MacDonald)
   a. The special committee met by correspondence and twice by telephone in July and August, 1991, for final checking of the translation into modern English (MEV) of the Confession of Faith of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Details for mailing copies to all the ministers and members of sessions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in accordance with the directive of the 58th General Assembly were worked out in consultation with the General Secretary and his office staff.
b. All ministers should have received their copies, and sufficient copies were mailed to each clerk of session to supply one for each session member. The addresses given in the 1990 OPC General Assembly Yearbook were utilized to provide a reasonably up-to-date list.

c. The committee plans to continue refinement of the MEV, particularly as it receives feedback from the ministers and sessions over the next several months. The responses received through the middle of March, 1992 contained a number of detailed suggestions. Of the 34 responses received to date, 25 were in favor of the project, 7 were not in favor, and 2 were noncommittal.

4. Joint Committee on OPC History Project (F. Kingsley Elder, Jr. and James S. Gidley)

a. The Joint Committee on OPC History Project consists of the Historian, the Committee for the Historian, and two members of the Committee on Christian Education. The director of the project, under the supervision of the Joint Committee, is Charles Dennison, the Historian. The committee began its work in September, 1990 and continues to the present.

b. The scope of the History Project includes the following three tasks:

1. archiving of oral tradition through audio recorded interviews of OPC ministers (and carefully selected additional persons) who were part of the denomination during its formation and early years;

2. production of a 30- to 45-minute video presentation on the history and identity of the OPC; and

3. publication of a book (suitable for adult Sunday school use) containing a brief history of the OPC.

c. Dennison has been able to obtain the audio tapes through personal visits relatively inexpensively, using high quality portable equipment. The geographic scope includes most areas of the United States where the interviewees are located. This initial archival collection is nearly complete, with over a hundred interviews involving about fifty individuals. The originals are being kept in the OPC archives in Philadelphia, with Dennison retaining copies. He expects to continue to add to this collection from time to time, as part of his ongoing duties as church Historian.

d. The video project is much more expensive and requires the use of professional equipment by trained personnel. Because of (1) the technical nature of this project, (2) the requirement to get a professional quality product at minimum expense, and (3) the selectivity involved, this project is taking longer than anticipated. We will present a brief oral report at the 59th General Assembly, and hope to present a longer report and demonstration at the 60th General Assembly. We now have secured the services of an experienced video producer, Charles V. Ardovino, who is a member of Grace OPC, Columbus, Ohio and who is working with Dennison on the project as producer and technical advisor.
e. The OPC history is being written by John Muether of Lake Sherwood OPC in Orlando, Fla., with Dennison as editor. The general outline is complete and the detailed chapter outlines are in progress. The manuscript should be ready for the publication process by the end of 1992.

5. Long-Range Planning (F. Kingsley Elder and J. Donald Phillips)

This committee exists in order to stimulate and coordinate the long-range planning activities of the various subcommittees of the Committee on Christian Education. This serves to encourage and enable the Committee to set goals and strategies for the future as well as to predict the financial support needed to carry out the various facets of the ministry of Christian Education for the next five to ten years.

C. Ministerial Training Subcommittee

1. Introductory

This subcommittee consists of six members who are chosen directly by the General Assembly. The Bylaws require that it include at least two ministers and two ruling elders. The members of the committee are: James S. Gidley and David Winslow (class of 1992), John P. Galbraith and Donald M. Poundstone (class of 1993), and J. Donald Phillips and G. I. Williamson (class of 1994).

2. Duties

The duties of this subcommittee, as set forth in the Standing Rules (Chapter X) involve assisting the churches and presbyteries in seeking out and preparing men for the gospel ministry. The subcommittee is to consider means for, not only strengthening the preparation of men for the ministry, but also continuing their education and development in the ministry. The subcommittee’s work has involved consulting with seminaries, organizing pre-assembly conferences, informing the churches of other educational opportunities, and administering the Glenn R. Coie Fund and especially the summer and year-long Internship Program.

3. Internship Program

a. Introductory: The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, through its Ministerial Training Subcommittee, provided 21 intern programs throughout the country during 1991 involving 21 men. Eleven men served in summer internships designed to give seminarians a taste of the pastoral ministry and to allow them to test their gifts and their calling by God. Eleven men served in year-long internships, normally the final phase of preparation for entering the ordained ministry. (One man served in both a summer and a year-long internship.) These longer internships are designed for men who believe that God is calling them to the pastoral ministry and who have made a commitment to pursue licensure in the OPC. We express our gratefulness to the dedicated core of congregations, pastors, and sessions, who have committed themselves to this necessary and sacrificial service of providing this vital training and ministry. The Committee itself spent $47,280 in helping to fund interns in 1991.
b. The following is a list of interns and churches involved in year-long internship programs during 1991:

- John Evans, Covenant-Burtonsville, MD
- Sam Folta, First-Ipswich, MA
- Steve Hart, Valley-Santee, CA
- Frank Husted, San Marcos-San Marcos, CA
- Charles Telfer, Church of the Covenant—Hackettstown, NJ
- Jim Megchelsen, New Life-San Diego, CA
- Calvin Keller, Garden Grove-Garden Grove, CA
- John Vroegindewey, Calvary-Harmony, NJ
- Geoffrey Smith, Merrimack Valley-North Andover, MA
- Louis Koncsol, Grace-Westfield, NJ
- Daryl Daniels, Calvary-Glenside, PA

c. The following is a list of interns and churches involved in summer internship programs during 1991:

- Robert Nay, Calvary-Wildwood, NJ
- John Kramer, Stratford-Stratford, NJ
- Orlando Rivera, Lake Sherwood-Orlando, FL
- Phil Ryken, Trinity-Hatboro, PA
- Steve van der Hill, Trinity-Hatboro, PA
- Dean Ulrick, Calvary-Bridgeton, NJ
- Bryan Estelle, Oak Hill-Eugene, OR
- James Hatch, Faith-Pole Tavern, NJ
- Jesse Cowell, Menominee-Zoar, WI
- John Vroegindewey, Calvary Community-Phillipsburg, NJ
- David Wilson, Calvary-Tallahassee, FL

d. The Ministerial Training Subcommittee also administers the Glenn R. Coie Memorial Scholarship Fund which supplies interest-free loans up to a maximum of $1,500, and grants up to an annual maximum equal to the current projected annual income of the fund, to qualified OPC ministerial candidates enrolled in a seminary-degree program. Loans are repayable in monthly installments beginning one year following graduation. The status of the fund is as follows:

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One new application was received during the year, in response to which the
Committee supplied a $1500 loan and a $500 grant. Selected seminaries have been made aware of the fund’s existence and use.

4. Consulting with Seminaries

During 1991 two subcommittees of the Ministerial Training Subcommittee consulted with representatives of both Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and Westminster Theological Seminary in California concerning how these institutions are training men for the gospel ministry in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. These subcommittees will continue to consult with the seminaries on this matter.

5. Encouragement to Presbyteries Regarding Ministerial Candidates

a. The subcommittee encourages presbyteries to require their ministerial candidates at Westminster Theological Seminary in California to take the courses in American Presbyterian History and in The Westminster Standards.

b. The subcommittee encourages presbyteries to suggest that their candidates and credentials committees request student transcripts (with the student’s permission) of their ministerial candidates from the seminary which they have attended.

D. Magazine

1. The Committee, through its Magazine Subcommittee (comprised of Paul S. MacDonald, John P. Galbraith, and David W. Kiester), and through the editor and the managing editor, has sought to carry out the will of the church set forth in the following motion adopted by the 57th General Assembly:

that the General Assembly instruct the Committee on Christian Education to continue publishing New Horizons ten times each year in a 16-24 page format using the following guidelines:

1. The magazine shall include:
   A. reports from the CHMCE, CFM, CCE, Committee on Diaconal Ministries, COC, a prayer calendar and news of the local, regional, national and worldwide church, and
   B. a feature article, doctrinal exposition, church history, pastoral and missiological concerns, letters to the editor, pro-con debate and book reviews.

2. There must be a general balance in the number of pages between 1.A and 1.B in each issue.

3. It is not necessary that each element in 1.A and 1.B above be in every issue.

2. Production

During 1991 Thomas E. Tyson, serving as editor under the direction
of the Magazine Subcommittee, planned issue contents, arranged for the writing of copy and provided general oversight of the magazine production. Managing editor James Scott composed the magazine in PageMaker and handled most of the details of the magazine's production. Ali M. Knudsen prepared the Prayer Calendar and did the proofreading. John Tolsma, GCP art director, assisted with photography and design, and Harmony Press, Phillipsburg, N. J., printed the magazine.

3. Finances

The total cost of publishing New Horizons in 1991 was $111,280 compared to a budget of $160,000. The 1992 budget, previously adopted, is $140,000. The Committee anticipates being able to conclude 1992 below that figure and thus proposes a budget of $140,000 for 1993.

E. Staff (at the end of 1991):

General secretary

and Director of The Intern Program—Thomas E. Tyson

Office secretary/bookkeeper (four days a week)—Ali M. Knudsen

Managing editor (1,000 hours per year)—James Scott

Youth consultant (two days a month)—Mark Sumpter

F. Officers of the Committee (at the end of 1991):

President—Donald M. Poundstone

Vice-President—Paul S. MacDonald

Secretary—Douglas A. Felch

Treasurer—J. Donald Phillips

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Committee and members-at-large F. Kingsley Elder Jr. and John P. Galbraith.

II GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS (GCP)

A. The Purpose of GCP

A purpose statement for GCP is found in the corporation contract (article 3) as follows: "To serve as agent for The Presbyterian Church in America and The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in their work of propagating the Reformed faith as it is set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms through the preparation and distribution of educational materials consistent with said standards, and by engaging in such other educational activities, consistent with said standards, as may be related to the church's ministry of Christian education. It shall also provide service to other churches insofar as such service is consistent with the doctrinal commitments of The Presbyterian Church in America and The Orthodox Presbyterian Church."
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B. Personnel
1. OPC Trustees
   The OPC Trustees of GCP are F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Paul S. MacDonald, Donald M. Poundstone, Larry E. Wilson, Allen H. Harris, and G. I. Williamson
2. Staff
   In addition to Rev. Thomas R. Patete, Executive Director, the GCP staff consists of three persons in the business office, six in editorial/production, and numerous free-lance writers, editors, and artists.

C. Office Location
1. Since November 1990, GCP's offices have been divided into two locations—the business department in Norcross, Georgia, and the editorial/production departments in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This configuration was established by the Board of Trustees for "at least three years" with the intent of evaluating the matter and considering alternatives during the interim.
2. GCP's Long-range Planning/Development Committee is studying the matter of office location and preparing a proposal for consideration by the board in September 1992. The committee will compile data on various options—including costs, the impact on GCP's ministry, and the effect on its relationship to the OPC and the PCA.

D. Publication Program
1. Sunday school curriculum
   a. The second revision of GCP's curriculum is at the halfway point. The schedule of completed and planned releases:
      - Fall 1987 Junior course (for grades 4-6)
      - Fall 1989 Sr. High course
      - Fall 1991 Preschool course (for ages 4 & 5)
      - Fall 1993 Jr. High course
      - Fall 1995 Primary course (for grades 1-3)
   b. GCP is planning to develop its own Nursery course (for 2s & 3s).
   c. Currently the Sunday school curriculum is being used in 153 OP churches, 564 PCA churches, and 412 churches of other denominations.

2. Adult Discipleship Studies (ADS)
   GCP is in the process of evaluating the ADS series in order to determine how to increase its utilization by churches. Current annual sales average about 400 copies per title. Research is being focused on the needs and trends of adult education among OP and PCA churches.

3. Vacation Bible school curriculum
   A new VBS curriculum is being introduced for summer 1992—
adapted from materials originally published by the OPC. The primary differences are a five-day format and unified theme. Extensive feedback from churches was used to guide the revision. In addition, the mandate of the 1990 OPC general assembly encouraged GCP to move ahead with the project.

4. *Trinity Hymnal*

The revised edition of *Trinity Hymnal* is in its third printing—with some 44,000 copies sold through 1991. The hymnal is in use in 88 OPC congregations.

5. Church membership materials


b. In response to the variety of needs across the church, GCP is planning to develop several types of materials for training believers in the privileges and responsibilities of church membership.

6. Study on the Westminster Assembly

The OPC Committee on Christian Education has requested GCP to publish a study on the Westminster Assembly and its work, for use in 1993 and following (in observance of the 350th anniversary of the assembly).

7. Editorial changes in response to feedback

In the Committee's exercise of its responsibilities for GCP's work, the attention of GCP was drawn to elements of GCP publications that were out of accord with Scripture and our subordinate standards. GCP has taken corrective measures on these particular matters and indicated recognition of a need for more careful editing of its publications. The Executive Director of GCP pointed out to the Committee that one of the errors that is being corrected was of long standing; the Committee realizes that this indicates that our ministers and ruling elders that use GCP materials should be more watchful of the content of these materials and draw the attention of GCP to objectionable matters.

E. The Finances of GCP

1. For the first time in GCP's history, income last year included no contributions. Sales and miscellaneous income covered 93% of operating costs—leaving a shortfall for 1991 that drew upon reserves gained the previous year. Additional expenditures were incurred to purchase hymnals and repay loans associated with the *Trinity Hymnal* revision. Sales income was lower than projected, due in part to economic conditions during the year.

2. Sales totalled $1,381,228 in 1991, with two encouraging indicators. *Trinity Hymnal* sales increased by 21% (over 1990). This pace will not sustain indefinitely, but it is a significant boost to GCP's finances for now. Secondly, after a slight decline the first part of the year, sales of Sunday school curriculum pulled up in the last two quarters for an overall growth of 9.7%.
3. For 1992, efforts are being redoubled to control costs in order to strengthen GCP's foundation and prepare for future expansion. Also, advertising activity is being increased—focusing on the joint venture's link with the OPC and PCA, plus promotion to the larger family of NAPARC churches.

III BUDGET

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| REVENUES                                      |             |              |               |
| Worldwide Outreach                            | 97,719      | 145,000      | 145,000       |
| New Horizons (WWO)                            | 109,214     | 140,000      | 140,000       |
| Other                                         | 12,128      | 6,000        | 6,000         |
| Total revenue                                 | $219,061    | $291,000     | $291,000      |

IV RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 59th General Assembly authorize the formal presentation of the OPC History Project, for a period of up to one hour, to be postponed to the 60th General Assembly, and that time be set aside in the docket of that Assembly for this purpose.

2. At its meeting on March 27, 1992, on motion “the CCE adopted the recommendation of the Ministerial Training Subcommittee that the CCE advise the 59th General Assembly that it is in favor of accepting the invitation of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to send an observer to its meetings of the Board of Trustees.”
V  ELECTIONS

A.  To aid commissioners in making informed choices in their selection of men to serve on the Committee we list those members whose terms expire at this assembly together with their present subcommittee assignments:

1. Ministers
   a. Allen H. Harris, Jr.—GCP / Worship
   b. Richard M. Lewis—Evangelism / Diaconal Service
   c. Larry E. Wilson—GCP / Equipping Ordained Officers / Worship
2. Ruling elders
   a. James S. Gidley—Ministerial Training / Equipping Ordained Officers / Christian Schools / History Project
   b. David Winslow—Ministerial Training / Equipping Ordained Officers / Youth Ministry / Diaconal Service

B. The Standing Rules of the General Assembly require three ministers and two ruling elders for each class of the Committee membership. A Ministerial Training Subcommittee of six members, in three classes, is elected directly by the General Assembly. This subcommittee must include at least two ministers and two ruling elders. There are three ministers and one ruling elder already in the classes of 1993 and 1994. The Assembly must elect two men to the Ministerial Training Subcommittee, class of 1995, at least one of whom must be a ruling elder.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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I INTRODUCTION

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps...Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed" (Proverbs 16:9; 15:22). The year 1991 was one of evaluation and planning for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE). With its new general secretary in place the Committee began reviewing the scope of its work as given by the general assembly and laying plans for the future. As the year progressed, the need for such evaluation became obvious. As a critical financial situation threatened to affect the
Committee’s ability to meet scheduled field support, steps were taken at the June meeting to address the problem. After making as many reductions in administrative costs as seemed prudent, it was decided to reduce field support for most aid receiving fields for the last quarter of the year if total budgeted receipts, including transfers into the general fund, failed to exceed $230,000 by August 31, 1991. This action was conveyed in writing to all sessions with the request that it be a matter of urgent prayer. Through the generous gifts of the Lord’s people during the next several months, the Committee was able to relay later to the churches that the necessary funding was received and that no reductions were required. It is with gratitude to God and confidence in our Lord’s direction of home missions and church planting efforts in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church that the Committee has enthusiastically begun to lay ambitious plans for the decade of the 1990s.

II FIELD SUPPORT IN 1991

A. Fields Supported

The following fields were provided with financial and other assistance in 1991 (listed by presbytery):

- **Dakotas**
  - Overland Park, Kans. (T. Jeffrey Taylor)

- **Midwest**
  - Appleton, Wis. (William B. Acker)
  - Kentwood, Mich. (Gerald J. Neumair)

- **New Jersey**
  - Marlton, N.J. (Gerald P. Malkus)

- **New York & NE**
  - Boston, Mass. (Robert H. Tanzie)
  - Newtown, Conn. (William B. Kessler)
  - North Andover, Mass. (John D. Van Meerbeke)

- **N. California**
  - Antioch, Calif. (Martin R. Ban)

- **Northwest**
  - Kent, Wash. (Randall A. Bergquist)
  - Missoula, Mont. (Ronald J. McKenzie)
  - Wasilla, Alaska (G. Mark Sumpter)

- **Ohio**
  - Shenango Valley, Pa. (David W. Kiester)

- **Philadelphia**
  - Allentown, Pa. (Tim W. Young)
  - Stroudsburg, Pa. (William Laverty)

- **South**
  - Hialeah, Fla. (Diego Gomez)
  - Key West, Fla. (William V. Welzien)
  - LaGrange, Ga. (Timothy J. Power)
  - Lake Worth, Fla. (Paul J. Hill)
  - Melbourne, Fla. (Donald M. Parker)

- **Southwest**
  - Dallas, Tex. (Michael D. Pasarilla)

B. New Fields

The Committee gives thanks to the Lord for the opportunity of cooperating with several presbyteries in pursuing new fields in 1991. At the beginning of the
year the Committee began providing field support for the launching of a new Orthodox Presbyterian Church (Meadow Springs OPC) in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. While the work was begun in the latter part of 1990 with financial aid from the Presbytery of the Midwest, the Committee did not begin its support until January 1991 with one half of the support coming from the Special Projects - Chicago Fund and the other half from the field support fund. In February the Committee resumed financial aid to Apple Valley OPC, Appleton, Wisconsin upon the installation of Rev. William B. Acker as missionary pastor.

During the year Ruling Elder James A. Heemstra, regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the South, was loaned to the Presbytery of the Southwest to assist in developing a core group in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with a view to the establishment of an OPC. Mr. Heemstra’s diligent labors resulted in bringing together a core group and also locating a potential church planter. Licentiate Michael D. Pasarilla was called to this field with support from the Committee commencing in August. Mr. Heemstra resumed his ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery of the South.

The Committee granted the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest for continued financial aid in 1991 to Grace OPC, Holt, Michigan (Rev. Stephen A. Pribble, pastor) to be taken from the Chicago Special Projects - Chicago Fund. This field is not considered a denominational mission field.

The Presbytery of the South requested Committee aid for the ministry of Rev. William V. Welzien at New Life OPC in Key West, Florida in 1991. While the Committee was unable to provide the full amount requested, some aid was granted for the entire year.

Rev. Paul Hill resigned as missionary pastor of Fellowship OPC, Lake Worth, Florida early in the year with aid discontinued in April. Later in the year, returning OPC foreign missionary Rev. Arthur J. Steltzer, Jr. began serving as stated supply of this congregation. Subsequently he was called to serve as missionary pastor with Committee support resuming in 1992.

C. Field Support Policy

It is the continuing policy of the Committee to provide financial field support up to four years on a declining scale, contingent upon the renewed yearly recommendation of the presbytery and with the understanding that the Committee will always be consulted and concur in the selection of the missionary pastor. The first year of support is on an equal monthly basis with an anticipated reduction of a minimum of 25% for the ensuing years on a monthly declining scale.

The Committee reaffirms its desire to work in partnership with the presbyteries in establishing churches that are Reformed in doctrine and presbyterian in polity. Emphasis is put on the importance of every mission work identifying itself with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and supporting denominational budgets in the early ordering of its finances.
Monthly and quarterly reports are presented by missionaries to the Committee as well as the missions committee of their presbytery. These include financial matters as well as attendance figures with a record of outreach calls being made. The Committee expects every church planter to make at least thirty outreach-type calls monthly. Items for praise and petition are also gleaned from these reports with some being passed on through PHONE HOME and the Prayer Calendar in *New Horizons*.

It is important to keep in mind that growth is not only measurable in numbers. The Committee is concerned about spiritual as well as numerical growth. It is difficult, however, to ascertain the degree of spiritual growth. At the same time, it is obvious that a healthy church development must have both.

D. Support Concluded

In 1991 two fields concluded their support relationship with the Committee: Community OPC, Newtown, Connecticut and Merrimack Valley Community OPC, North Andover, Massachusetts. The Committee provided $33,754 and $49,196 respectively to these fields during their aid-receiving years.

III REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES (RHMs)

The Committee supported three men as full-time RHMs in 1991. As indicated above, Ruling Elder James A. Heemstra serves in this capacity in the Presbytery of the South. Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse serves in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Presbytery of the Dakotas had Rev. T. Jeffrey Taylor as their RHM with the understanding that most of his time would be spent in the establishment of Park Woods OPC in Overland Park, Kansas. Because of this arrangement, he is listed under the field support section of this report even though financial aid was provided under the RHM portion of the Committee's budget. Toward the end of the year Mr. Taylor's title was changed from RHM to Missionary Pastor, effective January 1, 1992. Accordingly the Committee noted this change and entered 1992 with only two full-time RHMs with continued support for Park Woods OPC coming from the field support section of the budget.

It will soon be fifteen years since the Committee announced as one of its goals the assisting of each presbytery in engaging an RHM. During these years there was much evidence that the Lord used the men who have served in this capacity to enhance our outreach ministry. But the Committee sees the need to evaluate this aspect of its ministry and consider the future expansion of the program.

IV URBAN AND ETHNIC MINISTRIES

Dr. William C. Krispin, Executive Director of the Center for Urban Theological
Studies in Philadelphia, has continued to serve the Committee as part-time director of urban and ethnic ministries. In addition to visiting and evaluating both our urban field in Boston, Massachusetts and our Hispanic field in Hialeah, Florida, he has spent a considerable amount of time developing contacts within the Korean Presbyterian community of the greater New York City area. It is anticipated that these contacts will lead to the establishment of an Orthodox Presbyterian Church among second generation Korean Americans in the Hicksville, Long Island area.

The Committee remains committed to a strategy of ministering to two ethnic groups within the United States: second generation Asian Americans and the rapidly growing Hispanic population.

V CENTER FOR URBAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Committee continues its membership in the Sponsoring Association (SA) of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS). During 1991, amendments to the CUTS Constitution were presented to all the members of the SA which had the effect of removing the word "Reformed" from the document and changing the guaranteed right of Reformed agencies to hold 50% of the seats in the SA. The Committee reported the matter to the 58th General Assembly and was instructed to direct its representatives to vote no on those amendments. Committee representatives cast their no votes at the June 22, 1991 SA meeting at which the changes were ratified. The Committee took note that the SA discussed at length the concerns of CHMCE's representatives and that the SA urged CHMCE to remain in the SA and continue its partnership with CUTS. At its December 11, 1991 meeting the Committee approved the following statement as its position regarding membership in the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS) Sponsoring Association: "Although the conditions under which CHMCE originally joined the Sponsoring Association (SA) of CUTS have been altered significantly by the adoption of its revised Constitution, the biblical basis for membership as defined in Chapter 6 of the Constitution has not been changed. All future members of the SA must agree to submit to the biblical truths as conveyed in this chapter. Therefore, CHMCE has determined to maintain its membership in the SA of CUTS."

VI EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The work of evangelism goes hand in hand with the work of church planting. The Committee remains strong in its desire to encourage congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in ministries of evangelism and effective outreach into their neighborhoods. Ruling Elder William J. Vermeulen continues to serve the
Committee from his home in Ada, Michigan as director of evangelism and church
development. Through his efforts CHMCE offers evangelism education, training,
materials and consultation to OP congregations as well as to mission works. In
addition to serving eleven of our home missions fields during 1991, he also served
nineteen existing congregations of the OPC in their evangelistic efforts.

VII TRAINING AND PROMOTION

The Committee seeks to provide encouragement and training for those who do
the work of church planting. To that end, several training events are held during the
year. The Annual Home Missions Training Conference was held May 7-9 at Camp
Geneva in Holland, Michigan. Prof. Dennis E. Johnson of Westminster Theological
Seminary in California brought seminary-level exegetical studies in the Book of Acts
to our home missionaries. Mr. Vermeulen directed a practicum on developing an
effective prayer ministry within a new congregation. A Regional Church Extension
Conference for RHMs and presbytery home missions committee chairmen was held
October 10-12 in Gowen, Michigan. They studied the statistical development of the
OPC through its fifty-five year history and laid initial plans for the development of
a national strategy for church planting efforts.

The CHMCE staff also offered a “Readiness for Church Planting Evaluation
Seminar” on the campuses of Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia and in Califor-
nia. These seminars are designed to identify and provide training for young men
who show interest and aptitude for church planting in the OPC.

In an attempt to keep the churches updated on developments in home mission
fields, bimonthly Phone Home telephone information service is provided. Informa-
tion gleaned from reports of mission churches is made available for prayer. In
addition, prayer requests for home missionaries are listed in each issue of New
Horizons. Biographies of all current home missionaries and other church planting
personnel were compiled and mailed in poster form to all of our congregations at the
end of the calendar year. A slide presentation of all home mission fields is presently
being compiled and will be available to the churches by late spring of 1992.

VIII CHARTING A CHURCH PLANTING STRATEGY FOR THE 1990s

The Committee has begun the process of evaluating the effectiveness with
which it carries out the tasks assigned to it by the general assembly. To that end, it
is reviewing the biblical and confessional foundation for its church planting efforts
and the statistical history of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. As that review
continues into 1992, two results are already reportable.
A. Statistical Data Compiled
   During the summer of 1991 the task of entering all fifty-five years of denomi-
national statistics into a computer data base was completed. Generated prelimi-
nary reports are proving to be helpful in understanding the growth and develop-
ment of the OPC and in assisting presbyteries in their regional church planting
strategies. It is hoped that a range of selected reports for individual churches
and presbyteries will be available by the summer of 1992.

B. Progress in CHMCE/Presbytery Partnership
   As a Reformed and presbyterian church it is incumbent upon us to use our
resources wisely and effectively in the work of church planting. Forming effective
working relationships with the twelve presbyteries of the OPC is both biblically and
strategically sound. Steps toward this partnership approach were taken at the
Annual Regional Church Extension Conference in October 1991. Presbytery home
missions representatives sat with CHMCE's staff to draw up an initial plan by which
at least 44 new Orthodox Presbyterian Churches would be planned and planted in
the twelve presbyteries between 1992-1999. In developing this partnership the
Committee anticipates updating its document, The Principles, Policies and Methods for
Church Growth as presented initially to the 55th General Assembly by the Commit-
tee. Such work will be an ongoing process of planning and evaluating as church
planting moves forward in the decade of the 1990s.

IX AUXILIARY MINISTRIES

A. Questionnaire for Ministers/Licentiates and Vacant Pulpit List
   The general assembly has assigned to the Committee the responsibility of
administering a file of completed questionnaires submitted by licentiates and
ministers in our denomination who desire to have their availability known to
churches without pastors. During the year the form was revised in order to better
assist the churches utilizing this service. At the end of the year, twelve question-
naires were on file. All churches requesting this information are sent copies at the
Committee's expense. An updated list of vacant pulpits is also maintained and sent
to those requesting such information.

B. Salary Scale Guidelines
   The salary scale, effective January 1, 1992, as adopted by the Committee
on Home Missions and Church Extension, provides a guide for assisting churches
and presbyteries in setting salaries for home missions personnel in the initial phase
of a church planting situation. The following base salary, in addition to manse or
housing allowances, is suggested:
The Salary Guidelines include these further provisions:

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

2. **Hospitalization.** The church will pay the cost of hospitalization coverage for the missionary and his family.

3. **Housing.**
   a. If a manse is not provided and the minister rents his house, a supplement for rent paid is suggested.
   b. If a minister owns his home, a supplement for interest, taxes and other charges is suggested.

4. **Utilities.** All utilities except personal telephone toll calls, and including heat, will be paid by the church in addition to salary.

5. **Pension.** The church will pay the missionary's pension premium.

6. **Social Security.** The church will pay one-half of the missionary's Social Security. For missionaries not in the Social Security program, the church will pay one-half of the annual investment in an established investment or retirement income plan, on the same basis and in the same amount as though the missionary were in Social Security.

7. **Car Allowance.** Churches and chapels are encouraged to supplement the above salary provisions with a car allowance to help the pastor meet this pastoral expense. At the least, the Committee suggests that auto expenses be reimbursed at the rate of 26c per mile.
Appendix

X  BUDGETS

HOME MISSIONS BUDGETS
1991 - 1993

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| **Disbursements**    |             |               |               |                |
| Ministry Expenses    |             |               |               |                |
| Church Planting      | $265,667    | $316,577      | $260,645      | $290,615       |
| Ethnic Works         | 27,996      | 102,860       | 31,500        | 30,000         |
| Evangelism           | 37,556      | 41,375        | 46,766        | 50,363         |
| CUTF                 | 5,000       | 5,000         | 5,000         | 5,000          |
| Promotion            | 25,389      | 28,388        | 30,254        | 36,224         |
| Administration       | 63,247      | 99,800        | 81,001        | 77,798         |
| Total                | $424,855    | $594,000      | $455,166      | $490,000       |

XI  CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The Committee continues to promote investments in the Church Extension Fund. This includes the semiannual SeedTime supplement in New Horizons. The Committee is encouraged to see inquiries and new investments in direct response to these limited promotional efforts. Investments in the Fund on December 31, 1991 totaled $2,034,538.

Over the years the Fund has been a key element in the growth of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. A large number of congregations have erected initial buildings or enlarged their facilities through the use of money invested by God’s people in this Fund.

For many years the Committee has received a service fee for the operation of this Fund. The fee is paid monthly. In recent years it has been three-fourths of one percent based on total assets in the prior month. In 1992 this fee will be paid to the Committee on Coordination as reimbursement for expenses incurred in administering the Fund on behalf of the Committee.

A special situation loan was granted to Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian
Church, Rochester, New York in 1991. A loan to Providence OPC, Austin, Texas was approved with implementation anticipated in 1992.

During the year interest rates on investments in the Fund were slightly reduced and then later returned to their former level of 5.5% on demand notes, 6.5% on five-year notes, and 7% on ten-year notes.

The Committee is a cosigner of a mortgage for Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio, with the mortgage held by Society Bank, Xenia, Ohio.

The balances due on all loans from the Fund as of December 31, 1991 are as follows:

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TOTAL $1,713,053
The Contingent Fund was created through special gifts to the Committee, including receipts from bequests. These funds have been used to provide loans for the purchase of church property, to assist in building needs and to supplement program funds to finance capital purchases. The Fund is also used to provide transfers from the cash reserve to the General Fund in the form of a loan to cover any deficit in that Fund. In 1991 this was necessary for most of the year. Therefore the end-of-the-year deficit in the General Fund of $7,737 is a loan from the Fund that is being carried forward into 1992.

For many years the Committee transferred funds from the Contingent Fund to the General Fund to carry on its ministry. This amounted to $687,482 in the years 1984-1990. No transfers were made in 1991 nor are any projected for the foreseeable future.

The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 1991 are as follows:

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A. Minutes

The 58th GA approved the Committee’s minutes with a notation and one exception. The Committee’s response to the exception has been conveyed to the 59th GA (see letter to Stated Clerk).
B. Advisory Committee Recommendation

The 58th GA Advisory Committee charged with the review of the Committee's report conveyed to the Committee a written recommendation that was acted upon at a meeting in September 1991.

C. Committee Representatives to the 59th GA

The Committee appointed Rev. Ross W. Graham, general secretary, as a representative to the 59th GA.

XIV ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members and Officers

Class of 1994

Ministers: John R. Hilbelink, Lyman M. Smith, William E. Warren
Ruling Elders: Kenneth L. Bosgraf, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

Class of 1993

Ministers: Glenn T. Black, David J. O'Leary, Richard R. Gerber
Ruling Elders: Richard L. Hake, Jack Julien, D.D.S.

Class of 1992

Ministers: Mark R. Brown, Salvador M. Solis, Gerald S. Taylor
Ruling Elders: Robert A. Kramm, Leonard W. Schmurr

Officers

President, John R. Hilbelink
Vice-President, Lyman M. Smith
Secretary, David J. O'Leary
Treasurer, Robert A. Kramm

B. Executive Committee

Messrs. Gerber, Hake, Hoogerhyde, O'Leary, and the President

C. Subcommittees

In the course of the year the Committee restructured its subcommittees by reducing their number from five to three and increasing the number of members on each subcommittee from three to five. The following subcommittees were in place for the last half of 1991:

Finance: Messrs. Black, Bosgraf, Hoogerhyde (chairman), Julien, Kramm
General Ministries: Messrs. Brown (chairman), Hake, O'Leary, Solis, Warren
Special Ministries: Messrs. Gerber (chairman), Hilbelink, Schmurr, Smith, Taylor
D. Ministry Staff
   General Secretary: Ross W. Graham
   Director of Evangelism and Church Development: William J. Vermeulen
   Director of Urban and Ethnic Ministries: William C. Krispin
   (part-time)

E. Office Staff
   Secretary: Jeanne J. Ridgway through October 1991; Lisl M. Gaffin beginning November 1991

XV ELECTIONS

The terms of the above named Class of 1992 expire at this Assembly. Mr. Bosgraf, Class of 1994, has presented his resignation.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

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1991 was indeed a challenging year! Our general secretaries and staff settled in at 303 Horsham Road, and our various committee meetings were held there for the first time. Proceeds from the 1990 sale of the 7401 Old York Road property have been invested, with earnings used to increase our Capital Fund and to offset office operating costs. On the home front several new works were started and the cause of home missions was spread effectively by our General Secretary. Overseas, our new General Secretary for Foreign Missions visited all our foreign fields and was active in presenting the cause of foreign missions to our churches. In the Christian Education area, a new training manual for elders and deacons was approved and prepared. The first two printings of the new Trinity Hymnal sold out and a third printing is now completed. Our publishing arm, Great Commissions Publications, did not operate in the black but required no subsidy from us.

In the midst of these events, we have faced constant, ongoing, belt-tightening as funds received for Worldwide Outreach were short of our budgeted goal. Our Lord is indeed challenging us to be good stewards, as we seek to serve Him.
I PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to coordinate the strategic planning of the three program committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension) so as to help the Church maximize the use of its resources for the fulfillment of its tasks, to support the ministry of the pastors and sessions in their responsibility to teach and encourage the practice of biblical stewardship in the Church, and to help coordinate the promotion of the work of the three program committees in the development of support for their work.

Your Committee is also charged with seeking to develop both short- and long-range goals for the Church's program as a denomination and to recommend to the General Assembly priorities for the achievement of both short- and long-range goals set by the program committees of the denomination, including the financial support needed.

II OPERATION

A. Membership
1. Elected by the General Assembly
   a. Class of 1992
      (1) The Rev. Roger L. Gibbons
      (2) Ruling Elder Russell W. Copeland, Jr.
   b. Class of 1993
      (1) The Rev. Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
      (2) Ruling Elder Gordon H. Singer
   c. Class of 1994
      (1) The Rev. Steven F. Miller
      (2) Ruling Elder Peyton H. Gardner
2. Elected by the Program Committees
   a. Christian Education - Ruling Elder J. Donald Phillips
   b. Foreign Missions - Ruling Elder John O. Kinnaird
   c. Home Missions - Ruling Elder Garret A. Hoogerhyde
3. General Secretaries (ex officio)
   b. Foreign Missions - Ruling Elder Mark T. Bube
   c. Home Missions - The Rev. Ross W. Graham

B. Officers
1. Chairman - Ruling Elder J. Don Phillips
2. Vice-Chairman - Ruling Elder Mark T. Bube
3. Secretary - The Rev. Roger L. Gibbons
4. Treasurer - Ruling Elder Peyton H. Gardner
C. Standing Subcommittees

1. Administration
   The Administration Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Gardner and Singer, is principally responsible for the orderly receiving and accounting of funds for the program committees:

2. Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education
   The Promotional Guidelines and Stewardship Education Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. DeVelde, and Hoogerhyde, is principally responsible for developing guidelines for the program committees, developing and preparing programs to encourage the practices of good stewardship, encouraging the procurement of support from individuals through both current and deferred giving, and providing counsel, assistance and literature aimed at increasing the commitment of each member of the Church in the use of his or her means, time and talents in the work of Christ's kingdom.

3. Program Review
   The Program Review Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Copeland, Gibbons, Kinnaird and Miller, is principally responsible for organizing the review of the program committees' programs and budgets and encouraging the development of short- and long-range goals, strategies and costs by the three program committees.

4. The Chairman serves ex officio on all three standing subcommittees

D. Temporary Subcommittees

1. A temporary subcommittee to prepare a denominational promotional brochure completed its work in 1991. The majority of the 100,000 copies printed have been distributed to the churches.

2. A Promotion and Development Coordinator Search Subcommittee prepared a "Job Description and Qualifications" for the proposed coordinator. No funds have been requested for this position in the 1992 nor the proposed 1993 budgets. At its March 28, 1992 meeting, the Committee dissolved this subcommittee.

3. A temporary subcommittee to recommend a fair allocation of Committee expenses recommended no change be made to the current method of expense allocation.

E. Meetings
   As required by the Instruments of the General Assembly, the Committee met four times since the last Assembly: June 15, 1991; November 1, 1991; January 27, 1992 (by conference call); and March 27, 28, 1992.

III ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program

1. Financial situation
In 1991, the Church experienced a slight increase in giving to Worldwide Outreach, with total giving to Worldwide Outreach increasing by 2%, from $1.18 million to $1.20 million. These receipts were considerably less than the approved 1991 budget of $1.6 million, but careful spending enabled the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to end the year slightly in the black. The Committee on Christian Education ended the year approximately $27,000 in the red, in spite of similar careful spending.

In light of these recent events, your Committee is recommending a total Worldwide Outreach program for 1993 (see Recommendation 1 below) of $1.4 million, the same amount as the approved 1992 budget.

2. Long-range planning

On April 5, 1991, members of the Program Review Subcommittee met with members of the Long-Range Planning subcommittees of the three program committees to work on long-range planning for the denomination as a whole. A planned similar meeting in March, 1992 was not held, due to a scheduling conflict.

B. Coordinated Promotional Efforts

1. 1991 Thank Offering
2. Spring 1991 special offering for the Committee on Home Missions, And Church Extension
3. Preparation, printing and distribution of a denominational promotional brochure (see above)

C. Administrative

Each year the committee must specify a date upon which to close the books for the year. For 1991, the Committee determined that checks dated on or before December 31, 1991 and received by January 6, 1992 will be credited towards the 1991 budget. All other checks received after December 31, 1991 will be credited towards the 1992 budget.

IV ASSIGNMENT FROM THE 58TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. The 58th General Assembly instructed the Committee on Coordination to "...consider refining Instrument E, in light of continued expressed concerns regarding certain portions of Instrument E (e.g., E.4.i. 'caps'), and report to the 59th General Assembly."

B. Your Committee discussed Instrument E at great length, and considered several written suggestions for possible changes, including one from the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension which also communicated to the Committee that it strongly opposes removing "caps" from the Worldwide Outreach allocation formula. Your Committee recommends that "caps" be removed from the
Worldwide Outreach allocation formula (See Recommendation 2 below).

C. Your Committee further erected a subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Tyson (convener), Miller, Hoogerhyde and Kinnaird, to rewrite Instrument E, and mail their proposed draft of the revision to Committee on Coordination members prior to February 1, 1993.

V ITEMS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Paragraph E.4.o. of the Assembly's Instruments

Under paragraph E.4.o.(2).(d), The names of the individuals whose fund raising activities among the presbyteries and congregations have been endorsed and encouraged by the Committee under paragraph E.4.o. of the Instruments must be reported annually to the General Assembly.

At its regular January 1990 meeting, the Committee endorsed and encouraged the fund raising activities among the presbyteries and congregations of the Smiths, Sons and Steltzers under this paragraph for a period of three years. On June 12, 1991, the Smiths accepted a call to the Bethel OPC in Wheaton, Illinois. On December 31, 1991, the Steltzers accepted a call to the Fellowship OPC in Lake Worth, Florida. On January 1, 1992, the Sons' resumed being supported by the General Fund of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

At its regular April 1990 meeting, the committee endorsed and encouraged the fund raising activities among the presbyteries and congregations of the Hubenthals under this paragraph through September 1992.

B. Paragraph E.4.p. of the Assembly's Instruments

Under paragraph E.4.p.(3).(f), all special relationships created under paragraph E.4.p. must be reported annually to the General Assembly.

At its regular November 1989 meeting, the Committee concurred with the Committee on Foreign Missions in approaching the Presbytery of New York and New England with a view towards the undertaking of a special relationship with the work in Suriname, and a special relationship was subsequently established. A group of congregations in the Presbytery of the Midwest have established a similar relationship with the English family in Suriname. This was approved by the Committee at its regular November, 1989 meeting.

VI 1993 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Committee's actual expenses for 1991, current budget for 1992 and proposed budget for 1993 are set forth below:
### Accounting personnel
- **Actual Expenses 1991:** $73,482
- **Current Budget 1992:** $85,925
- **Proposed Budget 1993:** $92,369

### Promotion personnel
- **Actual Expenses 1991:**
- **Current Budget 1992:**
- **Proposed Budget 1993:**

### Staff travel & expenses
- **1991:** 802
- **1992:** 1,100
- **1993:** 1,100

### Office rent
- **1991:** 6,775
- **1992:** 6,775
- **1993:** 6,775

### Telephone
- **1991:** 1,208
- **1992:** 1,000
- **1993:** 1,300

### Postage
- **1991:** 2,186
- **1992:** 2,200
- **1993:** 2,400

### Office equipment/maintenance
- **1991:** 2,446
- **1992:** 1,800
- **1993:** 2,500

### Office expenses
- **1991:** 2,699
- **1992:** 2,500
- **1993:** 2,500

### Committee meetings
- **1991:** 4,556
- **1992:** 6,200
- **1993:** 6,200

### Printed materials
- **1991:** 2,400
- **1992:** 2,500
- **1993:** 2,500

### Legal/Audit/Financial
- **1991:** 11,816
- **1992:** 13,500
- **1993:** 13,856

### Promotion
- **1991:** 16,115
- **1992:** 8,000
- **1993:** 12,000

### Computer/Support/Supplies
- **1991:** 2,637
- **1992:** 2,500
- **1993:** 3,000

### Transfer to Capital Fund
- **1991:** 4,031
- **1992:**
- **1993:**

### Miscellaneous
- **1991:** 393
- **1992:** 1,000
- **1993:** 1,000

### Totals
- **1991:** $131,547
- **1992:** $135,000
- **1993:** $147,500

Other anticipated 1993 revenue for the Committee includes $10,000 in interest and $17,500 for managing the Church Extension Fund. Copies of the 1991 annual audit are available upon request.

### VII RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 1993:

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<th>Budget 1993</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Christian Education</td>
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<td>Home Missions</td>
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<td>Sub-total</td>
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   - **New Horizons** $140,000
   - **Coordination** $120,000
   - **Total 1993 Worldwide Outreach** $1,400,000

2. That Instrument E be amended by deleting Sections 4.i.3 and 4.i.4, effective January 1, 1994, and that section 4.i.5 be renumbered 4.i.3. (See IV B. above).
3. That Instrument E be amended by deleting sections 4.o and 4.p, effective January 1, 1994, and that section 4.q be renumbered 4.o. (See IV B. above).

VIII ELECTIONS

The terms of the Rev. Roger L. Gibbons and Ruling Elder Russell W. Copeland, Jr. expire at this assembly. Under Standing Rule IX.2.h., both are eligible for re-election. Under the same rules, this Assembly must elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 1995.

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Total Budgets and Receipts: 1980 – 1991

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**WWO: Receipts and Budgets 1980–1991**

- Receipts
- Budget
Appendix

WWO: 1991 Sources of Funds

- OPC (90.8%)
- Reserves (0.4%)
- Misc (5.0%)
- Non OPC (3.8%)

WWO: 1991 Use of Funds
(Program Services by Committee)

- CFM (26.1%)
- CHMCE (25.4%)
- CE (5.4%)
- NH (8.4%)
- Sppt.Serv. (34.7%)
WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Sources of Funds

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<td>Non OPC</td>
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WWO: Sources of Funds
1991 – 1993

![Bar chart showing sources of funds for 1991-1993](chart.png)
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WWO: Use of Funds 1991 - 1993
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH PROGRAM COMMITTEE FUND BALANCES

Source: 1986—1991 balance sheets prepared by Auditor

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**TOTAL ALL FUNDS**

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### Graph

- **CE**: Christian Ed.
- **CFM**: Foreign Missions
- **CHMCE**: Home Missions
- **COC**: Coordination

#### Chart

- **Millions**
  - 1986
  - 1987
  - 1988
  - 1989
  - 1990
  - 1991

- **WWO: Committees' Fund Balances 1986—1991**
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

Combined General Funds: Revenues and Expenses

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Funding of Deficit (Surplus):

| From (to) CCE cash reserves       | $24,418     | $0             | $0              |
| From (to) CFM cash reserves       | (13,214)    | 16,656         | 59,557          |
| From CHMCE cash reserves          | (7,051)     | (29,834)       | 5,000           |
| From (to) NH cash reserves        | 2,286       | 0              | 0               |
| From (to) COC cash reserves       | (1,583)     | 0              | 0               |
| **Deficit (Surplus) funded**      | $4,836      | ($13,178)      | $64,557         |

**Notes:**

- **1991 "Actual":** Based on Auditor's reports
- **1992 "Approved":** Based on Committees' reports, allocated as near as possible in the same manner as the Auditor.
- **1993 "Requested":** Based on amounts requested by the Committees in their annual reports, allocated as near as possible in the same manner as the Auditor.
COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
General Fund: Revenue and Expenses

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**
- Inter-fund transfers: $0 $0 $0
- Decrease (increase) in cash: 24,418 0 0

**Deficit (Surplus) funded:** $24,418 $0 $0

**Note:**
The salary and benefits paid to the General Secretary have been allocated as follows:
25.0% to New Horizons, 38% to Administration, 15% to Promotion, and 7% to Training Services.
### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

**General Fund: Revenues and Expenses**

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**Notes:**

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1991 revenues and expenses shown above do not reflect $202,195 receipts, nor $227,528 expenses for "Direct Missionary Support".

1991 revenues and expenses shown above do not reflect $40,452 receipts, nor $58,039 expenses for "Special Projects".
**COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

**General Fund: Revenues and Expenses**

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**

|                      |             |               |                |
| Inter-fund transfers | $30,000     | $5,000        | $5,000         |
| Decrease (increase) in cash | (37,051) | (34,834) | 0               |
| Deficit (Surplus) funded | ($7,051) | ($29,834) | $5,000         |

**Note:**
The salary and benefits paid to the General Secretary have been allocated as follows: 50% to Church Planting, and 50% to Promotion; the housing allowance paid to the General Secretary has been allocated to Administration.
NEW HORIZONS
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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Funding of Deficit (Surplus):
- Depr. expense (Capital Fund): $0
- Decrease (increase) in cash: 2,266

Deficit (Surplus) funded: $2,266

COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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Funding of Deficit (Surplus):
- Decrease (increase) in cash: ($1,583)
WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Percentage Distribution of Budgets Approved by the General Assembly
1973 – 1992

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Average: 1973–1992 23.6% 42.4% 34.1%

Budgets Approved by the GA: 1973–1992
Percent Distribution by Committee
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

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1981–1991 Average: 83.9  98.7  88.1

### Percent of Budget Funded: By Committee

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES

The Committee met in Denver twice during the year, 1991: Feb. 15 and Oct. 25. All Committee members were present at both meetings except Mr. Cyril Nightengale who missed both meetings. The fall meeting was conducted via a conference phone call.

I OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The officers of the Committee are: Rev. David W. King, president, Janesville, WI; Rev. Leonard J. Coppes, ThD., secretary-Treasurer, Denver, CO; deacon Roy Ingelse, vice-president, Oostburg, WI. Other members of the Committee are: deacon Greg R. Nightengale, Denver, CO; Rev. Donald J. Duff, Pt. Hueneme, CA; elder Wilbert J. Suwyn, Pt. Hueneme, CA.; elder Cyril T. Nightengale, Denver, CO. Between meetings, business was conducted by majority vote of the executive committee consisting of all the elected officers. Regular monthly reports keep all members informed.

II RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

We urge the church to read the annual TREASURER’S REPORT prayerfully. Our report shows the variety of ministries your Committee carries out in your behalf.

The TABLE reproduced below demonstrates how the Lord has prospered the OPC. This year there was a considerable increase in hospitalization premiums for destitute ministers, in emergency and other relief, and aid to infirm ministers given to the Ramseys.

Again this year, all expenditures for “IN Firm MINISTERS” ($49,908) were given to a single family, the Roger Ramsey family. By God’s grace the Ramseys were able to have the hospital care they needed. This included a successful liver transplant for Mrs. Ramsey, the long months they had to stay in Pittsburgh while waiting for the surgery, and the several other times they had to be hospitalized. In December Mrs. Ramsey was called home by her Lord. The Committee continues to work with Mr. Ramsey in regard to seeking to pay off enough of the almost $700,000.00 in outstanding medical bills to assure continued care for his own medical needs.

In 1991, 126 out of 193 churches and chapels contributed to the General Assembly diaconal ministry, while 67 did not. In 1990 there were 189 churches and chapels; 123 contributed and 66 did not.
Again we are glad to report that the income from all sources covered all the expenditures of your Committee, and we were enabled to MEET ALL THE BUDGETED EXPENDITURES, and to provide in some cases of emergency needs.

As in past years, we report that many individuals regularly send contributions to this Committee. It would be inappropriate, of course, to list these generous Christians by name. The Lord will reward them. Many of the members and adherents of our congregations give just as sacrificially. They, too, will go unnamed, but our Lord knows how to reward each one richly.

The following TABLE indicates the approximate percentage of total funds disbursed on the items listed:

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III REASONS FOR REJOICING AND CONCERN

We report that there is good reason for great REJOICING in the Lord insofar as the church gave $211,001 to this ministry in 1991 (in 1990 $175,526). For the second straight year the church met the foreign missions diaconal challenge and again we gave the additional $4000 to Kenya, $5000 to Lebanon (through MERF), $4000 to Sudan (through MERF), $3000 to Suriname. In addition, we gave $21,133.00 to meet the needs of the Aged and Infirm Ministers, Widows, and Orphans Fund.

Receipts from OPC sources in 1991 amounted to $232,134 and non-OPC sources contributed $2,202. Expenditures totaled $215,326. These figures show that in 1991 we were able to recoup some of our reserves. So good progress was made this last year. We hasten to remind the reader, however, that if the contributions in 1992 return to their pre-1992 levels we will once again be in a deficit spending situation so that we will spending more than our receipts (up to and including exhausting our reserves, if necessary).
We wish to commend the churches for their giving for the months of April and May which met our budgeted needs. As usual during the months surrounding the Thank Offering giving to this Committee was down quite a bit.

IV ELECTIONS

Terms which expire with this Assembly: Rev. Donald Duff; Elder Wilbert Suwyn.

Requirements for membership on this Committee: this Committee shall consist of seven members with one minister in each class, two deacons in one class, and one elder in each remaining class.

Mr. Cyril Nightengale has demitted the office of elder.

V RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the General Assembly request the congregations to give at least half of their contributions by the end of May.

2. We recommend that the General Assembly remind the presbyteries not to approve a call containing “free from worldly care” if they consider the call under consideration to be inadequate to provide for the minister’s livelihood.

3. We recommend that the General Assembly approve a 1993 budget of $163,800 for the General Fund and $91,000 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers, Widows, and Orphans Fund, for a total budget of $254,800.

4. We recommend that for the year 1993 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this Committee at the suggested per capita rate of $19.00 per communicant member for the General Fund and $7.00 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers’ Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard J. Coppes,
Secretary-Treasurer

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George M. Vogler  
Certified Public Accountant  
Certified Management Accountant  
MSBA  
24 February 1992

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries  
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
c/o Rev. Leonard Coppes  
9161 Vine St.  
Thornton, Co. 80229

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the accompanying balance sheets of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as of 31 December 1990 and 1991 along with the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements, statement of changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year ended 31 December 1991, in accordance with standards established by the American Association of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of management of the committee.

A Review consists principally of inquiries of company personnel and analytic procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion.

Due to the nature of the fund (it would be prohibitively difficult), no attempt was made to confirm income from contributions.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Respectfully,  
George Vogler
### Appendix

**DIACONAL MINISTRIES**  
OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Comparative Balance Sheet**

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**Statement Of Cash Receipts And Disbursements**

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### Statement Of Sources And Uses Of Funds

#### Sources of Funds

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#### The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part of These Statements

**NOTES:**

1. **Cash on Hand:**
   - Space Age Federal Credit Union: $23,222, $44,441
   - Space Age F.C.U. Shares: 6, 17
   - Delaware Service Co.: 5,074, 5,348
   - Total: $28,302, $49,806
Appendix

2. Loans Receivable:
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<td>$41,275</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>$100</td>
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<td>$41,175</td>
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3. Administrative Expenses:
Office Expense $1,246
Salary 9,600
Travel/Meals 1,051
New Horizons 1,500
Accounting Fee 450

$13,847

4. Foreign Ministries Expenses:
Lebanon $5,000
Sudan 4,000
Suriname 3,000
Kenya 9,000
Korea 4,500
Japan 3,000
Haiti —
Uganda —
Ethiopia 612
World Relief —
Disaster Relief 1,542

Japan Detail:
Relief 1,000
Scholarships 1,000
Blind Center 500
Rehab. Center 500
Total 3,000

Korean Detail:
Orphans’ School —
Mental/Old Folk 2,000
Leper Patients 1,500
Scholarships 1,000
Total 4,500

Total $30,654

5. USA Ministries Expenses
Special Relief $6,432
Emerg. Med. Relief 18,920
Hosp. Premiums* 43,034
Misdirected —
Emergency Relief —
Scholarships-Phila. 12,700

*Hosp. Premiums
Family 1 3,948
Family 2 2,388
Family 3 —
Family 4 4,464
Scholarships-Other 5,830  Family 6  2,388
Bethany Christ Ser. —  Family 7  1,332
Disaster Relief —  Family 10  —
Total $86,916  Family 11  2,474
Family 12  4,464
Family 23  4,464
Family 27  4,464
Family 28  4,464
Family 29  4,464
Family 30  2,976
Family 31  744
Total $43,034

6. AIMWOF Expenses:
   Pension Aid
   Family A $4,250
   Family B 4,250
   Family C 2,100
   Family E 4,250
   Family F 4,250
   Family G 4,250
   Family H 4,250
   Family I 2,450
   Family J 4,850
   Total 34,900

   Infirm Aid
   Family 1 49,008

   Total $83,908

7. Basis of Accounting: the books are kept on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. Incurred administrative expenses are recorded only when paid and pledged contributions are recognized only when received.

8. Reporting entity: these statements represent the financial position and activity of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
INTRODUCTION

The Committee on Pensions continues to work at assisting the churches in providing for the health, welfare and retirement needs of ordained officers and full-time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian churches and committees. Administration of the programs, including the processing of life and health claims and the distribution of retirement benefits is handled at the Committee's office in North Haledon, New Jersey. The Committee continually seeks to improve the benefit plans to provide adequate support for the people God calls to serve in these positions.
I PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

A. Investment Results
   1. During the year 1991, the total assets of the Retirement Equity Fund increased by over one million dollars (20%) to a total of $6,234,686. This was the second time in the last three years that the increase reached that dollar amount. At the end of 1991, each participant's account was credited with 5.72% income and 12.34% in increased market value, amounting to a total credit of 18.06%.

   2. The investment policy of the Committee is to be aggressive, but with caution. The Committee recognizes that as the value of equities can go up, it can also come down. The investment results of the Fund over specific periods are shown in the following:

      Average annual percentage of gain - the last 3 years - 15.53%
      Average annual percentage of gain - the last 5 years - 12.98%
      Average annual percentage of gain - the last 10 yrs. - 17.27%

B. Investment Policies
   The investments of the Fund continue to be managed by the firm of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania under guidelines established by the Committee. The investments as of the year end were allocated as follows:

   Certificates of deposit      5.82%
   Money market funds        18.04%
   U.S. Governments          21.80%
   Corporate bonds           3.25%
   Common stock              51.09%

C. Participation
   1. During the year 1991, 10 persons enrolled in the plan and five withdrew from the plan for a net increase in participants of five.

   2. At the end of 1991, the participants in the plan consisted of the following:

      Participants Making Contributions  114
      Participants Not Making Contributions  40
      Retired - Drawing Pension           26
      Surviving Spouses - Drawing Pension  14
      Retired - Receiving Annuity         4
                                          198

D. Term Life Insurance
The term life insurance continues to be carried with the North American Life Assurance Company. The annual premium per individual for $20,000 coverage is $135.00.

II PENSION SUPPLEMENT FUND

A. Eligibility

Benefits from this fund are available to ministers (and their surviving spouses, unless they remarry) who have at least 20 years of service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, were at least 65 years of age prior to January 1, 1988, and are receiving regular pension payments. We no longer ask the Church for contributions, and the Fund is designed to liquidate itself as the need for supplemental payments decreases.

B. Payments

1. During the year 1991, payments were made to eligible participants at the rate of $120 per month. At its February 1992 meeting, the Committee determined to increase the monthly payment by $10, effective March 1, 1992, for those participants whose regular pension accounts have been exhausted or who are receiving commercial annuity payments purchased with their pension account monies, since they no longer benefit from the investment results of the Retirement Equity Fund.

2. The pension supplement payments made to retired ministers have been designated as housing or rental allowances paid in recognition of, and as compensation for, their past services. These payments are so designated so as not to be subject to federal income tax.

C. Summary Financial Report

1. Income and expense

The summary financial report of the Fund for the year 1991 is as follows:

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<td>34,639.48</td>
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<td>Total receipts</td>
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<td>42,799.97</td>
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$408,338.03                        $399,461.67
2. Investments

The assets of this Fund are primarily invested in money market funds and various Government securities, in order to preserve liquidity for payments to retirees.

III HOSPITALIZATION

A. Financial Experience

The first nine months of 1991 showed a substantial improvement over the experience of the prior years. Income in the plan exceeded claims and expenses by over $35,000. During the last quarter of the year, however, two large claims were submitted, eliminating the excess revenue and reducing the benefit of the deficit-reduction contributions. Total claims paid in 1991 amounted to $458,901.

B. Rates

In an attempt to increase revenue without treating heavy financial pressures which would force individuals to withdraw from the plan, the Committee approved a flat $18 per month increase, effective May 1, 1992. The new rates are as follows:

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<td>Special 65 - Husband and wife</td>
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C. Continuous Membership in Plan

From time to time, the Committee receives applications from ministers who have left the plan to be re-enrolled in the plan. This involves the submission of statements of health and, on occasion, results in delay in coverages or the imposition of certain restrictions. The Committee would repeat its statement of last year that there are important reasons to remain with the denominational plan, the principal reasons being as follows:

1. Mobility of ministers. Ministers in the plan can move from one church to another in any part of the country without losing coverage. If an individual leaves the plan and obtains coverage under a local or regional plan, he must, when he moves to another area, start anew with another insurer, subject to pre-existing medical conditions; that would apply to ministers leaving and returning to our plan also. In such a case, it could be difficult or even impossible to enter another plan or to re-enter ours.

2. Every time individuals leave the plan, pressure is placed on those
who remain to fund the plan, and this, of necessity, forces an increase in premiums.

3. If the pressure on the plan should then reach a point where it would be impossible to continue it, there are a number of pastors and/or their families who would find it impossible to get adequate coverage, if any, due to existing medical conditions. This would then become a diagonal concern of the whole church.

4. Many times individuals leave group plans for seemingly less expensive coverage, only to find after a period of time that their premiums have increased to more than they would be paying in the denominational plan. In some cases, they may find the insurance carrier suddenly ceases health coverage and informs them that their policy is being terminated.

D. Contributions from Churches

One of the additional burdens under which the plan has been functioning is the continuing deficit incurred over the years. To help alleviate the burden, the last two General Assemblies approved the request of the Committee to seek assistance from the churches. The Committee is grateful for the response it has received to date and is submitting the same recommendation for the year 1993.

IV VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE INSURANCE

A. Premiums

This plan, separate from the pension and hospitalization plans, is open to all full-time church employees and ordained officers and their families. The monthly premium for individual and spouse is based on their ages, but is a fixed cost for all children in a family of $1.50 per month.

B. Coverage

The individual coverage available is as follows:

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<td>Children</td>
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C. Enrollment

The enrollment in the plan has been substantially below expectations, and at the end of 1991 had only 39 participants. Total insurance in force is as follows:

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D. Benefit Paid

There was one spousal death benefit paid in 1991 in the amount of $10,000.

V OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Committee are as follows: President, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; Vice-President, Marven O. Bowman, Jr.; Secretary, David F. Guild; Treasurer, Garret A. Hoogerhyde.

VI RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the 59th General Assembly request a contribution of $7.00 per communicant member from the churches in 1993 to partially offset the heavy drain on hospitalization funds that has been incurred over the past several years (see III above).

VII ELECTIONS

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

Minister: Douglas A. Watson
Ruling Elders: David F. Guild, Gordon H. Singer

In addition, there is a vacancy in the class of 1993 due to the resignation of ruling elder Harold R. Keenan.

The Standing Rules of the Assembly provide that each class of this Committee shall include at least one minister and at least one ruling elder.

VIII AUDIT REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund as of December 31, 1991 and 1990 and the related statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility...
of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund at December 31, 1991 and 1990 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of cash receipts and disbursements are presented for purposes of additional information and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Stephen P. Radics & Co.

March 16, 1992

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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<th>1991</th>
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<td>Corporate bonds and debentures</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
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<td>U.S. Government securities</td>
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<td>1,124,488</td>
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<td>4,859,016</td>
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Exchange 311 155
Cash in banks 348,827 333,731
Total assets 6,234,686 5,216,736

Liabilities

Exchange 78
Total Liabilities 78

Net assets available for plan benefits $6,234,686 $5,216,658

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS**

December 31, 1991 1990

Additions

Investment income:

Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments (Note 3) $ 593,947 $ (283,879)
Realized gain on sale of investments 57,306 223,844
Amortization of bond discount 408 2,730
Interest 199,586 200,537
Dividend 121,093 107,273
Total investment income 972,340 250,505
Investment expenses — (261)

972,340 250,244

Contributions:

Employers 204,748 185,426
Employees 8,951 13,558
Total contributions 213,699 198,984

Other additions:

Transfer from supplemental fund 51,600 49,370

TOTAL ADDITIONS 1,237,639 498,598

Deductions

Premiums on life insurance 19,073 18,388
### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Pension Fund

1. **Significant Accounting Policies**

   The financial statements of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund (the "Pension Fund" or the "Plan") are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

   Marketable securities are stated at current market value, as determined by the last reported sales price on the last business day of the year. The change in the difference between current value and the cost of such securities is reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for Plan benefits as unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the current value of marketable securities.

2. **Description of the Plan**

   The following is a brief description of the Pension Fund. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete discussion.

   The Pension Fund is a Defined Contribution Plan which was created to provide term life insurance during the period of eligibility and retirement benefits at age sixty-five (65) for the Church's ordained ministers, its permanent, full-time employees, and the permanent, full-time employees of a congregation or organization thereof. The normal retirement benefit is based on a participant's equity in the Pension Fund at the time of retirement and on the income option selected. The Pension Fund also provides death benefits. Participants' contributions are limited.
to a percentage of their annual compensation which is determined by the individual congregations. The current recommended percentage is 6%.

Key provisions of the Plan are:

a. Eligibility for coverage
   All ordained ministers and all permanent, full time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church or of any congregation or organization of the Church are eligible to participate. Ministers are eligible to participate upon ordination. Non-ministerial employees are eligible to participate upon being declared a "permanent employee" by their employers.

b. Normal retirement date
   The normal retirement date is the first day of the month following the participant's 65th birthday. The retirement date is not mandatory.

c. Vesting
   The vested interest of participants who leave the Plan after the fifth anniversary of their participation will not be less than the following percentages of the total equity in their account:

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<th>Years of Service</th>
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<td>5-7</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>8-9</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>10 and over</td>
<td>100%</td>
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   Participants who leave the Plan before the fifth anniversary of their participation in the Plan receive a percentage of their total equity in the Pension Fund corresponding to a share of the total contributions made to the Pension Fund by them personally.

d. Normal form of pension
   The normal form of retirement benefits is a life-time annuity which is guaranteed for at least ten years.

e. Optional forms of pension available
   Participants may elect any option acceptable to the Plan Committee.

3. INVESTMENTS

a. Investment securities consist of the following:
Appendix 239

December 31,

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<td>Dreyfus Liquid Asset Fund</td>
<td>$1,116,092</td>
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<td>Cortland Trust U.S. Government Fund</td>
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<td>W.H. Newbold’s Son and Company</td>
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<td>Bonds</td>
<td>167,870</td>
<td>174,150</td>
<td>171,444</td>
<td>168,024</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
<td>1,672,682</td>
<td>3,228,642</td>
<td>1,599,600</td>
<td>2,635,849</td>
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<tr>
<td>U.S. Government Securities</td>
<td>1,220,136</td>
<td>1,307,617</td>
<td>1,103,898</td>
<td>1,124,488</td>
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<td>Total Newbold</td>
<td>3,060,688</td>
<td>4,710,409</td>
<td>2,874,942</td>
<td>3,928,361</td>
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TOTAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES

$4,213,684  $5,863,405  $3,805,597  $4,850,016

b. Investment securities representing more than 5% of net plan assets:

Percentage of Net Plan Assets
December 31,

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<td>Dreyfus Liquid Assets</td>
<td>17.25%</td>
<td>14.35%</td>
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c. During 1991 and 1990, the Plan’s investment securities appreciated or (depreciated) in value as follows:

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<td>Common stock</td>
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<td>$593,947</td>
<td>$(283,879)</td>
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4. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has qualified under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code and is, therefore, not subject to tax under the present income tax laws.
# Schedules of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

**December 31,**

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<td>Receipts - trust accounts</td>
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<td>Receipts - pension supplemental plan</td>
<td>51,600</td>
<td>49,370</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
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<td>Exchanges</td>
<td>66,620</td>
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<td>Sale of investments</td>
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<td><strong>Cash disbursements:</strong></td>
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<td>Payments - trust accounts</td>
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<td>175,000</td>
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<td>Premiums - life insurance</td>
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<td>Pension payments</td>
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<td>101,520</td>
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<td>Withdrawals - vested interest</td>
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<td>88,704</td>
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<td>Exchanges</td>
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<td>Payments - pension supplemental plan</td>
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<td><strong>Total cash disbursements</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Expenses - general fund:</strong></td>
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<td>Administration fees</td>
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<td>Accounting</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous expenses</td>
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<td><strong>Total cash disbursements</strong></td>
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<td>Cash balance - end of year</td>
<td>$348,827</td>
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust as of December 31, 1991 and 1990 and the related statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust at December 31, 1991 and 1990 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of cash receipts and disbursements are presented for purposes of additional information and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Stephen P. Radics & Co.

March 7, 1992
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

December 31,
1991 1990

Assets

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Liabilities and net assets available for plan benefits

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<td>9,244</td>
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<td>Advance - Pacific Mutual</td>
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<td>131,000</td>
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<td>Claims payable</td>
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<td>63,770</td>
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<td>Premiums collected in advance</td>
<td>21,021</td>
<td>28,762</td>
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<td>Exchange</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>224,447</td>
<td>239,934</td>
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Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits

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<td>$(219,226)</td>
<td>$(229,816)</td>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

December 31,
1991 1990

Revenue:

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<td>Premiums - members</td>
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<td>Service charges</td>
<td>2,309</td>
<td>1,960</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>1,566</td>
<td>1,187</td>
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<td>Deficit reduction fund</td>
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<td>Total revenue</td>
<td>673,149</td>
<td>584,846</td>
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Expenses:

Claims paid and incurred 458,901 510,258
Premiums - insurance companies 98,552 82,901
Trust administration fees 94,201 79,650
General and administrative expenses 10,905 7,483
Total expenses 662,559 680,292

Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over (under) expenses 10,590 (95,446)

Net liabilities in excess of assets available for plan benefits at beginning of year (229,816) (134,370)

Liabilities in excess of assets available for plan benefits at end of year $(219,226) $(229,816)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Trust uses the accrual method of accounting.
The Welfare Benefits Funding Plan for Employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. (the Hospitalization Trust) was established on July 1, 1984 when the Church’s prior hospitalization account was terminated.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The Trust, which is administered by Trustees elected by the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, was established as a funding vehicle for designated employee welfare benefit plans maintained by the Church for its employees.

All employees of the Church who meet the eligibility requirements of the Health and Welfare Benefit Plans funded by the Trust are participants in the plan.

Participants should refer to the plan description for a complete description of the plan.

3. TAX STATUS

The Trust is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(9) of the
U.S. Internal Revenue Code as a voluntary employees' beneficiary association.

4. LOANS PAYABLE

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<th>Loan - Grace Dalby; interest is payable monthly at 8%; principal is due on demand</th>
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SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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**Cash Receipts:**

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<td>Advances Pacific Mutual</td>
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**Cash disbursements:**

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**NET %**
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY
AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

SYNOPSIS

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C. Subcommittees

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I THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings
The Committee held two full meetings and one telephone conference call meeting since the previous General Assembly. The first full meeting was November 4-8, 1991, the telephone meeting was on December 2, 1991, and the second full meeting was March 9-13, 1992. Also, not included in the Committee's report to the 58th (1991) General Assembly, due to the report's prior preparation, was a meeting held on May 30, 1991 on the afternoon of the opening of the Assembly.

B. Officers
The officers of the Committee are the Rev. John P. Galbraith, Chairman, and the Rev. Jack J. Peterson, Secretary.

C. Subcommittees
The Committee has a number of standing subcommittees, and also appoints special subcommittees for specific tasks from time to time. In addition to the subcommittees are persons who are denominated "liaisons" whose duty it is to
represent the Committee as its contact person with a specific church (or churches) with which our church has fellowship and to keep the Committee informed about the life of that church or churches and, in turn, to inform the whole Church when it believes that significant information is available or appropriate action needed. The standing subcommittees and liaisons at present are:

1. **Standing subcommittees**
   a. Appointment of Fraternal Delegates - R. A. Barker
   b. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) - G. I. Williamson
   d. External Relations
      (1) Central and Southern Africa - J. J. Peterson, G. D. Jerrel
      (2) South Africa - R. B. Gaffin, Jr., R. A. Barker
      (3) Europe - D. J. Duff, J. R. Hilbelink
      (4) Asia, Pacific, South and Central America, Mexico - G. I. Williamson, T. E. Tyson
      (5) Ecumenical Organizations: World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF), World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) - J. P. Galbraith

2. **Liaisons**
   a. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) - G. I. Williamson
   b. Christian Reformed Church of North America (CRCNA) - D. J. Duff
   c. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC) - G. D. Jerrel
   d. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) - J. R. Hilbelink
   e. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) - R. A. Barker
   f. Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS) - G. I. Williamson
   g. Canadian Reformed Churches (CANRC) - R. B. Gaffin, Jr.
   h. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) - G. D. Jerrel
   i. Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) - J. J. Peterson
   j. Protestant Reformed Church of North America (PRCNA) - J. J. Peterson
   k. Reformed Presbyterian Church of the Americas (RPCA) - J. R. Hilbelink
II  FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

The Committee continues, on behalf of the Church, to pursue and promote fellowship with churches in North America as approved by previous General Assemblies. This is accomplished both through the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) and with the churches through their committees on interchurch relations. At the present time these are the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), the Canadian Reformed Churches (CANRC), the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), the Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC), the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS), and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA). Of these, all but the CANRC and the RCUS are members of NAPARC. We provide here some salient information concerning the churches with which we have more active fellowship.

A.  Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

1.  The driving force of the 187th General Synod of the ARPC was a call for revival and revitalization of the Church.

2.  After considerable debate the ARPC has decided to seek increased cooperation between the ARPC and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Synod approved "Women's ministries exploring using the same curriculum—possibly co-writing it—for this year's Bible study, and also possibly a joint women's conference... Youth ministry leaders meeting to consider joint youth activities and programs... Christian Education representatives exploring working together in officer training, curriculum development, children's work and workshops... Foreign missions leaders continuing to seek ways for teamwork in the Muslim world and in South America's big cities (and) home missions leaders exploring the possibility of a joint assessment center to evaluate candidates for new-church development..." (The Associate Reformed Presbyterian, August 1991).

3.  The ARPC has expressed confidence that the EPC position on women in office will not influence the ARPC. The ARPC supported the motion put forward by the OPC at NAPARC pleading with the CRC not to open all ecclesiastical offices to women.

4.  Interest has been expressed in working more closely with the OPC, especially in the area of Christian Education.
B. Canadian Reformed Churches

1. Since the 58th General Assembly your Committee has had two full-day meetings with their Committee on Contact with the OPC (CCOPC). An ad hoc subcommittee met with the CCOPC on November 6, 1991, and the full Committee met with them on March 11, 1992. These meetings were both cordial and frank in focusing on seeking resolution of the differences between our two churches. Our next meeting is tentatively set for early 1993.

2. Our meetings have been largely concerned with two topics, public profession of faith and supervision of the Lord's Supper. The November 6, 1991 meeting dealt with papers prepared by the CCOPC on both of these subjects. The March 1, 1992 meeting focused on a written response by our Committee to their papers.

The members of the CCOPC are troubled because they believe the way in which visitors are invited and admitted to the Lord's Supper in most OP congregations is much too lax. They also have difficulty with the fact that in the OPC public profession of faith does not require subscription to the Reformed faith (in the case of the OPC, to the Westminster Standards).

3. Discussion of both these matters has brought to light significant differences in ecclesiology that will need to be addressed in subsequent meetings.

4. Also at both meetings our Committee has expressed deep concern over developments in recent years whereby congregations that have withdrawn from the OPC have been received by the Canadian Reformed Churches into their federation without the CANRC making any effort to contact or consult with the OPC presbyteries involved. Again, it has become apparent that diverging ecclesiological perceptions are involved. Nevertheless, the CCOPC recognizes our problem in the matter and we are seeking a resolution.

C. Christian Reformed Church of North America

1. Over a period of about 25 years a number of theological problems have been disturbing the Christian Reformed Church and people have been losing confidence in it. Reports on various important subjects have been written and there has been disagreement over them. Several may be mentioned: Scripture, hermeneutics, "headship", creation and science, and women in ecclesiastical office. Teachings at both Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary have been related to these matters.

2. Within the past two years the disturbance in the church has become more acute, largely as a result of a decision by the 1990 Synod to open the offices of minister and ruling elder to women. By their rules that decision must be ratified by the 1992 Synod. So disturbing was this to the church that there were over 30 overtures to the 1991 Synod asking it to reverse the decision of 1990; but the Synod decided to pursue its previous plan of taking the second vote in 1992. The Church's magazine, The Banner, has been strongly supportive of the decision concerning office.
3. Also at the 1991 Synod there was a major report on the issue of Creation and Science that did not ease the tensions over the matter of the origins of man which was raised by teachings at Calvin College. The Synod accepted the report as a helpful presentation of the problems surrounding the creation-science debate and of Reformed perspectives concerning these problems within the context of general and special revelation.

4. A few years ago some congregations left the CRC because of the problems and formed an Orthodox Christian Reformed Church. Now more congregations are leaving the Church, or dividing, over not only the particular issue of women in office but also over the larger issue of other problems. At the present time the number of those leaving the Church seems to be significant but not large.

5. Another matter that should be mentioned relative to disturbances in the Church is that some ministers and ruling elders who have openly opposed actions of the Synod and teachings in the College and Seminary are being brought under discipline for doing so.

6. A subcommittee of your Committee met with representatives of the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) [one of whom was a woman] on November 6, 1991 in connection with the meeting of NAPARC. The following items were discussed:

a. NAPARC comity agreement. Mission works have been started by both churches without adequate communication between the churches.

b. Three Forms of Unity. We explained that discussion concerning adopting one or all of the Three Forms of Unity has been going on in the OPC for 10 years or more and that the decision of our 1991 General Assembly to consider the possibility of adding the Three Forms of Unity to our subordinate standards did not grow out of the current situation in the CRC and was not intended as an enticement to CRC congregations to join the OPC.

c. Washington, Pa. The CRC Committee gave a review of 1990 and 1991 Synod proceedings regarding the difficulties in the Washington, Pa. CRC in which the Rev. Daniel Knox, an OPC minister, was serving on loan. Their conviction was that Mr. Knox had overstepped the bounds of propriety as a pastor-on-loan working in the CRC.

d. Confessional Conferences. Questions were asked of the Committee about the presence of OP men at meetings attended by CRC people regarding plans for a "confessional conference." The CR people involved are a concern to the representatives of the IRC because some of those planning the confessional conference had left the CRC and the IRC representatives with whom we met believed that those behind the confessional conference are trying to start a new church. The IRC representatives feel that our official contact is relationships with a group or groups within the CRC. This Committee has deliberately not established any official relationship with such groups.

e. Women in Teaching and Ruling Offices. A review was made of
the 20 years of study and discussion in the CRC. There has now been a two-year period of discussion between 1990 and 1992, with a decision on ratification of the 1990 action set for Synod 1992. Since 1990 the booklets, Women if Office and A Cause for Division? have been published. The former describes itself as "a concise summary of synodical studies and actions" relating to the "women in office" issue over a period of 20 years. The latter, by John W. Cooper, Professor of Philosophical Theology at Calvin Seminary, is subtitled, "Women in Office and the Unity of the Church," and is an apologia for both the women-in-office position and the position that members should not leave the CRC over this issue; its final chapter is entitled "We Ought Not To Divide Over the Ordination of Women." Extensive discussions have been taking place. It is fair to say that there is great tension in the church while awaiting the decision in the matter at the 1992 Synod.

Some of those who have left the CRC are making inquiry about the possibility of seeking membership in the OPC. This has raised for both the CRC and the OPC the questions of necessary separation and schism, and the line between the two is not always easily drawn. It may be difficult in coming days to maintain fraternal dialogue between us over these matters, but this Committee has asked the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee for a meeting to discuss them.

D. Presbyterian Church in America

1. The PCA General Assembly

a. The 19th General Assembly of the PCA was held June 17-20, 1991, at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Attending the Assembly were 1,235 commissioners. Our Fraternal Delegate was the Rev. Thomas S. Champness, and there were Fraternal Delegates also from the Christian Reformed Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and the Reformed Church in Japan.

b. Membership in the PCA as of the 19th GA was reported as 224,021, with 1055 churches. The Presbytery of the Southwest was divided to form a new Rocky Mountain Presbytery, creating the 50th presbytery. The PCA is seeking to enlist 10,000 of its members to pray that they will have 2,000 churches by the year 2000. As of November, 1991, Mission to the World (MTW) had 650 foreign missionaries on a two-year or longer basis with a goal of 1,100 missionaries by the year 2000, including 60 church-planting teams.

c. The Assembly approved new cooperative agreements with the Black Forest Academy and the Christian Literature Crusade, and was again assured that every MTW missionary working with another mission is free and expected to labor in a non-compromising way as far as his Reformed convictions are concerned.

d. Committees were erected to study the practice of drama and dance in worship services and to plan for the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Westminster Confession of Faith. Our fraternal delegate noted that the Sunday
evening service of the host church included liturgical ballet dancing in conjunction with the ministry of the host church's choir.

e. A communication was sent to the Christian Reformed Church urging them to reverse their 1990 action opening the offices of minister and ruling elder to women.

f. The Assembly determined that the Committee on Interchurch Relations (ICR) would conduct interchurch relations on three levels:
   (1) Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship ("with Reformed churches in North America by act of the General Assembly")
   (2) Churches in Fraternal Correspondence ("with churches across the world who, through their national Association, are members of the World Evangelical Fellowship"), and
   (3) Churches in Ecclesiastical Correspondence ("The ICR will be authorized to exchange greetings and letters of encouragement with other evangelical churches in North America with whom we have not entered into Fraternal Relations, for the purpose of wishing them well in the Lord.")

g. In connection with level 2 above, the following ICR proposal of the ICR concerning a new international "fellowship" of Reformed and Presbyterian churches was adopted:

   The PCA wishes to propose to the WEF (World Evangelical fellowship) the formation of a fellowship of Reformed and Presbyterian churches to be established under the auspices of the WEF.

   The purpose of this fellowship would be to provide contact and fellowship between life-minded churches from various countries around the world at a relatively informal level. We would propose that WEF-associated churches from the Reformed branch of Christ's Church be identified as such, for the purpose of this fellowship and that a meeting of representatives of these churches be held in conjunction with the June 1992 WEF General Assembly in Indonesia. At that meeting plans for further or ongoing contact could be drawn up as seemed good to the churches. (Note: The location has been changed since to the Philippines.)

See Recommendation 3 below.

h. See 2.b. below

2. OPC actions regarding OPC/PCA union
   a. This Committee was informed by the Stated Clerk of our General Assembly:

   (1) That "Quite late in the Assembly a de novo motion on the subject of 'J & R' with the Presbyterian Church in America was moved. The motion was referred to Advisory Committee 6. The motion referred to Advisory Committee 6 was the following:
That the 58th General Assembly of the OPC instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to cease and desist, permanently, from any and all discussions about pursuing a possible J & R with the PCA; yet encouraging the Committee in continuing a relationship of cordial cooperation in areas of ministry (mutually) beneficial and agreeable to both denominations while unequivocally communicating to our committee that such cooperation is not to be interpreted as an unofficial functional precursor of, or series of incremental steps toward, an eventual J & R.

(2) "Advisory Committee 6 subsequently reported to the Assembly and recommended:

'that the motion be referred to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for its consideration and that either it report to the 59th General Assembly that it has agreed not to pursue efforts at J & R or it present justification why it should continue to proceed with J & R.'

This latter recommendation was adopted by our Assembly.

(3) "It was then determined

'That the 58th General Assembly reaffirm to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America our desire for closer union with the PCA and plead with our brethren to reconsider their rejection of organic union by any other process except J & R.'

b. The above action (3) was sent by the OPC Stated Clerk, Mr. Barker, to the PCA General Assembly in care of its Stated Clerk on June 10, 1991, to his Atlanta office address. He had, however, left there for the General Assembly by the time the letter arrived, and he did not receive it. Our Fraternal Delegate, Mr. Champness, reported to us that the letter was not presented to their Assembly which convened on June 17. However, our Clerk had sent a copy of our General Assembly's action to Mr. Champness, which he received in time to take with him to Birmingham. Mr. Champness reported to us that in his greetings to the PCA Assembly he had read the motion adopted by our (58th, 1991) Assembly. However, the PCA Assembly adopted the following recommendation of its Interchurch Relations Committee (ICR) included in its report to their Assembly:

That the 19th General Assembly affirm its desire that this committee continue to be available to the OPC Ecumenicity Committee for discussion of matters relating to the joining and receiving process; that we
rejoice in the reported progress of these discussions and support them with our prayers.

3. Directive to Committee
   a. The 58th (1991) Assembly directed this Committee that “either it report to the 59th General Assembly that it has agreed not to pursue efforts at J & R or present its justification why it should continue to proceed with J & R.”
   b. This Committee reports that it cannot give an adequate response until it receives a response from the PCA General Assembly to the request of our 58th Assembly to the PCA General Assembly, namely, “that the 58th General Assembly reaffirm to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America our desire for closer union with the PCA, and plead with our brethren to reconsider their rejection of organic union by any other process except J & R.”
   c. The 20th General Assembly of the PCA is to be held June 15-19, 1992, at Roanoke, Virginia. That date is, obviously, after our General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn. If the PCA Assembly responds to our request this Committee will be able to report on it to our next Assembly.

E. Reformed Church in the United States
   The information below pertains to action of the RCUS 1991 Synod.
   1. There is continued strain in the RCUS over a 1987 Synodical decision concerning the Law of God. Synod decided, in part, as follows:

      It is the position of the RCUS that the Heidelberg Catechism teaches that the ceremonial and judicial laws instituted by Moses have been entirely abolished and done away with by the coming of Christ, as far as it relates to obligation and obedience on our part. The moral law, however, has not been abolished as it respects obedience, but only as it respects the curse and constraint.

      A motion on this matter to the 1991 Synod asking to have it referred to the Judicial Committee as “an offence against God’s Word and contrary to Reformed theology as embodied in all the Reformed creeds” was defeated by a 33 to 9 vote.

      “Without dissenting voice and resoundingly” it was decided to “approve fraternal relations with the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated), according to the seven rules of church relations” maintained by the RCN (Lib.).

      It was determined to “work more closely together with the OPC by arranging concurrent classis-presbytery meetings, if possible; by having each Interchurch Relations Committee make available a denominational church directory to all ministers of the other denomination; by encouraging ministers of each other’s denomination to invite local pastors of the other denomination to be guest
speakers; and by encouraging ministers of each denomination to subscribe to and to submit articles for publication in one another’s denominational magazine.”

4. It was decided to “pursue application for membership status in the International Conference of Reformed Churches. . .”

5. It was decided to have its Permanent Interchurch Relations Committee “continue to make a study of the rules to be used by the RCUS when establishing fraternal relations with other ecclesiastical bodies and make recommendations at the next Synodical meeting.”

6. The Permanent Home Missions Committee was directed to “study the feasibility of establishing a Reformed Church in the U.S. radio ministry” and report to the 1992 Synod.

F. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

1. It has been our practice in recent years to meet with the RPCNA Committee on Interchurch Relations at the time of the NAPARC meetings in the fall of each year. This year, because of the number of meetings that our Committee had to schedule at that time, a subcommittee of three met with five of their members.

2. The committees have not been able to make substantive progress on the question of the exclusive use of Psalm versions in worship. It appears that as long as that seems to be a barrier to union of the churches, conversations of union without provision for accommodation on that matter will not make much progress. The Committee sees itself as being responsible to propose a way of studying this question and a means of moving toward union. We are assured that the RPCNA is creedally committed—in its Covenant of 1871 and its current Testimony—to seek union.

3. It was agreed that implementation of the idea of concurrent Synods/Assemblies such as the two churches have held need improvement, if we continue to hold them, in the areas of the observation of one another’s assemblies in action and in engagement in conversation and discussion.

4. The RPCNA Committee was interested in the decision of our 1991 General Assembly to explore the possibility of including the Three Forms of Unity in our Standards.

III INTERCHURCH BODIES

A. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)

1. Annual Meeting

a. The annual meeting of NAPARC was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 7, 1991.

b. Representatives of all the member churches were present—Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Christian Reformed Church, Korean
American Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church in America, Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, as well as our own.

c. Also present were observers from the American Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hungarian Reformed Church in America, Netherlands Reformed Congregations, Presbyterian Reformed Church, Protestant Reformed Churches in North America, Reformed church in the United States, and Reformed Presbyterian Church.

d. The officers for the year 1991-1992 are: Chairman, the Rev. Paul M. Martin (RPCNA); Vice-Chairman, the Rev. Henry Lewis Smith (PCA); Secretary, the Rev. Morton H. Smith (PCA); Treasurer, Ruling Elder Charles H. Carlisle (ARPC). The Interim Committee is composed of the officers plus one from each church not represented among the officers; they are: CRC (not known); KAPC, the Rev. Myung Doh Kim; OPC, the Rev. John P. Galbraith.

2. Business

a. The delegation of each member church and some of the observers reported on matters of interest in their churches.

b. It was decided to hold a conference in London, England in the summer of 1993 to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the seating of the Westminster Assembly. The purposes of the conference are "to give thanks to God for the work of the Assembly, to promote unity among Reformed churches around the world, and to advance the Reformed faith by focusing attention on the work of the Assembly." A planning committee composed of one person from each member church was established; no report has been received from the committee to date. This Committee is concerned about the choice of speakers for the proposed conference and has appointed a subcommittee (Messrs. Peterson and Jerrell) to be in communication with the planning committee on the matter.

c. Women in office in the CRC

(1) The CRC responded to the 1990 letter of NAPARC to the 1991 Synod of the CRC urging them to reverse their decision to open the offices of minister and ruling elder to women. The response of the Synod was as follows:

a. That Synod request the IRC (Interchurch Relations Committee) to discuss with NAPARC member churches the matters raised in the NAPARC letter.

b. That Synod inform NAPARC directly, through the office of our general secretary, that Synod thanks NAPARC for its concern for the CRC, that the CRC is in a two-year process of considering all responses to its 1990 decision pertaining to women in office, and that NAPARC's communication is receiving full consideration.

Ground: NAPARC has called on "the Christian Reformed Church to reverse the action of the 1990 Synod leading to the opening of the offices of minister and ruling elder to women."
(2) NAPARC determined to send to the CRC 1992 Synod the statement on this matter that it had sent the previous year, namely,

In harmony with the stated 'purpose and function' of the NAPARC to 'exercise mutual concern in the perpetuation, retention, and propagation of the Reformed faith' (Constitution III:3), the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council calls upon the Christian Reformed Church to reverse the action of the 1990 Synod leading to the opening of the offices of minister and ruling elder to women, as contrary to the Scripture and the Reformed standards which insist that 'everything (will) be carried on in the church. ...according to the rule prescribed by Saint Paul in his Epistle to Timothy' (Belgic Confession of Faith Article XXX). In Timothy 2 and 3, in giving authoritative instruction regarding proper conduct 'in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth' (3:15), the Apostle explicitly disallows to a woman the exercise of teaching or ruling authority over men in the church (2:12), and grounds this command in the divine creation order.

3. Next meeting

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is scheduled to host the 1992 meeting of NAPARC, Wednesday and Thursday, October 28-29 at Bonclarken, Flat Rock, North Carolina.

B. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC)

1. The venue for the next meeting of the ICRC has been changed from Korea to the Netherlands, and is scheduled to be held in September 1993; the precise date and location have not yet been set. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) are to host the Conference.

2. The application of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for membership in this body is to be voted on at this meeting. As authorized by the 58th General Assembly the Committee has appointed two persons to represent our Church at the meeting; they are to be seated as Observers, and if and when our application should be approved they would be seated as voting Delegates. The Committee has appointed the Rev. Messrs. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., and Jack J. Peterson as our representatives.

IV REFERRED MATTERS

A. Revision of the Form of Government

1. The 58th General Assembly referred the following, with reference to amending the Form of Government, Chapter XVI regarding churches leaving the
Orthodox Presbyterian Church, to the Committee for report to this Assembly (Minutes, §113):

a. This Committee's Recommendation 5 to the 58th Assembly (Minutes, §107)

b. Recommendations 2 and 3 of Advisory Committee 6 (Minutes, §109), which included Overture 10 from the Presbytery of Philadelphia (Minutes, p. 85).

2. The Committee's report on this matter is its Recommendation 4 below.

B. Motion concerning PCA

1. The 58th General Assembly referred the following motion to this Committee for report to this Assembly (Minutes, §209):

That the 58th General Assembly of the OPC instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to cease and desist, permanently, from any and all discussions about pursuing a possible J & R with the PCA; yet encouraging the Committee in continuing a relationship of cordial cooperation in areas of ministry (mutually) beneficial and agreeable to both denominations while unequivocally communicating to our committee that such cooperation is not to be interpreted as an unofficial functional precursor of, or series of incremental steps toward, an eventual J & R.

2. The committee was instructed, with reference to the above motion, to "either report to the 59th General Assembly that it has agreed not to pursue efforts at J & R or it present justification why it should continue with J & R."

The Committee's report on this matter is contained in II.D.3. (p. 255) above.

C. Confessional Standards

1. The Committee recommended to the 58th General Assembly that the Committee be directed "to consider the desirability and feasibility of establishing a Presbyterian and Reformed church committed to the Westminster Standards...and the Three Forms of Unity...and the Presbyterian and Reformed church orders...and report its findings to the 60th (1993) General Assembly."

2. A substitute for the recommendation was adopted changing the focus from "establishing...a church" to our Church "adding the Three Forms of Unity...to its confessional standards and of establishing a common Presbyterian and Reformed church order, so as to provide a basis for unity into one church body of those who are committed to one faith."

3. This Committee understands the force of the substitute actually to
have been that of an amendment to the first part of the recommendation, not intending to eliminate the last clause, "report its findings to the 60th (1993) General Assembly." The Committee, proceeding on that assumption, has begun its work and plans to report to next year's Assembly.

V THEOLOGICAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE FUND

A. This fund was first authorized and established by the General Assembly in 1990. Since then the Committee has included a small amount in its budget each year, seeking to accumulate funds to implement the goals.

B. Thus far no funds have been spent, but the Committee is currently working toward assistance for a student from the Synod Soutpansberg of the Reformed Churches of South Africa to study at Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia).

C. The Adopt-a-Pastor program, begun in 1990, has been reported in New Horizons. It is designed to encourage our churches and ministers to send books for the libraries of pastors in Africa, particularly in Kenya, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. We are pleased with the initial responses to the program as 41 pastors have been "adopted" thus far—two in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCP) Harare Synod, 11 in the CCAP/Nkhoma Synod, two in the Reformed Churches of Zambia, and 25 in the Reformed Church of East Africa (Kenya). The program is under the oversight of the Theological Training Assistance Fund subcommittee composed of Messrs. Peterson (chairman), Jerrell, and Tyson.

D. This TTAF project is one of the results of a subcommittee (Messrs. Peterson and Williamson) visit to Africa in 1990.

VI INVITATIONS TO ECCLESIASTICAL FELLOWSHIP

A. Invitations by the 58th (1991) General Assembly

1. The Assembly invited four churches to enter into a relationship of "Ecclesiastical Fellowship" with us, namely, the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (CRCN), the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland (EPCI), the Free Church of Scotland (FCS), and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI).

2. The EPCI and RPCI have graciously accepted our invitation; the CRCN and the FCS have not yet been able to act on the invitation because they have not had a meeting of the General Synod and General Assembly respectively since the invitation was issued.
B. Invitations by the 59th (1992) General Assembly

The Committee is recommending (see Recommendation 2 below) that the General Assembly invite into Ecclesiastical Fellowship the following additional churches: the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), the Reformed Church in Japan, the Reformed Church in the United States, and the Reformed Churches of New Zealand. The recommendation continues the Committee's endeavor to regularize relationships that our Church has had informally with a number of churches over a period of years.

VII RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following budget be approved for the year 1993:

   Meetings and general expenses $12,000
   Fraternal Delegates (from and to other churches 2,500
   Theological Training Assistance Fund 3,000
   ICRC/Westminster Assembly 350th* delegate expense 3,000
   Free Church of Scotland 150th anniversary* 1,200
   Total $21,700

   *The two anniversary celebrations are judged by the Committee to be of such importance that they warrant our participation. It should also be remembered that the Free Church sent a delegate from Scotland to our 50th anniversary celebration. It is hoped that the two persons who serve as delegates to the ICRC meeting may also be able to attend the Westminster Assembly celebration. The Free Church celebration will be at a different time.

2. That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church cordially invite the churches listed below to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship with us, with the following conditions:
   a. The implementation of the relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship where possible and desirable would be by:
      (1) Exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies
      (2) Occasional pulpit fellowship (by local option)
      (3) Intercommunion (regulated by each session/consistory)
      (4) Joint actions in areas of common responsibility
      (5) Communication on issues of joint concern
      (6) The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian truth and unity
      (7) Exchange of minutes/yearbooks
   b. The Committee is well aware that frequent exchange of fraternal
delegates with churches in other countries could be costly. However, men from these churches are occasionally in the United States and representatives of some of these churches have addressed our Assemblies at times in the past; on the part of our own church we have missionaries in countries where two of the churches are, while others who could serve as fraternal delegates travel occasionally to many parts of the world. Also it is the understanding of the Committee, as indicated above, that such exchanges would be only as “possible and desirable.”

   c. Likely the main contact will be through correspondence and the exchange of minutes.

   Grounds;

(1) We acknowledge the scriptural mandate of Ephesians 4 to have ecclesiastical fellowship where it is consistent with scriptural unity and truth as a visible demonstration, to both the church and the world, of the unity of Christ’s church.

(2) As defined by the 45th (1978) General Assembly, Ecclesiastical Fellowship is a relationship in which the churches involved are Reformed in their confessional standards, church order and church life though there may be such differences between them that union is not possible at this time and there might be considerable need for “mutual concern and admonition.”

The churches are:

A. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)

   Grounds:

   (1) Their confessional standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

   (2) Their church life has been seen by our Church in personal contact for many years. For 45 years we have maintained close ties with this church through our missionaries who have worked with them.

   (3) They are members of the ICRC to which we are applying for membership.

   (4) The Missionary Training Institute, directed by our own Dr. Young J. Son, will occupy space in the Kosin administrative office building.

B. The Reformed Church in Japan

   Grounds:

   (1) Their confessional standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

   (2) Their exemplary church life is in accordance with those standards and has been observed by our church in personal contact since their founding immediately after World War II.

   (3) We have maintained close ties with this Church through our missionaries who have worked closely and harmoniously with them.

C. The Reformed Church in the United States

Grounds:
(1) Their confessional standard is the Heidelberg Catechism.
(2) Their origins are very similar to our's in that they, too, had to separate from a parent body in order to maintain Reformed integrity.
(3) Many of our churches, especially in the area of our Presbytery of the Dakotas, have had close and fruitful fellowship with their people during most of the life of our Church.
(4) Their Synod has expressed its desire to work more closely together with us.
(5) They, like us, are applying for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC).

D. The Reformed Churches of New Zealand

**Grounds:**

(1) Their confessional standards are the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Confession of Faith.
(2) They seek to maintain a vigorous faithfulness to their standards in their church life.
(3) No church stood closer with us in our struggles for Reformed integrity in the RES/REC than they, and they made their firm stand for the Reformed faith clear when they withdrew from that body.
(4) They are anxious to maintain close contact with us in the absence of even the limited contact we had with them in the RES/REC.

3. That the Assembly urge the Presbyterian Church in America to apply for membership in the ICRC and that the Assembly express to the PCA regret that the PCA is proceeding to initiate another worldwide Presbyterian and Reformed fellowship. [See II.D.1.g(p. 252) above].

**Grounds:**

(1) In view of the existence of the ICRC, such a fellowship will not advance the cause of unity within the worldwide community of Presbyterian and Reformed churches.
(2) The proposed fellowship cannot be said to be a fellowship of Presbyterian and Reformed churches because it would not plan to enforce standards of Reformed faith and practice.

4. That the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries that the Form of Government, Chapter XVI, Section 7, be revised to read as follows [see IV.A. (p. 258) above]:

A congregation may withdraw from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church only according to the following procedure:

a. Before calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of discussing or taking any action contemplating withdrawal from the
Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the session shall inform the presbytery, at a stated meeting, of its intention to call such a meeting, and shall provide grounds for its intention. The presbytery, through representatives appointed for the purpose, shall seek, within a period not to exceed three weeks, in writing and in person, to dissuade the session from its intention. If the session is not dissuaded, it may issue a written call for the first meeting of the congregation. The call shall contain the session's recommendation, with its written grounds, together with the presbytery's written argument.

b. If the vote of the congregation favors withdrawal, the session shall call for a second meeting to be held not less than three weeks, nor more than one year, thereafter. If the congregation, at the second meeting, reaffirms a previous action to withdraw, it shall be the duty of the presbytery to prepare a roll of members who desire to continue as members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to provide for the oversight of these continuing members.

c. The presbytery shall be given the opportunity, at any congregational meeting at which withdrawal is being considered, to dissuade the congregation from withdrawing.

Grounds:

(1) By putting the withdrawal process under the supervision of the presbytery, these provisions for withdrawal complement the provisions for receiving congregations in FG XXIX,B.

(2) The present FG XVI,7, makes no provision for the involvement of the presbytery in the withdrawal process until the second meeting at which the congregation is to vote on withdrawal. If the presbytery is precluded from any involvement until the second meeting of the congregation, the momentum for withdrawal may by then have become so strong that no argument, no matter how valid, can overcome it.

(3) The presbytery should first have opportunity to dissuade the session before the matter is presented to the congregation. By the presbytery first approaching the session, the unity of the congregation and the integrity of its leadership will be protected. These provisions for withdrawal respect the biblical authority and responsibility of the session to lead the congregation.

(4) The present barriers are insufficient; congregations have been leaving the OPC too readily and too quickly, and without compelling reasons to do so. It is grievous, and dishonoring to Christ, to lose a congregation that has been joined to the Church through faith in Christ, and has participated in the prayers and labors of the Church.

(5) The present barriers are insufficient also in respect to the stewardship of
funds; in some cases large amounts have been tied up in loans to congregations that have left us and although they will still repay those loans the amounts, while tied up, could have been used to help other congregations that stay in the OPC.

(6) Under FG XXXI:5 a bare majority can vote to leave the OPC and take all of the property and assets of the congregation, leaving nothing for a minority choosing to stay in the OPC. Assuming that this provision continues, it is at least better to provide a more even playing field for the presbytery to respond to a congregation that contemplates leaving.

VIII ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly: Ruling Elder Richard A. Barker and the Rev. Messrs. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., and Thomas E. Tyson.

Members may be ministers and/or ruling elders. There is no required number of one or the other to be elected to this committee.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

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The members of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship who have served since the last General Assembly are the Rev. Messrs. George R. Cottenden, John P. Galbraith, and Gregory E. Reynolds. The Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse serves as alternate. During the past year the Committee also had the assistance of the Rev. Larry E. Wilson, who, at its request, prepared certain material relating to public profession of faith and to the sacraments.

I THE MANDATE

The 56th General Assembly referred to the Committee Overtures 1, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and Communications 2 and 4(1). All of these, except for Overture 10, dealt with the revision of Chapter III of the Directory with a view to clarifying who may perform various roles in the leadership of public worship. Overture 10 dealt with Chapter III as well, seeking to make specific provision for testimonies in public worship and for the saying of the “amen.” The Assembly also gave a three-fold mandate to the Committee:

1. the Committee is “to complete the revision of the Directory for the Public Worship of God.”

2. the Committee was “urged to provide a proposed revision of Directory For Worship, Chapter III to the 57th General Assembly, harmonizing this chapter with the Form of Government, and taking into account the breadth of understanding of Scriptural Worship in the OPC.”

3. the Committee was “requested to consider whether, in extraordinary circumstances, ruling elders may administer the sacraments (which would require amendment of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXVII, Section 4, and the Westminster Larger Catechism, #169).”
II THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A. Progress of the Work
Since the last Assembly the Committee met for full day meetings approximately once a month, from October through May. In response to suggestions received from individuals, sessions, and the Advisory Committee at the last Assembly, the draft revision of Chapter I or the Directory was extensively revised. This chapter includes what are Chapters I & II in the present Directory. Much of the work was also done on the revision of Chapter II (Chapter III of the present Directory). The most recent draft of the outline and Chapter I are given below.

B. Proposed Outline for the Directory

OUTLINE FOR THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Chapter One - Public Worship and The Lord's Day
  A. Principles of Public Worship
  B. The Sanctification of the Lord's Day
Chapter Two - Usual Elements of Public Worship
  A. Call to Worship
  B. Blessings
  C. Confessing the Faith
  D. Singing
  E. Prayer
  F. Reading the Scripture
  G. Preaching the Word
  H. The Offering
Chapter Three - Occasional Elements of Public Worship
  A. Baptism
     2. The Form of Service
  B. The Lord's Supper
     2. The Form of Service
  C. Profession of Faith
     2. The Form of Service
  D. Prayer and Fasting
  E. Special Thanksgiving
Suggested Forms for Particular Services
  A. Marriage
  B. Funerals
  C. Dedication of a Building
C. Proposed Chapter I of the Directory

THE DIRECTORY FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Chapter I
Public Worship and the Lord’s Day

A. Principles of Public Worship

1. God is to be worshipped because he only is the living and true God. All true worship is directed toward him, and toward him alone, and only through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

2. The worship of God is both general and specific. The general worship of God is the totality of life lived before God as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to him. The specific worship of God is the express ascription of praise and glory to him.

The specific worship of God is either private or public. Private worship is done individually or as a family or in a small group. Public worship is done collectively when the elders call the people of God to worship him together.

3. God is so far above us in his infinite majesty that we cannot worship him apart from his condescension to reveal himself through his Son and his written Word. Since that written Word is the only infallible rule of faith and practice, the principles of public worship must be derived from the Bible, and from no other source. Thus God may not be worshipped according to the inclinations of men or in any way not prescribed in the Word of God. What the Scripture does not command in worship is forbidden. Only when worship is regulated by the revealed will of God is there true freedom to worship God as he is.

4. Public worship is not merely a gathering of God’s children for their benefit but it is, above all else, a meeting of God’s covenant people to magnify him when called together by the rulers of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of Jesus Christ this worship reflects back to God the light of his glory. By faith his people offer to the almighty and holy God, their loving and gracious Father, reverently, as revealed in Scripture by precept and example, the love and devotion of their hearts through hearing and responding to God as their Maker, Ruler, and Redeemer, to the praise of his glory and grace.

5. Public worship is doxological. The worship of God is praise to the triune God for who he is and for what he has done. It is rejoicing in the God who has revealed himself in his creative and redemptive actions and in the written Word. In worship the church declares that God is worthy of all praise.
6. Public worship is covenantal. In his covenant God has promised to his people that he will be their God and that they will be his people, and that he will dwell among them. It is in Christ as the mediator of the covenant that God's people worship. By the Spirit of the exalted Christ God is present among his people who are his holy temple. In public worship they meet with their God.

The glory of the living God calls his people to worship him in reverence and awe. They enter the most holy place by the redeeming blood of Jesus, the new and living way opened up for them. They draw near through him as their great high priest who has not entered a manmade sanctuary but heaven itself, now to appear for them in God's presence. They draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled to cleanse them from a guilty conscience. They draw near with unswerving hope in the promise of the faithful covenant God who is just and avenges his holy name, who is a consuming fire. Therefore, they are to be thankful and so worship God acceptably with godly fear.

7. Public worship must be offered from the heart: externalism and hypocrisy stand condemned. The forms of public worship have value only when they serve to express the inner reverence of the worshipper and his sincere devotion to the living God. Only those whose hearts have been renewed by the Holy Spirit are capable of such reverence and devotion.

8. The Lord Jesus Christ has prescribed no fixed forms for public worship but, in the interest of life and power in worship, he has given his church a large measure of liberty in the use of such forms. It may not be forgotten, however, that there is true liberty only where the rules of God's Word are observed and the Spirit of the Lord is, that all things must be done decently and in order, and that God's people should serve him with reverence and in the beauty of holiness. From its beginning to its end a service of public worship should be characterized by that simplicity which is an evidence of sincerity and by that beauty and dignity which are a manifestation of holiness.

9. The unity of the church finds concrete expression through the gathering of God's people in public worship. All of the members of the church as part of the covenant community - parents and children, old and young, men and women, poor and rich, educated and uneducated, healthy and infirm, people from every race and nation - are called to worship God together. For this reason no favoritism may be shown nor may any member of the church presume to exalt himself above others as though he were more spiritual, but each shall esteem others better than himself.

10. In public worship the Lord comes to his people in the call to worship, in the salutation and benediction, in the reading and preaching of the Word, and in the sacraments. His people, enabled by the Holy Spirit, respond in prayer, in song,
in offerings, in hearing, in confession, and in receiving and partaking of the sacraments.

11. In public worship all the people of God participate actively. They are not passive spectators waiting to be entertained, but they are active participants in all the elements of the service of worship. They receive the blessing of the Lord in the salutation and benediction; they pray with him who prays, the prayer being uttered aloud becoming their prayer; in the reading of God’s Word they eagerly listen to what God reveals of himself, his redeeming actions for them, and his will for their lives; they confess together with all the people the faith of the church; they listen with joyful anticipation to the preached Word as God through his servant explains and applies the Word of truth; they sing the praise of God; they offer themselves and their money to the Lord.

12. Public worship is under the direct oversight of the elders of the church.

B. The Sanctification of the Lord’s Day

1. God in his Word has given a perpetual moral commandment, binding all men in all ages, to keep one day in seven to remember and celebrate God’s works of creation and redemption. The sabbath is a sign between the Lord and his people that it is the Lord who makes them holy. From the beginning the weekly sabbath was the seventh day, celebrating the completion of six days of work. That sabbath found its completion and fulfillment in Jesus Christ and his work because he secured the sabbath rest for the people of God. Therefore, the Christian sabbath is also a memorial and celebration of the new creation, the redemption that has been completed by the work of Jesus Christ. The Christian sabbath or the Lord’s Day is the first day of the week, on which the church remembers and celebrates the day of Christ’s resurrection. The weekly cycle of the people of God now begins with their resting in Christ in the worship of his name. Their work during the remainder of the week is offered to the Lord as a sacrifice of thanksgiving for his completed work.

The weekly sabbath anticipates a sabbath that yet remains for the people of God, the eternal rest of his sons and daughters in the new heavens and the new earth.

2. It is the privilege and solemn duty of all of God’s covenant people to remember the Lord’s Day and to prepare for it beforehand. On the preceding day all of the daily business of one’s ordinary calling should be properly ordered and set aside so that no person may be hindered from setting apart the sabbath, but that all may be more free to prepare their hearts to keep the sabbath as the Holy Scriptures require.

3. The whole day is to be celebrated as holy to the Lord, making it a delight
to spend the time primarily in the public and private exercises of religion. Therefore it is required that there should be a holy resting throughout the day and freedom from all ordinary and unnecessary thoughts, conversations and activities which, though lawful on other days, detract from the holy purposes of the sabbath.

Let works of necessity on that day be so ordered that no person be improperly detained from public worship or otherwise hindered from sanctifying the sabbath unto the Lord.

It is proper that a portion of the time not spent in public worship be devoted to works of mercy such as visiting the sick and relieving the poor, and other religious activities such as catechizing, fellowship, singing of psalms and hymns, reading and meditation.

4. It is well for families and individuals to prepare for their communion with God in public worship by reading Scriptures, holy meditation and prayer. Prayer should be offered for God’s blessing on the services of public worship, especially in the ministry of the word, for God to be glorified, and each worshipper to be edified.

5. Although it is fitting and proper that the members of Christ’s church meet for worship on other occasions also, which are left to the discretion of the particular churches, the Lord has called the whole congregation of each local church to the sacred duty and high privilege of convening for worship at the stated services each Lord’s Day. God has expressly commanded them in his holy Word not to forsake the assembling of themselves together.

III PLANS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TASK

As the Committee sought to complete its revision of the next chapter: “The Usual Parts of Public Worship” it became apparent that there are still foundational questions that must be answered. Some have to do with the matter of the respective roles of the minister of the gospel, of other office bearers, and of non-ordained persons in public worship. A previous Assembly had given this matter to another committee, which reported last year, and their report was given to this Committee. The Committee has had the benefit of that report and has had one of the members of that committee present for two of our meetings. We are still seeking to resolve some major questions.

Even more foundational than questions relating to office are those that have to do with the meaning and application of the regulative principle of worship. The more the Committee has studied the traditional formulations of this principle the more it has concluded that ambiguities on this point are behind some of our inability thus far to complete our work. Therefore the Committee plans to bring a supplementary report to the Assembly discussing the regulative principle and seeking to
provide clarification for the Church. Through this discussion the Committee expects to be enabled to complete its task. Since much of the work on the individual parts of worship has been done, the resolution of a few key issues should enable a relatively quick completion of work on that chapter.

IV BUDGET

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Gregory E. Reynolds
John P. Galbraith
George R. Cottenden, Chairman
# REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

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*Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 1936-1986,*
ed. Charles G. Dennison

*Lest We Forget: A Personal Reflection on the Formation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church,*
by Robert K. Churchill

*The Ministerial Register of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 1936-1991,*
ed. James T. Dennison, Jr.

*The History of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: An Annotated Bibliography (revised 1992),*
by Charles G. Dennison

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles G. Dennison
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

During the past year of 1991-92, the Committee for the Historian of the OPC continued its efforts in advising the Historian in his various activities, in promoting and selling the three books which were published during the semicentennial year, and in planning for the publication of additional volumes. The Committee met four times, once in person and twice by teleconferencing. The Historian's activities are described in his report. Some of the activities and decisions of the Committee are summarized below.

I COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND DECISIONS

A. We continued to sell the books through the Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, Great Christian Books and directly through the Committee. We sold the following number of books during 1991-92:

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B. The fourth printing of 1000 copies of Robert Churchill's book, Lest We Forget, was completed this spring. To date, over 4700 copies of this informative book on the beginnings of the OPC have been sold.

C. At the writing of this report, manuscripts for a reprinting of 1000 copies of Edwin Rian's The Presbyterian Conflict, which has been out of print for many years, are at the printers. The book will be in paperback and will have the same format as the recent second printing of Pressing Toward the Mark.

D. The revision of the OPC Ministerial Register, by Mr. James T. Dennison, librarian of Westminster West, has been completed. 1000 copies are being printed with funds from the budget of the Historian's Committee. About 650 of these will be available for the General Assembly distribution list. The rest will be sold for a nominal price.

E. We are completing plans for printing and making available for distribution an Annotated Bibliography of the History of the OPC prepared by the Historian.

F. Joint efforts with the Christian Education Committee on the History
Appendix

Project continued throughout the year. Activities included the audio recording of interviews with over 25 ministers and ruling elders acquainted with the history of the OPC, the production of a video on the history and identity of the OPC, and the publication of a short history of the OPC written by Mr. John Muether. The last two projects are scheduled for completion by mid-1993.

II  STATUSES OF BOOK ACCOUNTS (As of 4/23/92)

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B. Pressing Toward the Mark

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Mailing 532.89 — 532.89
CEC & CHMCE Loan Repay — 1,500.00 1,500.00
Transfer to:
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"P. Conflict" Account 500.00 — 500.00

Balance: $1,816.81 ($924.78) $825.36
Outstanding Liabilities: None 1,500.00 1,500.00
Total Volumes Sold 1,088 127 1,215

C. Lest We Forget

Income:
- Gifts $600.00 $— $600.00
- Loan (Interest Free) — 2,500.00 2,500.00
- Book Sales 11,061.10 678.85 11,739.95
- Interest 143.79 104.26 248.05

Expenses:
- Production Costs 8,502.61 2,840.00 11,342.61
- Mailing 541.76 42.84 584.60
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  Checking Account — 66.66 66.66
  "Pressing" Account 600.00 — 600.00

Balance: $2,160.52 $333.61 $2,494.13
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Total Volumes Sold: 4,462 311 4,773

D. Combined Account Balance

50TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUME $890.17
Pressing Toward the Mark 825.36
Lest We Forget 2,494.13
Checking Account Balance 224.57

$4,434.23

III 1991-1992 BUDGET EXPENSES

A. Budget: $5,000.00
Appendix

B. Expenses:
   Travel  494.99
   Promotion —
   Administrative  3,334.45
   Archival    31.20
   *3,860.64

C. Historian’s Honorarium:  4,500.00

*Includes $1,850 for additional expenses projected for this fiscal year, of which $1,550 is for publication of Ministerial Register.

IV PROPOSED 1992-1993 BUDGET

A. Travel: $1,000.00
B. Promotion: 1,500.00
C. Administrative: 1,500.00
D. Archival: 1,000.00
   $5,000.00

Notes:
1. Travel Expenses in 1991-92 were again low because Historian’s travel was covered by joint CED/Historian’s Committee “History Project.” That project is scheduled for completion at the end of 1992.
2. The republication of Pressing Toward the Mark, and the reprint of The Presbyterian Conflict will require promotional funds.

V RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends the following:
1. That the Historian’s honorarium be increased from $4,500 to $5,000 per year for 1992-1993.
2. That the proposed budget of the Committee for the Historian, itemized in section IV above, be adopted.
3. That the Committee for the Historian be expanded to four members with the additional member to be elected by the General Assembly for a one year term. The Committee nominates Mr. David K. Thompson.

Respectfully Submitted,
John S. Deliyannides,
Chairman
ITEMS OF INTEREST FORM THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

1. Orthodox Presbyterian Church Request
   The request of the 58th General Assembly to the PRJCCMP was considered at the annual meeting. After debate, a motion to adopt the recommendation contingent upon it being approved by member denominations of the Joint Commission, was not passed. No further action by the Joint Commission on the request is anticipated.

2. Chaplain Reports
   A number of chaplains were found to be delinquent in reporting on their activities to the Joint Commission. In accordance with Joint Commission policy, letters will be sent to these chaplains informing them that further failure to report will necessitate the withdrawal of their endorsements. This would end their military careers. Presbyteries calling chaplains will be notified when their chaplains fall behind in reporting prior to withdrawal of endorsement in order to assist in pastoral action.

3. NAE Affiliate Membership
   The National Association of Evangelicals Chaplain Commission has requested the member denominations of the PRJCCMP to join as affiliate members of their commission. This would imply financial responsibility and a voice in the NAE's chaplains advocacy role. The PCA and RPCNA are both members of the NAE and their chaplains commissions have approved the affiliate member relationship. Your commission has taken no action on this request believing that any chaplain affiliation should be in line with our denominational affiliation. Our lack of participation should not complicate our membership in the PRJCCMP.

4. Proposed PCA Withdrawal From the PRJCCMP
The Executive Director Search Committee recommended that the PCA withdraw from the PRJCCMP. The reasoning seemed to be that in seeking a replacement for the current Executive Director, Bill Leonard, it would be necessary to have the replacement as a staff member on the MNA Committee. They did not believe such an arrangement could be made if the PCA were to remain a member of the Joint Commission. After consideration, the recommendation for withdrawal was held in abeyance and a Constitutional Revision Committee was formed to explore what changes should be made to permit the calling of a new Executive Director and the provision of a financial package to support him adequately. Mr. Smith serves as a member of this committee.

5. Budgetary Matters

The budget for the Joint Commission for the coming year was adopted as $40,000.00. This amount reflects the continuing service of Bill Leonard as the Executive Director. When he is replaced it is anticipated that the required budget will more than double. Financial requirements for our denomination regarding chaplains have not changed from last year. Individual chaplains are requested to contribute to the Joint Commission at the following rates: Active Duty grades 01-03 $15.00 per month; 04-06 $25.00/month; non-active duty chaplains in a pay status $10.00/month.

A new policy erected at the Joint Commission meeting was a fee for endorsements to be paid by individual chaplains in the amount of $25.00 for chaplain candidates; $75.00 for the first endorsement as a chaplain; and $25.00 for each subsequent endorsement. These rates go into effect as of 1 Jan 1993. New endorsements are required of chaplains when they are endorsed for active duty, endorsed for indefinite extension, endorsed for Regular status in the services as opposed to Reserve status, and when they depart active duty and desire to remain active in the Reserves. The fees are to assist in the actual paper work and telephone costs associated with processing such endorsements.

The Joint Commission has also appointed a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a special retirement fund for the Leonards to assist them in their retirement years. Their years of service to our chaplains have been at very low compensation and the building of provisions for the future has been inadequate.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

By failing to approve the request of last year's General Assembly, the Joint Commission has returned any further action to our Denomination. Among the options available to this General Assembly are to take no further action or establish the proposed guidelines as governing our chaplains and inform the Joint Commission of these requirements. If adopted in this way, the requirements would ideally be made part of some permanent part of our instruments rather than an action of the Assembly recorded only in the Minutes.
The opportunity to serve in the chaplaincy continues to exist. With the downsizing of the military few clergy are willing to consider a career as a chaplain. Chaplain recruiters are having difficulty finding qualified candidates for active duty. Twice this year, men from our Denomination could have been accessed to active duty if they had been available. The future of the American military is in great turmoil. All indications are that we will continue to maintain a considerable standing force and that chaplains will continue to minister to the men and women who serve. Being called as a chaplain should not be ruled out and younger ministerial candidates can still be challenged to consider this calling to service.

The term of Mr. Needham expires with this Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyman M. Smith
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO
STUDY THE METHOD OF ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The members of the committee, mandated and elected by the 58th GA, are Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Robert D. Knudsen, and Thomas E. Tyson.

The committee has met twice during the year (Gaffin—chairman, Tyson—secretary) and is endeavoring to coordinate its work with the discussions on this topic underway between the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and the Committee for Contact with the OPC of the Canadian Reformed Churches. Two members of the committee (Gaffin, Tyson) are also members of the COEIR. We hope to present a final report to the 60th (1993) GA.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

I RESPONSE RESPECTING A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS

Abbreviations: CAC — Committee on Appeals and Complaints
               Adv. Com. — Advisory Committee on Appeals and Complaints
               Full GA — the whole General Assembly in debate and decision

At the present time the Standing Rules of the General Assembly X,2.b. say that

The Committee on Appeals and Complaints shall consist of three members, one member in each class. The Committee shall act in advance of or during a General Assembly to receive appeals and complaints, to advise whether appeals and complaints are in order and properly before the Assembly, to gather, summarize, and/or index the relevant documents and data, and to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals or complaints.

At the 58th Assembly an amendment was proposed, for action at the 59th Assembly, to add another sentence to X,2.b., as follows:

Members of this Committee shall be exempt from serving on other temporary or advisory committees, except to aid an advisory committee on appeals and complaints in their research and deliberations, as requested by that committee.

This newly proposed amendment would exclude individuals who belong to the CAC from membership in the Adv. Com., on the ground of Instruments of the General Assembly, F.4.a.:

Commissioners shall not be assigned to advisory committees that are to review reports of standing or special committees on which they serve or of which they are employees.

In other words, individuals from the CAC should not be members of the Adv. Com. because they would then be reviewing their own work.

It appears to the CAC that instead of excluding CAC members from membership in the Adv. Com., where their presence would expedite the business of the Assembly, it would be preferable to include them in the Adv. Com., but provide that they should not vote upon the CAC's work or recommendations. Consideration of that work and those recommendations takes up a very small part of the Adv. Com.'s
time (perhaps less than 5%). The Adv. Com. devotes the rest of its time to unique activities which the CAC has not performed and cannot perform (see 3-STAGE DIAGRAM below) but in which the full participation of individuals from the CAC is useful because of their preparation for the task during the weeks and months before the Assembly.

The proposed amendment suggests that there may be a misunderstanding of the different functions which the same individuals may properly perform at different stages (see DIAGRAM below) in the process of dealing with appeals and complaints. The amendment also may not have clearly in view the principle that the CAC itself can be, and must be, impartial. Nor does it seem to see a need for continuity in and through the process of dealing with an appeal or complaint. The CAC therefore offers the following considerations, concluding with proposed amendments to the Standing Rules and the Instruments of the General Assembly.

A. Assembly commissioners who are CAC members are full commissioners. As individuals they exercise different functions at each of the three stages of the Assembly's process:

3-STAGE DIAGRAM

CAC

Documents: in order and properly before GA
Summarize—index
Recommend whole order of proceedings—but not disposition

ADV. COM.

Hearing—both sides present
Facts settled
Law applied
Recommend disposition
Fifty-Ninth General Assembly

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**FULL GA**

Recommendation of
Adv. Com. debated
and acted upon
Case adjudicated

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**EXPLANATION OF DIAGRAM**

In three separate stages, separate and different functions are performed by individuals from the CAC, in the process of dealing with appeals and complaints.

Their full participation in all three stages preserves the line of continuity in the handling of cases brought before the General Assembly.

1. **CAC**

   In the CAC itself, before the Assembly, they must receive and gather the essential documents of a case. They must inquire whether those documents show compliance with the Book of Church Order, so as to advise whether those documents are properly before the Assembly. They should prepare a summary/chronology of the events of the case, as thus far understood. They should plan for the hearing to be held by the Adv. Com. to insure that both sides will be represented. They must “recommend the whole order of the proceedings.” But at no time is the CAC itself to recommend the disposition of the case. The CAC itself is concerned with preparation and procedure, not with recommendations or decisions for the outcome of the case. Recommendations for the outcome of the case are not in view until the Adv. Com. meets, and such recommendations must wait until the hearing before the Adv. Com. has been completed.

   But in their work in the CAC itself the CAC individuals gain an understanding both of the facts of the case and of the law that applies to the case. Without that understanding they could not recommend the procedure that the Adv. Com. and the full GA should follow.

2. **ADV. COM.**

   In the Adv. Com. individuals from the CAC take on a new role and new activities. They are full members of the Adv. Com. although they constitute a minority in a large committee drawn from across the church.

   The Adv. Com. is central to the Assembly’s process of dealing with an appeal or a complaint. The Adv. Com. and only the Adv. Com., does two essential things: it conducts a Hearing, and it recommends the Disposition of the case. Thus the legal process moves.
a. The Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to ascertain the facts. Both sides are present at the hearing; their representatives are seated with the members of the Adv. Com. throughout the hearing. Positions are stated, points are debated back and forth, questions are asked all around, and the facts come out. Nothing can be done without the facts. The facts become clear, the issues become clear; and as facts and issues are tested by the law of the church, the points of the case itself are understood by the Adv. Com., and all this is observed by the representatives of both sides of the case, who have had their say, and have participated.

The hearing is crucial and may be salutary. It may have to be long. It takes place only during the Assembly, in the Adv. Com. It cannot be held prior to the Assembly because it is not until after the Assembly convenes that the two sides can be brought face to face with each other and with those commissioners to the General Assembly who constitute the Adv. Com. Nor can the hearing be held before the full GA. The hearing is in order for the Adv. Com.'s recommendations to the full GA and must therefore precede those recommendations. After the Adv. Com. has done its work and presented its recommendations to the full GA there is debate, with further statements from each side, but the hearing as an event has already been completed.

b. Recommending the Disposition of the case. Here the Adv. Com. carries the process forward. It settles the facts, it applies the law, and point by point it recommends to the full GA the final decision which it believes the full GA should make.

The full GA may reject these recommendations in whole or in part but nevertheless the recommendations can have great weight and can even be entirely accepted by the Assembly.

The power of the Adv. Com. to recommend disposition of a case, added to its central role in conducting the hearing, makes the Adv. Com. an institution which should be preserved. It is the OPC's answer to a "judicial commission." It preserves the right of the General Assembly, the highest court of the church, not only to give a final decision in a disciplinary case, but to do so after appropriate deliberation in both Adv. Com. and full GA. The Adv. Com. acts and deliberates as an arm of the General Assembly, and prepares the case for the full GA, but the full GA itself must decide the case after its own deliberation.

3. FULL GA

Individuals from the CAC finally take on the role, in the full GA, as commissioners who must join with other commissioners in deciding the case. The full GA receives the recommendations of the Adv. Com., debates, and acts, and achieves settlement of the case.

B. If individuals from the CAC serve also as members of the Adv. Com. and vote in that committee on such matters as the disposition of the case, does this impinge upon their impartiality or involve them in conflict of interest?
The members of the CAC, as well as the members of the Adv. Com., have to be impartial. Their commitment is not to either of the parties in the case, but to the law.

The CAC is prohibited, and properly so, from recommending the disposition of the case; properly so, because if given such a function they would tend to become a judicial commission, a body acting separately, apart from Assembly deliberation. Therefore the power of recommending the disposition of the case is given instead to the Adv. Com., which is definitely an arm of the Assembly, deliberating during the Assembly as an arm of the Assembly. To be sure, the CAC is also an arm of the Assembly but it does most of its work before the Assembly, apart from Assembly deliberation.

There seems to be no reason to refuse membership in the Adv. Com. to individuals from the CAC, if they act and vote only on those new matters which the Adv. Com. takes up, and which constitute almost all of the Adv. Com.'s functions. They have studied the case at length and know more about the case than the other commissioners who make up the Adv. Com. but their special preparedness for the case does not involve them in a conflict of interest.

It is significant that all members of the Adv. Com. may, in the full GA, receive, consider, debate, and act upon the recommendations of the Adv. Com. If it is permitted to all members of the Adv. Com. to rule in the full GA upon recommendations which they as individuals have made in their function in the Adv. Com., why should it be thought a conflict of interest if CAC individuals act in the Adv. Com. on recommendations which they have not made in the CAC?

The CAC's examination of the documents and events of the case may disclose factors of law which could eventually be regarded as highly significant, if not decisive, in the disposition of the case. What should the CAC do if such factors of law emerge in the course of its pre-Assembly study?

The CAC must consider the law because it has to advise respecting the law. It must "advise whether appeals and complaints are in order and properly before the Assembly."

Let us suppose that the CAC, before the Assembly, observes a legal error in procedure, or a legal flaw or irregularity in the structure or conduct of the case, of which both sides of the case have apparently been unaware. It is obvious to the CAC that this error or flaw will have to come out at the General Assembly. And yet it appears that neither side has taken account of it in the documents of the case. It then becomes the responsibility of the CAC, in connection with its duty to advise whether appeals or complaints are in order, to call the attention of both sides to the fact that an error or flaw exists and that they should prepare to reckon with it in their presentations to the General Assembly. Although both sides, or one side more than the other, may view this information with alarm, it is nevertheless better for them to know about the problem in advance of the Assembly than to learn about it only
at the Assembly. Such advance advice to both sides from the CAC is also in the interests of the law and its application at the General Assembly.

It is possible that the CAC, becoming aware of a legal flaw or error before the Assembly, could recommend to the Assembly that the Assembly find the appeal or complaint not in order and not properly before the Assembly. If it should do so it might seem to be entering into the disposition of the case. Not so. It would be recommending that the Assembly not hear the case, rather than recommending that the Assembly proceed to decide the case.

Or the CAC, before the Assembly, could call attention to a legal irregularity in a case as constructed or conducted in the lower courts but nevertheless recommend that the appeal or complaint itself is in order and properly before the Assembly, and that because of the urgency of the case the Assembly should hear the case and decide it on certain points which are in actuality the real issues of the case. But such a recommendation could not state what the Assembly’s final decision should be.

In any circumstances, before the Assembly, the CAC itself cannot come to a decision on the disposition of the case, not only because it is not the CAC’s prerogative to do so, but also because the CAC has not yet learned everything that needs to be known about the case, and would therefore not be ready for such a decision. The Adv. Com. has yet to hold its hearing and there further clarification of the facts and further light on the facts and the law can come out. Before the Adv. Com. hearing, individuals from the CAC, who will serve on the Adv. Com., will not be able to come to a settled decision in their own minds.

C. There is a line of continuity which is provided by individuals from the CAC as they exercise successive functions in CAC, Adv. Com., and full GA.

If their functions in the Adv. Com. are new functions, which they have not engaged in while in the CAC, there is no conflict of function just because they have served in the CAC.

As they enter into the Adv. Com. they have yet to come to a settled decision. Like all the other members of the Adv. Com. they look forward to the hearing as a time to test out every essential aspect of a case. But the line of continuity which they provide, due to their special knowledge of the documents, facts, and law of a case, makes it important that they be full members of the Adv. Com. The other members of the Adv. Com. are in the position of having to work their way through the problems of the case on the spot. The other members need to hear the information that the CAC individuals can provide and also to interact with them as the Adv. Com. begins to form judgments. In this way the other members can work their way into the case with individuals who like themselves belong in the committee and who desire to work out a consensus within the committee, rather than regarding those individuals as not belonging to the committee and not sharing with the committee
the responsibility for arriving at recommendations on the disposition of the case. If CAC individuals were not members, and present in the Adv. Com. only as advisers, it is more likely that a difference could arise between them and the Adv. Com. which could persist into the counsels of the full GA and present the full GA with less than a plain path in coming to a final judgment.

The line of continuity provided by individuals from the CAC, through Adv. Com. and full GA, not only expedites the business of the Assembly but should also help to clarify the law of the church throughout the process of dealing with an appeal or a complaint.

D. Proposed Amendments

1. The Committee proposes the following amendment, instead of the amendment which was proposed at the 58th GA, to the Standing Rules of the General Assembly to add to the present X,2.b.:

   In order to provide continuity in the process at the Assembly, commissioners who are members of this committee shall ordinarily be assigned to serve on the Assembly’s Advisory Committee on Appeals and Complaints, but may not vote in that Advisory Committee on recommendations of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

2. The Committee proposes the following amendment to the Instruments of the General Assembly to add to F.4.a.:

   except for members of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, as provided in the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, X,2.b.

II COMPLAINTS

A. Introduction

1. This was the first year since the CAC became a standing committee. The Committee held ten meetings. There were six complaints to be reviewed, with many documents. It is understood that other complaints and appeals, in cases already in process, are expected next year.

2. The Committee comments, not respecting any of the six complaints that have come before it this year, but upon the fact that the OPC is given to legal actions, that the OPC is too litigious. To enter charges or complaints is not necessarily in itself a sign of good discipline.

3. The Committee’s mandate: “... The Committee shall act in advance of or during a General Assembly to receive appeals and complaints, to advise whether appeals and complaints are in order and properly before the Assembly, to gather,
summarize, and/or index the relevant documents and data, and to recommend the whole order of the proceedings, but not the disposition of the appeals or complaints” (Standing Rules, X.2.b.).

B. The Six Complaints Before This Assembly

1. Complaint #1 — Gary and Deena Stevenson (July 25, 1991), “against the action of the Session of Westchester OPC (WOPC) (Mount Vernon, N. Y.) on April 28, 1991, in erasing their names from the roll ‘against our will and desire.”

a. Documents/events
   (Note: An asterisk identifies those documents deemed basic to the complaint and distributed at the Assembly)

   (1) July 8, 1990—cf. Document #29: Session visits the Stevensons re: attendance

   (2) July 8, 1990 onwards—cf. Document #29: Stevenson attendance record

   (3) July 28, 1990—Presbytery Minutes, 91-12: resignation of Elder Morejon

   (4) August 5, 1990—Presbytery Minutes, 91-12, 13: Statement of Session read to congregation, naming elders Morejon and Lee

   (5) October 9, 1990—Presbytery Minutes, 91-13: Stevensons enter a complaint charging Session with error in issuing the August 5, 1990 statement


   (7) December 14, 1990—Charges filed with Presbytery, signed by Craig Morton, the Stevensons and other members of Westchester OPC, against the pastor and elder, charging them with error in issuing the August 5, 1990 statement

   (8) March 13, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-5: Action to appoint a special committee to investigate the October 9, 1990 complaint

   (9) April 6, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-11: Action to drop the charges against the pastor and elder, and to deal with the matter via the complaint
(10)* April 6, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-16-19: Report of the Special Committee to investigate the complaint

(11) April 6, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-19: Pastor and elder rebuked

(12) April 24, 1991—F-91-13: Pastor and elder read statement of repentance to congregation for six specific aspects of their August 5, 1990 statement

(13) April 24, 1991—F-91-14: Two documents presented to the congregation by the Special Committee

(14)* April 25, 1991—F-91-6: Letter from Mr. Bobick, for the Special Committee re: their counsel, to the Stevensons and three other families (see below)

(15) April 28, 1991—F-91-7: Letter from Mr. Bobick, for the Special Committee, to the Stevensons re: their rejection of the Committee’s counsel (cf. #14)

(16)* April 28, 1991—F-91-8: Letter from Mr. Bobick, for the Special Committee, advising the Session to erase the Stevensons from the roll (see below)

(17)* April 28, 1991—F-91-15: Action of Session erasing the Stevensons (see below)

(18)* April 30, 1991—F91-9: Letter from Session to Stevensons re: erasure (see below)


(20)* May 9, 1991—F-91-16: Letter from Stevensons to Session, asking to meet (see below)

(21) May 13, 1991—F-91-17: Letter from Craig Morton to pastor and elder

(22) May 21, 1991—Session Minutes, pp. 474-478: Action erasing or transferring names of certain members
(23) May 23, 1991—F-91-18: Letter from Stevensons to Special Committee, requesting to meet with them

(24) June 4, 1991—F-91-19: Letter from Bobick to Stevensons re: meeting


(26)* June 23, 1991—Session Minutes, pp. 482-483, F-91-20 (audio tapes): account of special meeting of Session with Special Committee and the Stevensons

(27) July 25, 1991—The Complaint—this is the complaint before the 59th General Assembly (see pp. 117)

(28) August 8, 1991—Session Minutes, 488: the complaint (#27) received

(29)* September 25, 1991—Session Minutes, 494-496: action denying complaint (see below)

(30) October 6, 1991—Session Minutes: Stevensons notify of their intent to appeal

(31)* October 11, 12, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-30 to 91-38: Report of Committee to Consult with Westchester Church, with interpretation of their mandate (see below)

(32) October 12, 1991—Presbytery Minutes, 91-38 to 91-42: Report of Committee on the Appeal of the Complaint; action denying complaint

(33) January 24, 1992—Stevensons notify Presbytery of their intent to appeal to the 59th General Assembly

(34) January 26, 1992—Stevensons’ appeal letter to the 59th General Assembly

b. Documents from “a.”

Document 14 (letter from the special committee)
On behalf of the Special Committee, I want to thank you again for your cooperation with our efforts. We believe that recent steps taken toward restoration in Westchester OPC have demonstrated Christ’s love and care for His church. I am writing to ask once again for your assistance.

The meeting of April 24th was a very significant step toward restoration in the body of Christ. We thank God for this progress. Now it is time to turn our attention to the matters that remain.

As you may know, the Presbytery of New York and New England has asked us to continue our work. We are involved in addressing various issues related to the recent conflicts in Westchester OPC. We proceed conscious of our need (and assurance) of God’s grace. We also recognize that in order to properly fulfill our task, we need adequate time to do so.

We need time to continue the excellent start that we have experienced. For example, we need time to do the following:

—fulfill the role of facilitators according to Matthew 18:16, should it be necessary; and

—help the congregation learn how to apply Biblical principles of communication and conflict resolution.

Furthermore, we will also address various issues that have been raised in the Congregational Evaluations of October 1989. While the Complaint (and Charge) existed independently of these documents, our task is to assist the Session in a comprehensive manner. We need sufficient time to explore these issues and make appropriate responses.

(If you believe that you have additional, helpful comments about the church’s ministry, beyond those already submitted through the evaluation letters, you may address such remarks to me. You may call me after May 15th, Tuesday through Saturday, at 718-449-9544. Or you may (preferably) write to me at 150 Bay 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Please do not address the Session or the Deacons...
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on any matters related to the ministry of the church. This is one of the areas of our responsibility.)

At our April 24th meeting we read Matthew 7:1-5. This text tells us to remove our logs (sinful impediments) before we try to do the same for a brother or sister. You can imagine the pain that you would feel if someone tried to remove a speck from your eye, while he or she couldn’t see properly. Ouch! The eye is a most sensitive part of the body. Unless it is treated gently, pain is inevitable.

Using this metaphor for a moment, we believe that logs and specks are being removed. We thank God for this progress! At the same time, we must realistically acknowledge that some eyes are still red and swollen. Only the ministry of the Holy Spirit, over time, can restore such eyes. In our opinion, a significant number of people in this situation need time for their eyes to heal.

Therefore we are asking you once again for your support. We believe that the continued work of restoration will best proceed if all parties maintain their present church affiliation for the next twelve months. We are asking those who are still members of Westchester OPC, but who have not attended in the last few months because of the recent conflicts, to continue their present association with the church they are attending.

We know this may be difficult for some. But for the reasons mentioned above, we believe that this will be the best for all concerned. Love is willing to do whatever is necessary for the good of others. We are asking you to show love for Christ’s church in this way.

Specifically, we are asking you to request a transfer of membership from Westchester OPC to your present church. It is very important, as you know, to be visibly committed to that body, as demonstrated by church membership. If you are not sure that God wants you to join that church at this time, we ask that you request that your membership be erased. [See Book of Discipline, II.B.3.d.(2).]

We are asking that you follow this counsel for the next twelve months (i.e., until May 1992). It may very well be that by May 1992 you will want to join Westchester OPC once again, and we trust that the congregation will then be much stronger. It could also be that you would wish to remain members of your new congregation. We can trust God to guide each one in this future decision.

The Committee believes that this time period will enable us to fulfill our task and allow the healing process to continue. We appreciate your fellowship in Christ, and trust that we can demonstrate our unity in Him in various other ways. You are an important and valued member of the body of Christ. Surely you understand that it would be presumptuous to think that we have already addressed all the necessary issues. Please be assured of our love in Christ for you, and our concern for your spiritual welfare.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation once again. I will be calling you before May 5th to further discuss this matter with you.
May the grace and peace of Christ be yours, in abundant measure.

The Rev. Michael Bobick
for the Special Committee

Mr. William Bacon
The Rev. Michael Bobick
The Rev. Dick Gerber

Document 16 (letter from the special committee)

April 28, 1991

The Session, Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church
56 West Sidney Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York 10550-1914

Attached please find your copy of a letter dated today to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stevenson, members of Westchester OPC. As the letter indicates, it summarizes a telephone conversation that I had with them today.

As you will see, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were asked to comply with my request concerning their relationship with Westchester OPC (see your copy of the letter dated April 25, 1991). Regrettably, they would not agree to comply with the request which I had made for the good of the congregation. In fact, as the summary indicates, Mr. Stevenson informed me that they may indeed return to the worship services of Westchester OPC, despite our assessment of the situation and corresponding request.

Their response is most unfortunate. Certainly their spiritual welfare as a couple is important, but I believe that the overall health of the congregation must be given supreme consideration. The view expressed in the April 25th letter are still very pertinent.

In light of the Stevensons' stated intention, I must advise you to respond appropriately for the good of the church. As you know, the Stevensons have not attended the worship of Westchester OPC since the fall of 1990. As such, the Book of Discipline allows the Session, as it deems necessary, to erase such members [II,B.3.d.(3)].

I hereby advise you to erase Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson from the membership roll of the church, for the good of the congregation. I would further advise you to do so as soon as possible.

Please inform me by mail of your intended response, and send a copy of your

Furthermore, please continue in prayer for the Stevensons and the continuing work of restoration in Westchester OPC.

The Rev. Michael Bobick
for the Special Committee

Mr. William Bacon
The Rev. Michael Bobick
The Rev. Dick Gerber

Document 17 (from the Minutes of the Session of Westminster OPC, April 28, 1991)

It was regularly moved and carried to erase the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stevenson from our rolls according to The Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Book of Discipline V,2.a.(3), for the following reasons:

1. The Special Committee of presbytery advised us to do so.
2. Your lack of attendance at the stated worship services since September 16, 1990 and your persistence in attending a church of another denomination, namely Redeemer P.C.A. in New York City.

Document 18 (letter from the Session of Westchester OPC)

April 30, 1991

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stevenson
30-B Cooper Place
Bronx, New York 10475

We regret to inform you that as of our session meeting on April 28, 1991, according to the advice of the Special Committee of presbytery, your names have been erased from the rolls of Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The reasons for this action are your lack of attendance at the stated worship services since September 16, 1990, and your persistence in attending a church of another denomination, namely Redeemer P.C.A. in New York City.

The Standards of Government, Discipline, and Worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Book of Discipline V,2.a.(3) states:

2. Erasure is an act of discipline without full process.
a. The names of members may be removed from the roll of the church by erasure according to the following provisions:

(3) When a member unites with a church of another denomination without a certificate of dismission, or persists in attending such a church in preference to his own, the session may erase his name from the roll and record the circumstances in its minutes.

In light of your refusal to cooperate with the request of the Special Committee (i.e. that you seek transfer to the church you are currently attending, or that you ask your names be erased for the good of the congregation), we see no reason to further refrain from taking this action.

You will remain the subject of our earnest prayers. Ephesians 4:1-3

Document 20 (letter from Gary & Deena Stevenson)

May 9, 1991

Session of Westchester OPC
Elder Donald Swanson, Clerk of Session

This is in response to your letter of April 30, 1991, informing us that effective April 28, 1991, you have erased our names from the rolls of the Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The reasons stated were our lack of attendance and our persistence in attending a church of another denomination in preference to our own [BD V,2.a.(3)].

After two attempts and willingness, on our part, to meet with you in December 1990 to specifically discuss our attendance at WOPC and since Elder Warnock informed us in January that the session had decided not to meet with us until after the April Presbytery meeting, we feel you have an obligation in the Lord to meet with us now.

Also, please note that you did not have the courtesy to give us the opportunity to respond to Mike Bobick’s letter by May 8th, as requested by him. Since we did and still do have a somewhat different recollection of the phone conversation between ourselves and Mike Bobick, we would like to meet with the Session of WOPC to discuss the entire matter of erasing out names.

Please get in touch with us as to when the Session and Stevensons can get together.

Gary and Deena Stevenson

Document 29 (from the Minutes of the Session of Westminster OPC, Sept. 25, 1991)
It was regularly moved and carried to send the following letter in response to the Stevenson's complaint dated July 25, 1991, (Communication 91-56):

And now this 25th day of September, A.D. 1991, comes the session of Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, New York, to respond to the complaint of Gary and Deena Stevenson of 30-B Cooper Place, Bronx, New York 10475, dated July 25, 1991.

1. Having seriously and prayerfully considered your complaint against the erasure of your names from our rolls on April 28, 1991, we have determined that we were neither unwise nor hasty in our action. We urge you to carefully consider our reasoning.

2. Our efforts to seek reconciliation with the estranged members was demonstrated by our public repentance on April 24, 1991. That had to be done before any other steps could be taken. We agreed to follow the guidance of the special committee because we believe they are in the best position to act in everyone’s best interest and because they have proven their objectivity in handling the complaint at the Spring meeting of presbytery. As you quote the Report of the Special Committee you should ask, who is in a better position to interpret and implement these statements than the very authors of these statements. It was your lack of cooperation with the committee and the session that derailed the process of reconciliation.

3. Your misunderstanding of what reconciliation requires is a large part of your problem with the committee’s original request. Your definition of reconciliation adds an unbiblical requirement. Biblical reconciliation is a removal of enmity in order to re-establish peace in a broken relationship. We cannot find a requirement of restoration to “original condition” in passages such as Matthew 5:24 and 18:15ff. Thus the result of repentance and forgiveness, together with the peace they bring does not necessarily require a return to pre-conflict conditions. In fact, the committee asked for only twelve months to work through remaining issues, so that ultimately, pre-conflict conditions could have been restored for those who wished. The committee and the session believe that immediate return to the pre-conflict situation would have hindered the healing process.

4. Your absence from worship, contrary to the fourth vow of membership and the advice of the session, is the primary ground for your erasure. At the end of our meeting on July 8, 1990 (which you initiated), you asked the session about the advisability of your “taking a break” from church due to the stress caused by recent conflicts. Pastor Reynolds and Elder Warnock were unequivocal in exhorting you not to leave due to the nature of church membership. Former Elder Morejon expressed no opinion on this matter to the session. The session met with you as part of its oversight. Our exhortation was based on your fourth membership vow, which reflects biblical commitment to the church, and submission in the Lord to its session.

5. You state that you did not leave until the “end of September.” This is not true. You were present only three times subsequent to the July 8 meeting: July 15, September 9, and September 16. You were absent for 7 consecutive weeks and then
ever since the middle of September. Nothing prevented you from returning. The meetings in December and January were ultimately canceled because of the complaint and charge that were pending. We never told you not to come back, but rather exhorted you, through your phone conversations with Elder Swanson in November, to keep your membership vows. Furthermore, the charge which you signed committed you to renounce our authority and jurisdiction over you: “in good conscience we can no longer submit to their [WOPC session’s] authority.” This is a clear violation of your fourth vow as well as many biblical injunctions. We understand that you could not submit to our August 5 action, but that is why we have our biblical, presbyterian judicial system. Repudiating our authority en toto was not a biblical response.

6. In light of 5 and 6 above [sic], we could have justly erased your names at any point subsequent to your renunciation of our jurisdiction. We chose rather to exercise restraint up to the point of your adamant refusal to comply with the special committee’s request. Your actions, not ours have put you outside of the visible church without oversight. If you had submitted to the oversight which the session and the committee sought to provide, this would not have occurred. It grieves us that your erasure became necessary. We plead with you to change your minds.

7. In failing to heed the committee’s request you have neglected to consider a larger concern of the committee and the session, namely the “over-all health of the congregation” (letter of Bobick to session, 4/28/91). As you well know, sometimes love requires us to sacrifice our own immediate concern for the good of the whole body. The committee and the session would have been happy to help you deal with your concerns about transferring to other reformed churches. But your refusal to cooperate has pre-empted such help.

8. Book of Discipline V,2,a.(3) is quite clear that the expression of desire to leave a church is not a matter of words or thoughts, but of actions. Persistent attendance at a church of another denomination, expresses your preference for that church. Your opinions about or reasons for attending such a church are not relevant. The fact of your attendance is relevant. The word “may” in that section gives the session the prerogative of erasure in such cases. For many months we chose not to exercise this prerogative. You have forced the committee to advise us to exercise it. That advice included erasure “as soon as possible.” This we did with deep regret. We urge you with all our hearts to reconsider your attitudes and actions in the light of Scripture (1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 10:25, 13:17).


15. CONSULT WITH WESTCHESTER. The Moderator having led in prayer,
and the order of the day having arrived, Dr. Bobick presented the report of the Committee to Consult with Westchester Church as follows: (Stated Clerk's note: The first part of this report is as follows)

STATEMENT OF MANDATE
AND OUR INTERPRETATION OF THAT MANDATE

MANDATE:
At the April 1991 meeting of Presbytery, the Committee to Investigate the Complaint against the Westchester Session asked for and received the following mandate:

That the committee be continued to assist the session and members of the Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church in understanding and following the guidance offered by the committee in its report of April 6, 1991, particularly Item 25, and that the committee be renamed "The Committee to Consult with Westchester Church."

Item 25:
WE AFFIRM that the Scripture calls the entire congregation of Westchester OPC to "obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable to you. Pray for us . . ." (Hebrews 13:17-18a).

WE DENY that this offense in any way diminishes the Session's responsibility to care for the entire flock.

INTERPRETATION:
We interpreted this mandate to authorize us to assist the Westchester Church in the following areas:

1. Communication of the Presbytery's action to the session, members and complainants (the entire Westchester O.P. Church).

2. Answering concerns and questions raised about the Presbytery's action.

3. Instructing the Westchester Church in the Biblical meaning of repentance and asking for and granting forgiveness, as well as the biblical method and responsibility to confront those who appear to be sinning.

4. Setting forth the biblical guidelines of, providing opportunities for, and establishing a deadline to approach perceived offenders, or to privately confess to one another sins committed in the past that have affected the peace and unity of the congregation.

5. Suggesting to the session a plan to follow to eventually restore not only the peace but also the purity and unity of the entire church, in a manner that would benefit all of the church.

6. Assisting the session to explain this plan to those who might be affected or have questions about it.

7. To provide counsel to the session regarding the initiation or execution of disciplinary action.
8. To help the entire church recognize, and by God's grace correct, ongoing areas of sin that affect the peace, purity and unity of the Westchester Church.

9. To recommend specific actions that each of those affected by this type of sin could take to show repentance and begin to rebuild the Church’s peace, purity and unity.

10. To recommend further actions to the Session and the Presbytery, should these sins continue.

c. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly

2. Complaint #2 — T. Jeffrey Taylor et. al. (December 11, 1991) “against the action of the Presbytery of the Dakotas at its September 26, 1991 meeting when it misused provision BD IV,A.1.d. and denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s supper or of performing the functions of their office until the case is concluded”

a. Documents/events

   (1) September 26, 1991—Separate charges were brought against elders Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran for alleged violations of the Ninth Commandment at various times to the Presbytery’s Visitation Committee, during their trial in 1990-1991 before the Presbytery, or during their testimony at the hearing before the 1991 General Assembly (Minutes of Presbytery).

   (2) September 26, 1991—[the action complained against]: “On motion, Presbytery denied the accused persons the right to participate in the Lord’s Supper or of performing the functions of their office until the case is concluded (BD IV,A.1.d.)” (Minutes of Presbytery, 91-65, #183).

   (3) December 11, 1991—The Complaint (Minutes of Presbytery, March 4, 1992, 92-27; see p.119)

   (4) March 4, 1992—Report of the Judicial Committee on the Complaint, to the Presbytery (see below)

   (5) March 4, 1992—Notice of intent to appeal (Minutes of Presbytery, #98)

   (6) March 17, 1992—Appeal of complaint to the G. A.
b. Document from "a."

**Document 4** (Report of the Judicial Committee on the complaint to Presbytery)

1. The complaint argues that no "unusual circumstances" existed to justify the action of the Presbytery. But in the judgment of your committee there were "unusual circumstances" well-known to all members of the Presbytery.
   
   A. While the FG XXVIII does provide for ministers of the OPC to labor in their office outside the denomination, no such specific constitutional provision has been made for ruling elders.
   
   B. It is highly questionable, to say the least, that the requirements of FG XXV can be faithfully maintained in the context of a non-OPC congregation.
   
   [1] How could vow #3 be maintained, for example, if an elder makes himself part of a ruling jurisdiction which is not a part of the jurisdiction he claims to uphold?
   
   [2] Again, how can OPC elders serve in a constitutional manner when the congregation they rule is unable to affirm the vow recorded in FG XXV,5.c.?
   
   [3] Chapter XIV of FG says the Presbytery "consists of all the ministers and all the ruling elders of the congregations of the regional church." How can these men be considered elders of the regional church called the Presbytery of the Dakotas when they prefer to remain in a congregation that is not part of the OPC?

2. By direction of the General Assembly the censure of rebuke was to be administered to the three elders. Surely this implied the duty to repent and to make amends to those against whom they had sinned. But there was no evidence of such repentance, not even after the Presbytery judged the charges against Rev. Unangst to be frivolous. It should be remembered, further, that while these elders claim that they want to remain in the OPC they continued to show, by their actions, that they prefer to worship in a non-Orthodox Presbyterian congregation rather than in one of the Orthodox Presbyterian congregations in the Denver area. Such facts as these also show that there were, indeed, a number of unusual circumstances.

3. If the complainants still believe the Presbytery went too far in barring the elders from participation in the Lord's supper, the complaint should be reformulated so that it deals only with suspension from the Lord's supper.

Presbytery denies the complaint (Minutes of Presbytery, #97)

   c. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly
3. Complaint #3 — T. Jeffrey Taylor et. al. (December 11, 1991) “against the action of the Presbytery of the Dakotas at its September 25, 1991 meeting in declaring the Park Hill congregation (formerly known as the Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church) to be guilty of the sin of schism”

a. Documents/events

(1) December, 1990—Park Hill congregation withdraws from the OPC.

(2) September 25, 1991—Presbytery adopts overture from Bethel OPC, Carson, N. Dak., to declare Park Hill Church guilty of schism (Minutes of Presbytery, 91-44 to 91-46) (see below)

(3) December 11, 1991—The Complaint, against this action of September 25, 1991 (see page 120)

(4) March 4, 1992—Report of the Judicial Committee on the Complaint, to the Presbytery (see below)

(5) March 4, 1992—Notice of intent to appeal (Minutes of Presbytery, #100)

(6) March 17, 1992—Appeal of complaint to the G. A.

b. Documents for “a.”

Document 2 (Overture adopted by Presbytery about Park Hill Church)

We, the Session of Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Carson, ND, do respectfully overture the Presbytery of the Dakotas to declare the Park Hill Presbyterian congregation (formerly known as the Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church) to be guilty of the sin of schism.

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This overture is submitted in order that the covenant bonds of true doctrine and fellowship in Christ may be preserved, and the peace, purity and unity of this regional part of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church be maintained.
Grounds:
A. The majority of the members of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation had no legitimate reason to withdraw from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

1. While it is true that the subordinate standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church make provision for congregations to withdraw from our denomination with their property, this provision is to be understood in the light of the history of the denomination, and may not be misused in a manner that violates the Word of God and the Confessional Standards.

2. There was no such Biblical or Confessional reason for the Park Hill congregation to cut off fellowship with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as there was when our churches left the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in the 1930's.

B. By forsaking the fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the majority of members of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation violated the Biblical and Confessional duty to maintain the unity of the body of Christ.

1. The Bible, our supreme standard of faith and practice, likens the Lord's congregation to a human body when it says, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'" (I Cor. 12:21). And therefore "there should be no schism in the body; the members should have the same care of one another" (I Cor. 12:25).

2. The Westminster Confession, in agreement with the Word of God, says, "Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus" (XXVI,2).

3. The sacred duty to maintain the unity of the body of Christ was wantonly violated by a majority of the members of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation, in spite of the fact that a large minority of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation wished to remain Orthodox Presbyterian.

C. A majority of the members of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation, who forsook the fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, broke their sacred vow.

1. When a congregation is received into the fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the persons applying to be received are required to affirm the following vow: "In reliance upon God for strength do you solemnly promise to walk together as a church of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church."

2. The Word of God commends a believer "who swears to his own hurt and does not change" (Psalm 15:4). It also says, "It is better not to vow than to vow and
not pay" (Eccles. 5:5). And in faithfulness to the Scriptures the Westminster Confession of Faith says a vow is “of the like nature with a promissory oath” and that "being taken . . . (it) binds to performance, although to a man's hurt."

3. The members of the former Park Hill Orthodox Presbyterian congregation who left the fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church did not keep their vow even though (1) the Presbytery visitation committee urged them to follow due process, and (2) ample avenues existed for the redress of grievances against the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Document 4 (Report of the Judicial Committee on the Complaint)

1. There is a serious contradiction in this complaint. On the one hand the complainants want to protect the due process rights of the Park Hill church, and yet, on the other hand, they want to insulate the Park Hill church from any judgment by Presbytery on the grounds that the church is no longer under the Presbytery's jurisdiction. The complainants can't have it both ways. The Park Hill congregation abandoned its due process rights when it abandoned its due process responsibilities. While it is true that the Presbytery has no jurisdiction over the Park Hill church so as to enforce its judgment on the Park Hill church, the Presbytery does have the liberty to make biblical judgments on churches outside its jurisdiction. The complaint would deny the right of the Presbytery to declare the truth about the action of the Park Hill congregation in leaving the OPC.

2. The complaint argues that since “the Park Hill Presbyterian Church did leave [the OPC] according to the provisions of FG XVI,7" the action of leaving the OPC cannot be declared schismatic. It is your committee's judgment that the argument of the complaint amounts to an unwarranted selectivity in the use of the Constitution of the OPC.

   A. While it is true that every OPC congregation has the right, in withdrawing from the OPC, to take its property with it, it is not true that a congregation has the right to disregard the requirements set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26, section 2. This section states that “Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification . . . . Which communion, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.”

   B. Since the Park Hill congregation did not obey this mandate from the Lord, but acted in opposition to this, the Presbytery had every right to make the declaration it did.

3. It is therefore your committee's judgment that the complaint is not in proper
form because it seeks to restrict the Presbytery to one part of the constitution of the OPC in judging the Park Hill congregation's action of leaving the OPC.

Presbytery denies the complaint (Minutes of Presbytery, #99)

c. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly.

4. Complaint #4 — Robert and Virginia Bahnsen (December 30, 1990), "against the action of the ruling elders and moderator of Covenant Community Church (OPC) in Orange County, (CCCOC) California regarding statements made in a letter dated December 12, 1990, which was distributed by them during the congregational meeting, December 16, 1990"

a. Documents/events
(Note: An asterisk identifies those documents deemed basic to the complaint and distributed at the Assembly)

(1) The chairman of the Visitation Committee (VC) of the Presbytery appoints a special committee to visit CCCOC; Presbytery determines that this "Augmented Visitation Committee" (AVC) is a subcommittee of the Presbytery's VC (Minutes, October 18, 1991, pp. 4,6)

(2)* November 29, 1990—letter from Dr. Greg L. Bahnsen to the congregation of CCCOC, offering his resignation as a pastor (see below)

(3)* December 12, 1990—letter, unsigned, but apparently stating the position of the Session, recommending that the congregation accept Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation (This is the letter that was distributed during the congregational meeting of December 16, 1990.) (see below)

(4) December 13, 1990—Session meets with the AVC to discuss the offered resignation

(5)* December 13, 1990—letter from the Session to the congregation, signed by Messrs. Bahnsen, Curto, Berg, Coie and Stowell (see below)

(6) December 16, 1990—agenda of the special meeting of the congregation called re: the resignation of Dr. Bahnsen
(7)* December 16, 1990—Minutes of the special congregational meeting (see below)

(8) December 30, 1990—The Complaint (p. 121)

(9) January 10, 12, 16—the AVC meets with Dr. Bahnsen and members of the Session

(10) January 23, 1991—Report of the AVC, which finds errors on the part of Dr. Bahnsen and on the part of the members of the Session and recommends that each party declare "repentance for the sins indicated in the report," and that Dr. Bahnsen receive counselling

(11)* January 27, 1991—letter to the congregation from Messrs. Berg, Coie, Curto, and Stowell (see below)

(12) February 1-2, 1991—the AVC Report of January 23, 1991 is presented to the Presbytery, which adopts its two recommendations (see #10 above)

(13) July 19, 1991—letter from the AVC to the Session, asking for meetings to discuss the further report and recommendations of the AVC, suggesting that Dr. Bahnsen be invited to preach at CCCOC, that Session take immediate steps to reach members who have had no pastoral contact, and that Session deal with pending complaints

(14) August 14, 1991—Special Session meeting (Minutes). Various complaints were dealt with: the Harris/Hall complaint was denied; the Bahnsen complaint was not deemed a proper complaint.

(15)* August 15, 1991—response of the Session to the Bahnsen complaint (see below)

(16) August 28, 1991—statement of the Bahnsens presented to a combined meeting of the AVC and the Session

(17)* September 12, 1991—Appeal of the Bahnsens, carrying their complaint to the Presbytery

(18) October 18-19, 1991—Report of the AVC to the Presbytery

(19) February 7-8, 1992—Report of the Judicial Committee to Presbytery (Minutes)
February 8, 1992—the complaint is not sustained by the Presbytery (Minutes)

February 11, 1992—notice of appeal to the GA

April 6, 1992—Appeal of the complaint to the GA

b. Documents from “a.”

**Document 2** (letter from Dr. Greg L. Bahnsen to CCCOC)

Dr. Greg L. Bahnsen  
P.O. Box 18021, Irvine, CA 92713

To the Congregation and Session  
Covenant Community Church  
of Orange County

November 29, 1990

Dear Friends,

As you know, last August a special congregational meeting was held regarding support from the church for its pastors because of the school closing. A recommendation was passed to supplement Pastor Curto's support, adjust my pastoral salary, and establish a new study center (which is doing fairly well in a short time, but still must raise needed support). These actions were taken in good hope that the church could retain the ministry of both pastors. In the mean time three families have moved away, and some other members have stopped attending who together last March had expressed concerns about the way the church does business.

The net effect is that presently the church is spending more than it takes in each month, and one elder has told me that we will be out of money at year's end. Clearly some further adjustment is needed to balance our budget. The departures reflect a decline of confidence in me, it is also said. I wish to help, not hinder, our congregation.

In light of this situation, and after much counsel and prayer and tearful reluctance, I have decided it would be best for me to offer the congregation my resignation as a pastor of Covenant Community Church. I am requesting the Session to call a congregational meeting to act upon this proposal at the earliest possible time (probably December 16). I am sensitive to the distress this letter may occasion
among you, my friends, and I would be glad to answer any of your questions. Please call to mind my recent sermon on trusting in God and know that I am praying daily for you all.

In the bonds of Christ,
(Greg L. Bahnsen)
Dr. B.

Document 3 (letter of session distributed at congregational meeting)

Covenant Community Church of Orange County
P.O. Box 18021
Irvine, CA 92713

December 12, 1990

To our beloved brethren of the congregation
From your ruling elders and moderator

Dr. Bahnsen has sent the congregation his letter of resignation as pastor. The Session had expected him to submit it to them for review prior to mailing; instead, it was mailed out before the Session was aware of it. We believe it generates certain impressions we do not share.

Many of you have understood from Dr. Bahnsen’s letter that his resignation has been primarily the result of our economic condition. Admittedly, the financial status of our church is a cause for concern, and this has played a part in the current developments. Sadly, however, your Session had to wrestle with a number of problems in addition to finances, and these are of sufficient importance that we must now open them to discussion, lest the question of finances be accorded more importance than is appropriate to the overall picture.

During the past year your Session has been laboring to resolve two major problems. A growing segment of the congregation has had increasing difficulty in submitting to the ministry of Dr. Bahnsen; secondly, consequent to the closing of the school, we have not had sufficient resources to support two pastors. Your Session has made various attempts to solve these problems.

Realizing the impact that abandoning the school would have on our hopes, our standing in the community and our finances, your Session fought hard to retain the school program, even though compelled to relocate by untimely and peremptory actions by the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. Reluctantly we retreated
first to a plan to retain the lower grades in a favorable location where some of our needs could be provided for by subleasing. When this failed to work out, the school had to be closed. We sought to make optimal use of the resources available to us as a church by starting SCCCS, with the approval of the congregation, pledging $12,000 to initiate this ministry.

The church income is currently below $8,000 per month, some $3,600 under our budget. To minimize the resultant negative cash flow, payment has been suspended on virtually all nonessential items since November 1; this should leave a reserve balance of $8,500 by year’s end. (If left uncontrolled, that reserve would have dropped to $1,000.)

In the providence of God, with our current crisis it is simply not workable to keep the ministry of two pastors. If this were attempted, given a congregation of some 130 people and our current revenues, our opportunities and effectiveness in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God would suffer far more than we could justify.

Serious as these considerations are, the more central and greater problem regards Dr. Bahnsen’s ministry. Seeking out the causes for low morale and defections from the church, your Session has repeatedly been confronted by members’ concern with Dr. Bahnsen. The problem as most often stated is a reluctance to submit to him as elder in light of the Biblical requirements for this office. A number who think this way have ceased to worship with us. (Please do not assume, however, that all who have left this year are in this category.) The absent Biblical qualifications most often cited are: gentleness; of good reputation outside the church (the School is of relevance here); not quarrelsome; easy to be entreated; not overbearing; not quick tempered. Due to a fear of intimidation by Dr. Bahnsen and his often argumentative, overbearing and debate-oriented manner of commentary, many have shrunk from dealing with their concerns biblically by going to Dr. Bahnsen; thus in a number of cases Dr. Bahnsen has not been told these things face to face. While those who have avoided confrontation certainly are at fault, their avoidance behavior and extreme apprehension serves to emphasize some of the Biblical concerns referred to above.

Your Session, while recognizing the shortcomings of immature behavior on the part of some members, has also come to recognize that a substantial part of these criticisms is well founded and needs to be dealt with. We have counseled Dr. Bahnsen concerning these matters, and over a period of time have come to the firm conviction that the best course for both the church (with members who are hurting) and for Dr. Bahnsen is for him to resign from CCC and seek counsel to resolve these problems. Prior to the last Session meeting before Dr. Bahnsen’s letter, he had expressed his intention of submitting to the wisdom of the Session if they should counsel his resignation.

This has been a very difficult decision for your Session, but the evidence has been consistent and extensive that a significant segment of our congregation are
having, or have had, severe problems under the ministry of Dr. Bahnsen. Because
of this, coupled with other considerations, your Session now concludes, with a
heavy heart, that his ministry in the congregation should end. This assessment
concerns his pastoral ministry, and not his activities as writer, speaker, and debater,
where his remarkable gifts are well recognized. The continuance of SCCCS as a
ministry of CCC with Dr. Bahnsen as a resident scholar, need not be affected by our
vote on his resignation.

The issue to be decided at this congregational meeting is complex. We are not
simply deciding to lose one pastor. It is not just a question of whether you personally
like, appreciate or have benefitted from Dr. Bahnsen’s ministry. The fact that many
have profited from Dr. Bahnsen’s gifts makes the decision more painful. Yet it is
more than a question of economics or personal desire: What will be best for the
church of Christ in this place? How we can best serve our Lord in this crisis must
be the overriding consideration.

Accepting Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation is not an easy decision. However,
refusing Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation cannot be considered an easy solution. In
addition to the urgent financial problems, the problem of disaffection of some
members has not ended. Your Session believes that other members are in the process
of leaving. Other changes may take place in the composition of the Session, which
may have repercussions among others in the congregation.

Brethren, you have chosen your Session to lead you as shepherds. As
shepherds our duty, for which our Lord will hold us accountable, is to preserve His
church. When the sheep start to scatter, we may not bear direct responsibility, yet,
we are directly accountable. What can we do? After hundreds of hours of meetings,
together, and with members, after nights of prayer and reflection, in great distress
we have taken actions we hope can start a healing process. We hope you will be able
to hear us, that we have sought every conceivable way to find a better, more
acceptable, easier way. We charge you to look to the Lord as you ponder these
points.

Within the providential constraints under which God has called us to deal
with this matter, we have sought in vain for any other responsible solution to the
serious situation in which this congregation finds itself. We must therefore reaffirm
our recommendation: we place it before you as follows:

1. To accept Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation as pastor of Covenant Commu-
2. To provide the following terms of severance, totaling some $7,000 in
1991:
   a. Full salary for January 1991
   b. $1,000 salary for February 1991
   c. $500 salary for March through June 1991

Fifty-Ninth General Assembly
d. Health insurance through June 1991
May the Lord guide us all at this painful time of decision!

(Stated Clerk's note: Letter unsigned)

Document 5 (Letter from Session to congregation)

Covenant Community Church of Orange County
P.O. Box 18021
Irvine, CA 92713

December 13, 1990

To our beloved brethren of the congregation
From the Session

Sadly recognizing our failure to resolve our differing perceptions, our financial situation has forced a decision to seek the resignation of one pastor. In working this out we have been deeply divided. The rest of the Session believes at this time that it is best not to work together at a sessional level with Dr. Bahnsen, and Dr. Bahnsen believes it is best at this time not to work together with the Session at a sessional level. Therefore all the elders respectfully request the congregation's agreement with the recommendation that Dr. Bahnsen's resignation be accepted.

At the same time, we are committed to working together in the study center, to inviting Dr. Bahnsen to fill the pulpit on occasion, and to continue to work with each other on resolving our differences.


Document 7 (Minutes of special congregational meeting)

Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting was held Sunday, December 16, 1990, at the church's facility at Baker Avenue and Mesa Verde Dr. East in Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Moderator Robert Coie. Mr. Coie read from I Peter 5:1-11 and after a brief exhortation led the congregation in prayer.
The call of this special meeting was read:

The Session hereby calls a special meeting of the congregation of Covenant Community Church of Orange County for Sunday, December 16, 1990, to meet some twenty minutes after the morning worship service in our worship facilities at Baker and Mesa Verde Drive East, Costa Mesa, CA. This meeting is called to seek the congregation’s concurrence on the resignation of Pastor Greg Bahnsen, and the Session’s recommendations for severance considerations for Dr. Bahnsen.

The clerk read Dr. Bahnsen’s November 29th letter to the Congregation and Session offering his resignation.

The Clerk read the Session’s letter to the Congregation requesting that the congregation concur with the Session’s recommendation to accept Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation.

The Session moved the following motion:

It was moved that the Congregation concur in Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation as pastor of Covenant Community Church, and in a request to Presbytery that his pastoral relationship with Covenant Community Church be dissolved effective January 31, 1991.

The motion was seconded. Dr. Bahnsen spoke briefly regarding his resignation. Much time was spent discussing the motion. During the discussion, Rev. William Warren was asked to replace Mr. Coie as moderator and he accepted. The motion passed by the following vote:

39 yes votes
36 no votes
3 abstentions
(The voting was conducted by secret ballot.)

The following individuals requested to register their negative note regarding the previous motion:
Tim White, Vickie White, Joe Shackelford, Joan Shackelford, Jeremy Shackelford, Tim Harris, Harriet Smith, David Smith, Robert Bahnsen, Virginia Bahnsen, Jon Bahnsen, David Bahnsen, Wendi Bahnsen, Michael Bahnsen, Claire Pollard, Gary Herrema, Leslie Herrema, Jon Turner, Austin King, Kent Keller, Mark Porlier, Valerie Wertz, Ken Hall

The Session then moved the following motion:
It was moved that the Congregation provide the following terms for salary and severance pay, totaling some $13,500 in 1991:

a. Full salary for January 1991 ($2,000)
b. $1,000 salary for February 1991
c. $500 monthly salary for March thru June 1991
d. Health insurance thru June 1991
e. Forgiveness of Dr. Bahnsen's loan from the Church of approximately $6,500

The motion was seconded. After a brief time of discussion, the motion was passed by a verbal vote.

The minutes were read. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed at 4:10 p.m. with prayer by Dr. Bahnsen.

Document 11 (Letter to congregation from Berg, Coie, Curto and Stowell)

Beloved Congregation of Christ:

For the Congregation of Covenant Community Church the past few weeks have been highly charged with emotion. Indignation and anger have been mingled with regret, sorrow and concern, as well as much perplexity and confusion. Some of these feelings can be ascribed simply to the very nature of what has taken place. Far too much, however, is attributable to misunderstandings, misperceptions and poor communication. In prolonged and earnest meetings among all the members of the Session (except, of course, Doug Jones), with the invaluable assistance of members of the Presbytery's Visitation Committee called in by the Session, many misunderstandings and errors have been brought to light; to some extent this has cleared the air and reduced tensions within the Session. We see the need to clarify and correct some things and to repent of some things.

On the part of the undersigned, Elders Berg, Coie, Curto and Stowell, a major part of the problems arise from some of the language in the letter from them to the congregation which was read during the congregational meeting of December 16, 1990. We must acknowledge at the start that we erred in failing to make our letter available to Dr. Bahnsen in advance, so that he could prepare himself for what we would be saying and so that he could respond to us prior to the start of the meeting on the points raised. We hope you will understand that we entered the meeting with the expectation that we would not be presenting that letter—that the recommendations agreed to by all the Session, which was read at the start of the meeting, would set the focus of the discussion. When we realized that the discussion was ranging
far away from this, we reluctantly determined that more needed to be said, and the letter was our means of saying it. This put us in the position of being unfair to Dr. Bahnsen in that, as stated above, he should have been given the opportunity to see what we were going to present. For this we repent and ask his forgiveness.

Concerning the letter itself we need to deal with problems which concern what we said and how we said it. We had gone over the wording of the letter with great care in an endeavor to avoid ambiguities or anything that might be misconstrued. A technical error which turned out to be serious was in our use of the term Session. While our letter stated clearly that it came from "the ruling elders and the Moderator," the term Session was used a number of times in the body of the letter, sometimes appropriately and at other times as a shortcut to avoid such awkward terms as "the ruling elders and the Moderator" or "all the Session with the exception of Dr. Bahnsen." For the most part we did not even notice that we were doing this, or we did not recognize its implications. While we hope you will realize how this could happen, we do not seek to excuse or justify it, but instead we apologize for this lack of due care in wording.

A more serious problem is that some have drawn from our statements the inference that we believed that Dr. Bahnsen was "unfit for the ministry" (definitely not our words). What we needed to say (and there seems to be no way to condense into a few words a multitude of concerns, actions, statements and discussions that had led us to this point) was that Dr. Bahnsen's attitudes in interpersonal relations, especially when he was acting from a position of authority, was affecting the overall peace of the congregation (even though many in the congregation were not so affected), and the functioning effectiveness of the Session, to such an extent that his resignation would be needed to enable us to try to deal with the manifold problems of morale and finances. In all sincerity we have related this to certain specific qualifications for the pastoral ministry, while recognizing Dr. Bahnsen's remarkable gifts in many areas of ministry. While much remains to be resolved, we must listen to our brethren of the Presbytery's Visitation Committee, who have dealt with our problems with great love, compassion and insight, and have not spared either Dr. Bahnsen or the other members of the Session in their impartial evaluations. They have perceived that in practical terms our handling of the situation has had the net effect of finding Dr. Bahnsen guilty without due process. Although we felt that we had been scrupulously avoiding anything in the nature of a charge—for which, of course, we should need to follow through with "due process,"—we felt we were making an evaluation in relation to the health of the church; nevertheless, they have told us that we have erred in not sufficiently helping Dr. Bahnsen to be reconciled to some of his critics.

While there remain aspects of this very complex situation where we may need to be heard further, we now heed the voice of our brethren to repent of our errors referenced above, asking Dr. Bahnsen's forgiveness and yours for these
deficiencies. Dr. Bahnsen feels that his good name has been tarnished thereby, and that is something we earnestly desire to correct. We hereby humbly apologize for these errors.

Brethren, we are sure you appreciate that our actions over the past year and more have been a great ordeal to all the elders. Some of you indeed have given us words of appreciation and encouragement which have been like balm to us. Decisions and actions—both those which were righteous and those which were flawed—have been very difficult for us. We ask you to recognize that we are acutely conscious of our sinful natures, of our proneness to error whenever not guided by the Holy Spirit, of our many weaknesses. We are learning some hard lessons regarding our handling of some of the problems relevant to this crisis. Allow us to remind you, however, that members of the Session as a whole exercise oversight over each of their individual members, guiding and counseling them as may seem called for. Each elder on the Session is expected to submit to his Session in this context, although the Session may never bind any individual's conscience, and each individual must seek guidance from the Word and the Holy Spirit when receiving such counsel.

Our position, therefore, was and is that—with concern for the financial and spiritual health of our church—the needs of the church would be best served by Dr. Bahnsen's resignation as pastor, directing his energies at this time to his ministry at the Southern California Center for Christian Studies. As he continues to work to eliminate any interpersonal problems that may interfere with his maximum pastoral contribution, there would seem to be nothing to prevent his subsequent return to the pastoral ministry, as the Lord may direct.

We earnestly hope that these words of ours may help to undo any damage to Dr. Bahnsen's good name and to the peace of the church caused by faulty communication in our letter. We ask your forgiveness, as we have asked Dr. Bahnsen, on that account. With great earnestness we urge you to study carefully the clarifications and amends, which we hope convey adequately what we had tried to communicate earlier.

Yours in Christ's love

(Signers) Christian B. Berg, Robert M. Coie, L. Anthony Curto, Ellery C. Stowell

Document 15 (Response of Session to the Bahnsen complaint)

Covenant Community Church of Orange County
4521 Campus Drive, Suite 349
Irvine, CA 92715
August 15, 1991

Dear Robert and Virginia,

In response to your “complaint” dated December 30, 1990, we offer the following reply.

Overview of “Complaint”

The “complaint” takes exception to “the action of the ruling elders (Chris Berg, Robert Coie, Doug Jones, and Ellery Stowell) and moderator (Pastor Anthony Curto)” in their speech presented (and distributed) during the congregational meeting of December 16, 1990. The “complainants” “challenge the statements(s),” namely, “The absent Biblical qualifications most often cited . . . of good reputation outside the church” and “(the School is of relevance here)” on the basis that they are “(1) ambiguous, (2) accusative, and (3) potentially damaging to his future livelihood.” The “complainants” “seek to present evidence of Dr. Bahnsen’s good reputation outside the church” by providing some twenty-five complete or partial quotations “received by” Covenant Tape Ministry.

A. Constitutional Considerations

The following sections of the Form of Government (FOG) and the Book of Discipline (BOD) apply to the status of the “complaint:”

BOD, Chapter IX - COMPLAINTS (Pertinent sections)

1. A complaint is a written representation, other than an appeal or a protest, charging a judicatory with delinquency or error. . . .

FOG, Chapter XII - GOVERNING ASSEMBLIES (Pertinent sections)

2. Each governing assembly exercises exclusive original jurisdiction over all matters belonging to it. The Session exercises jurisdiction over the local church; the presbytery over what is common to the ministers, sessions, and the church within a prescribed region; and the general assembly over such matters as concern the whole church. . . . The lower assemblies are subject to the review and control of higher assemblies, in regular graduation. . . .

B. Our Comments

1. The Status of your “complaint”

BOD allows complaints against the delinquency or error of a judicatory. A judicatory is a body which exercises jurisdiction. Judicatories are also called “governing assemblies” and include the session, presbytery, and general assembly. The five individuals, while members of the Session, do not by themselves constitute a judicatory, because the “session exercises jurisdiction over the local church.” While the speech was printed for possible distribution on church letterhead and
makes some references to the “Session,” it was not a letter from the Session, nor did the Session as a body act on it in any way. The elders have previously repented for these unintentional errors on January 27, 1991. This admission does not however make five individuals a session.

2. The “Complaint” - is it a proper complaint of error by a body?

The complaint is directed against “the action of the ruling elders and moderator...” You are “complaining” against a speech delivered by one individual, presented in the name of other individuals. Speeches are not actions of a body, and therefore you cannot complain against them. There is a precedent, from this Presbytery, carried to the General Assembly, which confirms this fact in the like situation of a protest against a speech in presbytery. (Complaint of Elder Laurie vs. Presbytery of Southern California, 49th GA, 1982, Complaint 2.)

The speech (letter) you object to has never been introduced to the Session of Covenant Community church and the Session has not taken action on the statements that you quote.

C. Our Conclusion

While your “complaint” admittedly has the form of a complaint, it does not have any official or principal standing, since no provisions exist for a complaint against the speech of individuals in a congregational meeting. Further, if there were such provisions, it is not a proper complaint since it does not protest an error on the part of the session, but rather the content of a speech made by an elder on behalf of individual members of the Session.

It should be clearly noted that the Session did not act in any way on the letter you reference. The letter in question is signed “From your ruling elders and moderator,” not the Session.

Again recognizing the distress caused to some members and to Dr. Bahnsen, the elders have repented of the use of ambiguous language and lack of clarity in the above referenced letter.

The Session disallows your complaint on the grounds that you cannot complain against the actions of individuals and speeches in a meeting where they were not functioning as a properly constituted judicatory. Your “complaint” therefore is now answered, not as a complaint, but as a letter of concern to the Session and deserves a response.

D. Our Response to your concerns

1. The “ruling elders and moderator,” not the Session, entered into the letter read by one of their number at the December 16, 1991 congregational meeting. This information is found at the top of the first page. Dr. Bahnsen did not sign it, and testified that he had not previously seen it.

2. The letter did not bring to the congregation “evidence” because Dr. Bahnsen was not on trial before the congregation. Remember the quote says “The
absent Biblical qualifications most often cited . . .” This is all the sentence says. We do not agree that “the statement implies that full responsibility for anything negative . . . is upon Dr. Bahnsen.” That would be neither a logical nor a gracious conclusion.

The statement is a reporting of the facts “most often cited,” and is not “accusative.”

The elders have attempted to make amends for the language and any resultant damage that they have caused. This has been done both publicly and in written form. We do hope that our endeavors, while not allowing your complaint, will heal the hurts and distress caused to you both.

Yours in Christ’s name
Robert M. Coie
Moderator

c. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly

5. Complaint #5—Timothy J. Harris (December 24, 1990) against actions of the Session of Covenant Community Church of Orange County, California

a. Documents/events (some of these are also listed under Complaint #4)

(1) December 12, 1990—letter to the congregation from “your ruling elders and moderator” [This is the same as Document #3 in the Bahnsen complaint(#4); it is referred to in the Harris complaint as Attachment B]

(2) December 13, 1990—letter from the Session to the congregation [This is the same as Document #5 in the Bahnsen complaint(#4); it is referred to in the Harris complaint as Attachment A]

(3) The series of actions by the Session, which are alleged by the complainant to have: 1. Jeopardized the good name of Dr. Bahnsen; 2. Shown delinquency in dealing with the people of God; 3. Provided misleading and inaccurate information, and incorrect theology and exegesis

(4) December 16, 1990—Special meeting of the congregation, which accepted Dr. Bahnsen’s resignation [This is Document #7 in the Bahnsen complaint (#4)]
5. December 24, 1990—The Complaint (see pp. 123-131). Note: actions of Session leading up to its counsel to Dr. Bahnsen to resign and leading up to its recommendation to the congregation to accept his resignation

6. Session’s Consideration and Response to the Complaint

7. April 19, 1991—The complaint is appealed to the Presbytery of Southern California

8. April 20, 1991—Appeal of the complaint withdrawn

9. October 18, 1991—Appeal of the complaint reintroduced with the permission of the Presbytery

10. Outline of Case Presented by Complainant Tim Harris (a response to the Session’s answer)

11. February 8, 1992—the complaint is not sustained by the Presbytery

12. April 22, 1992—Appeal to the GA

13. Argument of the 1992 Appeal

b. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly

6. Complaint #6 — Kenneth R. Hall and Timothy J. Harris (January 8, 1991) “against the delinquency of the Session of Covenant Community Church of Orange County, California in conducting a congregational meeting out of accordance with the standards of the OPC”

a. Documents/events

1-4 See 1-4 under Complaint #5

5. January 8, 1991—The Complaint (pp. 132-133)

6. “Hall/Harris Argument”
(7) August 14, 1991—Session denies complaint ("Tim Harris/Ken Hall Complaint of January 8, 1991")

(8) The complaint carried to Presbytery

(9) April 4, 1992—Presbytery does not sustain the complaint

(10) April 22, 1992—Appeal to the GA

b. RECOMMENDATION: that the Assembly find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly

III ELECTION
The term of Gregory E. Reynolds expires at this Assembly.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT
PARK HILL CHURCH

[Ed. note: The report submitted to the Clerk for the Agenda was titled “Report of the Committee to Visit Presbytery of the Dakotas.” This Committee was named by the 58th (1991) General Assembly the Committee to Visit Park Hill Church.]

The Committee visited Denver three times since the last General Assembly and maintained regular contact via both phone and letter both with each other and with key contacts in Presbytery of the Dakotas. With some sense of frustration, we must report that the situation in Denver and within the Presbytery of the Dakotas is tense, and that long-standing and deep-seated differences remain. More complaints will be coming before the General Assembly. It is beyond our mandate to recommend how the Assembly should vote on them.

The Committee was given the following mandate;
1. To seek to meet with all concerned members of the presbytery and Park Hill Church to seek reconciliation of offended parties and to seek to restore the church to the OPC, (see recommendations),
2. To meet specifically with the congregation pastored by the Rev. Jack K. Unangst to explain the General Assembly’s decision in this case, and to bring the encouragement of the General Assembly to continue in well-being and the pursuit of reconciliation, (done after Fall 1991 Presbytery),
3. To consult with the presbytery about the decisions of the General Assembly regarding their judicial proceedings pertaining to Park Hill, (done at Fall 1991 Presbytery),
4. To direct the presbytery to provide a review program for the three appellant elders in the area of presbyterian government, presbyterian discipline, and duties of elders, to be overseen by this Visitation Committee and under the direction of Messrs. Doe, Larson, and Ronald E. VandenBurg, or their designees; the review program will end when certified by the Visitation Committee as completed, (see section I.B of this report and recommendation 5), and,
5. To report to the 59th (1992) General Assembly concerning its findings and whether any further judicial, administrative, or pastoral discipline or care for one or more of the parties is still needed, (see recommendations).

This report will proceed along the following outline:

I  HISTORICAL UPDATE
   A. Prior to last year’s Assembly
   B. Subsequent to last year’s Assembly

II  OBSERVATIONS
   A. Re: Park Hill
I HISTORICAL UPDATE

A. Prior to Last Year’s Assembly

So that the Assembly might remember the situation in Denver, we offer this brief synopsis. Prior to 1987-1988, the only Orthodox Presbyterian congregation in Denver was Park Hill OPC. Late in 1987, the congregation petitioned Presbytery for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship to it of Dr. L. Coppes. After reviewing the work of a special committee working with Park Hill Church, Presbytery did not grant this request. A second request (accompanied by action we have exhorted the elders to seek forgiveness for) soon followed. Presbytery took action to resolve the controversy by authorizing the launching of Providence OPC in Denver with Dr. Coppes as pastor. During the controversy, Presbytery became aware of a concern regarding the lack of maintenance of discipline by the session of Park Hill and addressed that problem before giving them permission to call another pastor. Rev. J. Unangst was installed as pastor of Park Hill in October 1988. By spring 1990, visible controversy was upon the congregation again. In May, Rev. Unangst and one of his deacons, G. Nightengale, filed charges against one of the elders, M. Nunley re: Sabbath performance. After several delays, perceived as dilatory by some and necessary to understand the trial procedures by others, charges were filed on July 14, 1990 against the rest of the elders (C. Nightengale, A. Samiran, and L. Petrie) by Rev. Unangst and co-signers for, essentially, failure to maintain discipline. During August 1990, the congregation petitioned presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship to it of Rev. Unangst. In September, the elders filed charges against Rev. Unangst. Presbytery determined to postpone action on the request for pastoral dissolution until after the completion of the trials and ultimately denied the petition. In December 1990, Park Hill withdrew from the OPC. A portion of the congregation determined to remain loyal to the OPC and became Trinity OPC with Rev. Unangst as pastor. Eventually, the three Park Hill Elders (the Nunley charges were never completed) were convicted of the charges against them and were deposed from their offices. Presbytery dismissed the charges against Rev. Unangst. Last year’s Assembly upheld four of the five specifications of error in the appeal of the Park Hill elders and modified the censure to rebuke. The Assembly also sustained complaints against Presbytery’s dismissal of the charges against Rev. Unangst and against presbytery’s handling of the dissolution request.

B. Subsequent to Last Year’s Assembly

Park Hill (Independent) Presbyterian called the Rev. Jonathan Male to be its pastor. Mr. Male was on the field prior to Fall 1991 Presbytery. At that fall
meeting, the Assembly's mandated censure of rebuke was pronounced upon the
Park Hill elders. The Committee assisted in drafting the text of the rebuke. New
charges were filed against the three Park Hill elders by Dr. Coppes, Rev. Unangst,
and Elder L. LaBriola (Providence). The Park Hill elders were provisionally
suspended from office and the Lord's Supper pending the outcome of the trials. The
Committee found itself unable to provide much direction toward the "re-training"
of the elders after this decision, as the only meaningful re-training we could
contemplate would have been "hands-on" training. A request by the elders to
transfer their personal church memberships from the regional church to the Thornton
congregation was denied. In response to an overture from one of its sessions,
Presbytery declared the Park Hill congregation guilty of the sin of schism. Presbytery
enrolled Rev. Male and granted permission to work outside the OPC (with Park
Hill). Presbytery resumed the trial of Rev. Unangst and dismissed the charges on
other grounds. A concern was heard during the debate on the Unangst charges re:
the subject of "shunning," the exegesis of II Thessalonians 3:6, Romans 16:17, et al.
A study committee was appointed in response to a de novo motion from the floor.
The Committee's mandate to bring the encouragement of the General Assembly to
Trinity OPC was carried out the following Lord's Day.

During early February, the Committee met with the Park Hill elders and
Rev. Male and with Dr. Coppes, Rev. Unangst, and several elders (including
LaBriola) from Providence. One of our concerns was the inability of the Park Hill
elders, after diligent search, to find a defense counsel. As we addressed the Park Hill
elders about the text of the charges, two things developed. They acknowledged their
guilt regarding one of the specifications to one of the charges, and they acknowl-
edged that, more broadly, their attitude toward presbytery was not good, and that
they had been willing to say anything to presbytery "to get them off our backs."
Their response was to write a letter to the effect that they plead guilty to a portion
of one of the charges against them, demit their offices, and intend to seek member-
ship at Park Hill. Dr. Coppes, Rev. Unangst, and the Providence elders were shown
the rough draft of this letter. Later, when the Park Hill elders sent this letter to
presbytery, it was accompanied by a second letter requesting a continuance on the
other charges until Fall 1992 Presbytery in order to continue seeking a defense
counsel.

At Spring 1992 Presbytery, matters took several interesting twists. In
response to a complaint from Rev. R. Wynja re: the denial of transfer of the Park Hill
men to Thornton, presbytery expressed agreement with the concern of the com-
plaint and cleared the way for the men to so transfer, having heard a promise from
the elders from Thornton present (including, by augmentation arrangement, Rev.
Male) that Thornton would request presbytery to assume original jurisdiction over
the charges still pending. Presbytery took note that the men had demitted and
granted their request for a continuance of their trials until Fall 1992 Presbytery.
Three other complaints were denied and two will be carried to this General
Assembly, one having to do with the declaration that Park Hill is guilty of the sin of schism, and the other having to do with presbytery having provisionally suspended the Park Hill men from their offices and from the Lord’s Supper pending the outcome of their trials. Presbytery is also overturing the General Assembly to state for the record that last year’s assembly committed several errors in its handling of last year’s appeal. During a semi-rump session, Presbytery clarified Rev. Male’s status, listed him as stated supply of Park Hill, and forbade him from participating in the government of Park Hill (since it lacks elders) and from administering the sacraments there. The Committee observes that the overall climate of presbytery as it debated Park Hill matters was much calmer than Fall 1991 Presbytery, but that presbytery remains deeply divided over other matters beyond Park Hill, especially home missions policy and strategy.

The Committee is hopeful that the bottom line on this historical summary is that matters are pointed to a course by which Park Hill might re-enter the OPC in the near future, with the result being three OPC congregations (four, counting Thornton) in Denver.

II  OBSERVATIONS

A.  Re: Park Hill

The Committee believes that presbytery’s concern about the maintenance of discipline or lack thereof at Park Hill is valid. Certainly, the perpetual controversy has not helped, but we believe that there is reason to be concerned about the state of discipline. This concern covers diverse problems; infrequency of visits, uncensured sin tolerated, unwillingness to proceed to trial, and the spiritual qualifications of those given leadership responsibilities.

We rejoice that the elders admit that their attitude toward presbytery has not been good. It is a good first step toward reconciliation, and needs to be followed up and acted upon. At the same time, we realize how badly the following up is needed. As a part of the rebuke pronounced by the Fall 1991 Presbytery, the elders were challenged to “painstakingly seek the forgiveness of Mrs. Unangst for ...” By Spring 1992 Presbytery, two of the men had written brief notes of apology, and one had not taken any action. The Committee is of the opinion that this does not satisfy the meaning of “painstakingly” and believes that this reconciliation process needs to start over again. Further, during meetings with them after the Fall 1991 stated meeting, it was pointed out to them how inappropriate some of their actions regarding Dr. Coppes during his dismissal were. The elders responded by acknowledging this, but have not yet approached Dr. Coppes seeking reconciliation.

We also express our concern that the Park Hill session has, by now, established a track record of working well with pastors who agree with them in their entire approach to ministry, but of coming to grief with pastors who disagree with
them. This concern points to inflexibility and lack of resiliency and inability to adjust to individual differences between pastors. While this analysis does not exhaust the reasons why two consecutive ministers were petitioned to leave, it does provide reason to exhort Park Hill to select their pastors with more discretion and to make liberal allowance for each pastor's personality and unique gifts and to be willing to learn new ways of approaching old problems from new ministers.

B. Regarding Presbytery of the Dakotas

Reluctantly, we also report our conclusion that two problems exist in Presbytery which need also to be addressed in order to completely restore the situation.

First, Presbytery has evidenced a distressing inability or unwillingness to follow the FOG and BD in handling matters at Park Hill, and has left itself vulnerable to many sustainable complaints. During the matters pertaining to Dr. Coppes, complaints were sustained within presbytery regarding presbytery's failure to act on the congregation's request for pastoral dissolution in a timely manner, regarding presbytery augmenting the Park Hill session without the consent of the governed, and regarding presbytery issuing a directive to put a member of Park Hill on trial (when the most presbytery could do was instruct Park Hill to conduct a preliminary investigation). During the matters pertaining to Rev. Unangst, the pattern repeated itself. A complaint was sustained by the 1991 General Assembly regarding the way the request for a pastoral dissolution was handled. To a man, people at Park Hill have reported to us that the primary reason they withdrew from the OPC was that their session had been augmented by presbytery without their consent, and that they feared what the augmented session would do to them. Further, last year's assembly objected to presbytery's charge against the Park Hill elders on the ground that it was defective in construction and not in conformity to the Book of Discipline.

Two more complaints are coming before this assembly, and while it is not appropriate for the Committee to recommend the assembly's response to them, we are very concerned about the seeming perpetual vulnerability of presbytery.

Particularly distressing are the rationales given to and otherwise heard by us when we have challenged presbyters about this. The rationales follow two separate tracks; some expressing one, some the other, and some alternating between the two.

The first track affirms that, when confronted by a choice between adherence to the Black Book and the clear instruction of Scripture, one must stick with the Scriptures and allow them to over rule the Black Book. The Committee is unsympathetic with this rationale, and, via recommendation, is asking the assembly to exhort presbytery to break with it. Our concern arises from church history. In the early 1800s, the old state Reformed Church in the Netherlands (HGK) held to a form of subscription which bound officers to the confessions and church order because they agree with Scripture. Bowing to pressure from the government, the form was
changed to bind officers to the confessions and church order IN SO FAR AS they agree with Scripture. On that day, the church died. Obedience to the confessions and church order became optional and personal exegesis became the new law. All denominational integrity was lost, for no one could discern what the standards were any longer. To this day, our confidence in each other as a denomination is rooted in our belief and conviction that our mutual vows to uphold our primary, secondary, and tertiary standards will be maintained, and cannot be rooted in our confidence that each individual can be trusted to make legitimate exceptions to our agreed-upon rules at the right times in the right circumstances. The Biblical rationale for this observation is Psalm 15:4. The preamble to our FOG states this same concern.

The second track affirms that the Black Book does not stretch far enough to cover every contingency, and that, in exceptional situations, stated or implied powers or tangential provisions of the Black Book speak with more weight and moment than the preceptive passages. The Committee is equally unsympathetic with this rationale, and, via recommendation, is asking the assembly to exhort presbytery to break with it. Our concern is two-fold. "Exceptional situations," while provided for by the Black Book, is a dangerous construct, to be used sparingly, for it is subjective, and, once admitted, inevitably leads to the finding of more exceptional situations than normal ones. And we are very concerned that this approach is nothing other than the new hermeneutic applied to the church order. For example, when one confronts the issue of augmenting a session, one ought to look in the article on augmenting sessions. There, he finds that this can be done with the consent of the governed. This is clear. He ought not look under the power of presbytery to redress grievances or search for exceptional situations clauses. This approach, like the new hermeneutic, becomes an end run around the obvious.

The problem of presbytery's perpetual vulnerability yields bitter fruit. It leads to the appearance of high-handedness and the perception that some presbyters are above the law, and it has provided some reason (although they remain accountable for their own actions) for the Park Hill elders to resist and resent the directives of Presbytery, for they state that they do not trust presbytery to follow its own rules when addressing them.

Second, several in Presbytery are concerned about whether presbytery has been too willing to proceed in a "guilty until proven innocent" manner. Toward that concern, a motion was passed establishing a study committee on the subject of "shunning." The Committee awaits the report on that study and urges upon the assembly the importance of presbytery seeing that study through to completion.

III RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly encourage Messrs. C. Nightengale, Petrie, and Samiran in the strongest terms possible to initiate and complete the work of seeking
personal reconciliations with those they have offended and with the solemn warning that further judicial process awaits non-compliance.

2. That the General Assembly encourage Presbytery of the Dakotas in the strongest terms possible to exercise all due effort to conduct its judicial affairs and items germane in conformity with the Form of Government and Book of Discipline of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, taking into account Presbytery's poor record of conformity in the past.

3. That the General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of the Dakotas to complete its study on the subject of "shunning" and to consider this mandate to be satisfied when its report is sent to its sessions for study.

4. That the General Assembly declare that Presbytery of the Dakotas erred in the fall of 1990 when it augmented the session of Park Hill without the consent of the governed.

   **Ground for 4:** This recommendation has the force of sustaining what should have been a complaint, and addresses what should have been complained against by Park Hill rather than withdrawing from the OPC. Making this declaration now would remove a major obstacle standing in the way of Park Hill asking for re-admission to the OPC.

5. That the Committee to Visit Presbytery of the Dakotas be continued for another year, that its budget request for $1500 be referred to the committee reviewing the General Assembly Operation Fund, and that its mandate be expanded to include working with the Thornton session re: matters pertaining to Park Hill Church.

   **Ground for 5:** Presbytery has requested this help, and this recommendation has the effect of replacing the mandate to "re-train" the Park Hill men, which mandate was rendered inoperative by action of Fall 1991 Presbytery.
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- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Statistics table at the end of the report.
- The value indicated is revised from the previous year’s report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.

### PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

- Membership: 17 Ministers; 54 Ruling Elders
- Stated Meetings: March (1st Tuesday); September (4th Tuesday)
- Clerk and Moderator: Edward A. Eppinger, Stated Clerk (3/93); LeRoy E. Miller, Moderator (3/92)
- Total Congregations: 12 Churches; 1 Unorganized Mission Work
- Changes in Congregations: PARK WOODS, Overland Park, KS, organized as a new and separate church
- Trinity, Denver, CO, mission work started
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE DAKOTAS, Continued

Mission Works: Trinity, Denver, CO

Ordinations: None

Ministers Received: Jonathan D. Male, 9/26/91, from the Presbytery of Northern California

Ministers Removed: Donald F. Ritsman, 2/8/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Midwest

Roll of Ministers:
- Leonard J. Copes
- Stephen D. Doe
- Carl A. P. Durham
- Edward A. Eppinger
- Arthur J. Fox
- Mark T. Harrington
- Richard G. Hodgson
- Roswell R. Kamrath
- Mark J. Larson
- Jonathan D. Male
- LeRoy E. Miller
- V. Robert Nilson
- Craig R. Rowe
- T. Jeffrey Taylor
- Jack K. Unangst, Jr.
- Gerald I. Williamson
- Richard Wynja

Ministers Installed: None

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
- Donald F. Ritsman, 2/8/91, pastor, CALVARY, Volga, SD

Licenses: None

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed: None

Roll of Licentiates: None
### Regional Church of the Mid-Atlantic

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- Pastor (no mail)
- Associate(s), Teacher(s), Other(s)
- Evangelist(s)

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  - Columbia, COLOMBIA
  - Frederick, NEW HOPE
  - Laytonsville, PURITAN
  - Silver Spring, KNOX
- NORTH CAROLINA
  - Matthews, MATTHEWS OPC
  - Mills River, CHRIST
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  - YMCA, 1012 Oberlin Rd. (nm)
  - Cromwell G. Rokkamp
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REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, Continued

Notes: Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Statistics table at the end of the report.
# The value indicated is revised from the previous year's report.
(A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
(B) Members are on the roll of GRACE, Lynchburg, VA.
(C) Kidane-Hiwot is an indigenous Ethiopian work aided by presbytery. Its members are not on the roll of the OPC.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Membership: 28 Ministers; 60 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (4th Friday and Saturday); September (3rd Friday and Saturday); December (1st Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Stuart R. Jones, Stated Clerk (9/92); Richard Kochendarfer, Moderator (9/92)

Total Congregations: 17 Churches; 1 Unorganized Mission Work

Changes in Congregations: CHRIST, Mills River, NC, 10/27/91, organized as a new and separate church. (Please note the church location is Mills River, NC, not Etowah or Horse Shoe as previously reported.) Providence, Greensboro, NC, mission work has ceased.

Mission Works: Grace, Rocky Mountain, VA

Ordinations: Thomas A. Martin, 1/11/91

Ministers Received: Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., 12/13/91, from the Presbytery of New Jersey

Ministers Removed: Everett C. Develder, Sr., 8/20/91, deceased

Roll of Ministers:

Roy Davenport
Douglas A. Felch
George W. Hall, Jr.
Richard L. Horner
Robert M. Lucas
Robert L. Myers
Leonard N. Stewart

Elmer M. Dortzbach
Stephen Green
George E. Haney
Stuart R. Jones
Thomas A. Martin
Cromwell G. Roskamp
Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.

Robert Y. Eckardt
Timothy H. Gregson
Allen H. Harris
Edward L. Kellogg
Hailu Mekonnen
Dennis W. Smith
Thomas E. Tyson

Richard N. Ellis
Stephen R. Hake
Stephen G. Hohenberger
Richard E. Knodel, Jr.
David M. Moore
Lyman M. Smith
Edwin C. Urban

Ministers Installed: Thomas A. Martin, 1/11/91, pastor, KNOX, Silver Spring, MD

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved: Roy Davenport, 10/27/91, pastor, CHRIST, Mills River, NC

Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., pastor, GRACE, Vienna, VA

Licensures: None

Licentiates Removed: Thomas A. Martin, 1/11/91, ordained

Roll of Licentiates: Mark Hartzell
## REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MIDWEST

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**Notes:**

- **Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Statistics table at the end of the report.**
- **(A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.**
- **(B) Under the oversight of the session, GRACE, Hanover Park, IL, but not included in their statistics.**
- **(C) Under the oversight of the session, SPENCER MILLS, Gowen, MI, but not included in their statistics.**
- **(D) Under the oversight of the session, NEW HOPE, Green Bay, WI, but not included in their statistics.**
- **(E) Under the oversight of the session, BETHEL, Oostburg WI, but not included in their statistics.**

### PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

**Membership:** 31 Ministers; 147 Ruling Elders

**Stated Meetings:** March (3rd Friday and Saturday); September (2nd Friday and Saturday after Labor Day)

**Clerk and Moderator:** Douglas B. Clawson, Stated Clerk (3/94); James L. Bosgraf, Moderator (3/93)
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MIDWEST, Continued

Total Congregations: 18 Churches; 5 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: HOPE, Libertyville, IL, 6/1/91, became a chapel under oversight of session; GRACE, Hanover Park, IL OPC, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, 6/20/91, received as a particular church

Mission Works:
Hope, Libertyville, IL
Meadow Springs Community, Kentwood, MI
Grace Community, Holt (Lansing), MI
Apple Valley, Appleton, WI
Grace, Sheboygan, WI

Ordinations: None

Ministers Received:
Gerald J. Neumair, 1/6/91, from the Presbytery of Northern California
Donald F. Ritsman, 6/9/91, from the Presbytery of the Dakotas
Theocharis Joannides, 6/20/91, independent (originally ordained in the Free Reformed Church)
Lendall H. Smith, 7/12/91, from the Presbytery of New Jersey

Ministers Removed:
J. Anthony Blair, 3/15/91, demitted
Karl T. Cooper, 3/15/91, demitted
Ronald J. Hoekstra, 9/10/91, demitted
LeRoy Leach, 9/10/91, demitted

Roll of Ministers:
William B. Acker
David W. Cole
Lawrence R. Eyres
James T. Hoekstra
Calvin R. Malcor
Jonathan F. Peters
William O. Rudolph, Jr.
Peter Stazen II

Victor B. Atallah
Dennis L. Disselkoen
Henry R. Fikkert
Frank J. Marsh
Stephen A. Prible
Kenneth A. Smith
Cornelius Tolsma

James L. Bosgraf
Leslie A. Dunn
John W. Fikkert
David W. King
Ralph A. Rebandt II
Lendall H. Smith

J. Anthony Blair
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Gerald J. Neumair, 1/6/91, pastor, Meadow Springs Community, Kentwood, MI
William B. Acker III, 4/1/91, assoc. pastor, NEW HOPE, Green Bay, WI, serving in Appleton, WI
Donald F. Ritsman, 6/9/91, pastor, CALVARY, Cedar Grove, WI
Theocharis Joannides, 6/20/91, pastor, OPC, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
Lendall H. Smith, 7/12/91, pastor, BETHEL, Wheaton, IL

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Henry H. Fikkert, 3/31/91, pastor, CALVARY, Cedar Grove, WI
Dennis L. Disselkoen, 6/1/91, pastor, HOPE, Libertyville, IL

Licenses: None

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed:
Steven Richert, 9/20/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of Northern California

Role of Licentiates:
John Auksele
Carl Christian Baker
William D. Dennison
### New Jersey

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MEMBERSHIP ROLL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1991  

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Associate(s), Teacher(t)  B.C. Bap Par P/F Dth Dml D&E B.C. Sun. School 
Evangelist(s), Other(_)*  Total (-) Total (May) (Nov) Capital Imp Bequests  

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(A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.  
(B) Members are on the roll of CALVARY, Phillipsburg.  

**PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Membership:** 34 Ministers; 72 Ruling Elders  
**Stated Meetings:** February (4th Saturday); April (4th Tuesday); September (4th Saturday); December (1st Tuesday)  
**Clerk and Moderator:** Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk (9/93); Alan D. Strange, Moderator (9/92)  
**Total Congregations:** 19 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works  
**Changes in Congregations:** GOOD SHEPHERD, Neptune, continues only as a legal entity, because it still owns property. It is included in the 19 churches.  
**Mission Work:** Greentree, Marlton, NJ River of Life, Phillipsburg, NJ  
**Ordinations:** None  
**Ministers Received:** Samuel H. Bacon, 9/28/91, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia  
**Ministers Removed:** Gordon S. Miller, 6/16/91, erased, his having joined the Christian Reformed Church Lendall H. Smith, 7/12/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Midwest Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., 12/3/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic  
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Ministers Installed: James W. Reber, 6/16/91, pastor, COVENANT, Vineland, NJ

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., 12/3/91, evangelist, CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, Hacketstown, NJ

Licenses:
John Vroegindewey, 2/23/91
William O. Slack, II, 4/23/91

Licentiates Received:
None

Licentiates Removed:
Daniel E. Anthony, 5/18/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of New Jersey, PCA
H. Jeffrey Lawson, 9/21/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia

Roll of Licentiates: William O. Slack, II John Vroegindewey
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

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Evangelist(e), Other (___)

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B.C. Bap Par P/F Dth Dnl D&E B.C. Sun. School
Total (+) (-) Total

CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1991 ($)
CATEGORIES: SUMMARY: OFFICERS
General Total Rcvd R.E. Dea
Benevolence Avg per CM n/s
Capital Imp Bequests

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565 Shepard Ave.
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James W. Campbell (t)

Newtown, COMMUNITY
Main St.
William B. Kessler

MAINE

Bangor, PILGRIM
375 Mt. Hopes Ave.
Jonathan B. Falk
Richard M. Dickinson (a)

Leviston, TRINITY
91 College St.
Donald R. Miller

Portland, SECOND PARISH
32 Neal St.
John R. Hilbelink

Rockport, LAKEVIEW
Rt. 17 & Rockville St.
Randolph H. Patterson

Skowhegan, SKOWBEGAN OPC
50 North Ave. (nm)
Harold L. Dorman

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Peace (A)
70 Saint Botolph St. (nm)
Robert H. Tanzie (e)
James P. Kern
Wendell L. Rockey

ATTENDANCE
(May) (Nov)

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### Additional Notes
- **Attendance Contributions in 1991 ($)**: Various amounts are listed, ranging from 55 to 128,750.
- **Categories**: Summary, Officers, Etc.
- **Contributions**: Various types, including Summary, Officers, Etc.
- **Officers**: Various individuals associated with different roles and contributions.

### Additional Information
- **Massachusetts, Continued**: Various locations and corresponding information are listed, including cities and counts.
- **New York**: Similar listing structure as Massachusetts, with city names and corresponding information.

### Footer
- **Appendix 349**
## REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND, Continued

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND, Continued

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

Membership: 37 Ministers; 93 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (normally 1st Friday, Saturday); October (normally 1st Tuesday)

Clerk and Moderator: Stephen L. Phillips, Stated Clerk (10/93); Robert W. Eckardt, Moderator (10/92)

Total Congregations: 21 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: None

Note: Hope, Brooklyn, NY moved to Staten Island, NY

Mission Works: Peace, Boston, MA

Hope, Staten Island, NY

Ordinations: Jude J. Rearden, 11/23/91

Ministers Received: Charles M. Wingard, 5/19/91, from the Western Carolina Presbytery, PCA

Ministers Removed: David W. Robinson, 6/1/91, dismissed to the North Georgia Presbytery, PCA

Roll of Ministers: Michael W. Bobick, James W. Campbell, Kenneth M. Campbell

David G. Barker, Gordon H. Cook, Jr., Richard M. Dickinson, Harold L. Dorman

Raymond E. Commeret, Charles H. Ellis, Jonathan R. Falk, Richard R. Gerber

Robert W. Eckardt, John R. Hilbelink, Kari A. Hubenthal, James P. Kern

Burton L. Goddard, Samuel T. Logan, Jr., John W. Mallin, III, Donald R. Miller

William B. Kessler, John K. Pederson, Stephen L. Phillips, Jude J. Rearden

Randolph B. Patterson, Robert S. Riemstra, Wendell L. Rockey, Jr., Andrew H. Selle

Gregory E. Reynolds, Laurence C. Sibley, Jr., John B. Skilton, Charles E. Stanton


Robert H. Tanzie, Richard J. Wirth

Ministers Installed: Charles M. Wingard, 5/19/91, pastor, FIRST, Ipswich, MA

Jude J. Rearden, 11/23/91, associate pastor, TRINITY, Lewiston, ME

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:

Andrew W. Selle, 6/30/91, pastor, CHURCH OF THE SERVANT, Williston (Essex Junction), VT

John W. Mallin, III, 9/10/91, pastor, CALVARY, Schenectady, NY

Licenses:

Geoffrey C. Smith, 10/12/91

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed: Jude J. Rearden, 11/23/91, ordained

Roll of Licentiates: Michael G. Fettus, Geoffrey C. Smith
## REGIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### MEMBERSHIP ROLL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1991

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Location (nm = no mail)
Pastor
Associate(a), Teacher(t)
Evangelist(e), Other(____)

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### CALIFORNIA

#### Antioch, Delta Oaks (A)
- 1954 Greystone Ave. (nm)
- Martin R. Ban (e)
- 0 3 20 6 0 0 0 29 79 104 33,651 36,651 - -

#### Berkeley, COVENANT
- 1623 University Ave.
- Richard M. Lewis
- 47
- 54

#### Modesto, GRACE
- 1448 Standiford Ave.
- Edward Brown (supply)
- 89

#### San Francisco, FIRST
- 1350 Lawton St.
- Richard C. Miller
- 59

#### San Jose, COVENANT
- 2350 Leigh Ave.
- Jeffrey A. Landis
- 104

#### Santa Cruz, WESTMINSTER
- 2245 Capitola Rd.
- Vacant
- 34

#### South San Francisco,
- 14892 Peaceful Valley Rd.
- John Vroegendewey (pas elect)
- 75

#### Sunnyvale, FIRST
- 1210 Brookfield Ave.
- Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
- 137

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### OFFICERS
Pastor C.M. P/F
Associate(a), Teacher (t) B.C. Bap Par
Evangelist (e), Other (-)
Total (+) (-)
Total (May) (Nov)
Capital Imp Bequests
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(B) Members are on the roll of COVENANT, Berkeley CA

### PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Membership:** 15 Ministers; 32 Ruling Elders

**Stated Meetings:** March (3rd Friday and Saturday); September (4th Friday and Saturday)

**Clerk and Moderator:** William J. Fredericks, Stated Clerk (3/93); Martin R. Ban, Moderator (3/93)

**Total Congregations:** 9 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

**Changes in Congregations:** COVENANT, San Jose, 3/1/91, merged with Grace Community Church, San Jose, remaining COVENANT OPC

**Mission Works:** Delta Oaks, Antioch, CA
Grace, Battle Mountain, NV

**Ordinations:** None

**Ministers Received:** None

**Ministers Removed:** Gerald J. Neumair, 1/6/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Midwest
C. Tom Fincher, 1/7/91, demitted
Jonathan D. Male, 9/26/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Dakotas
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, Continued

Roll of Ministers:
- Martin R. Ban
- Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
- Carl E. Erickson
- Jeffery A. Landis
- Gerald G. Latal
- Richard M. Lewis
- Charles A. McIlhenny
- Allen P. Moran
- Richard C. Miller
- Brian H. Nicholson
- Salvador M. Solis
- William J. Fredericks
- Chong Y. Lee
- William A. Miller, Jr.

Ministers Installed:
Donald G. Buchanan, Jr., 1/20/91, pastor, FIRST, Sunnyvale, CA

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
C. Tom Fincher, 1/7/91, pastor, GRACE, Modesto, CA

Licenures:
None

Licentiates Received:
Steven Richert, 10/4/91, from the Presbytery of the Midwest

Licentiates Removed:
None

Roll of Licentiates:
Steven Richert
## Regional Church of the Northwest

### Membership Roll Statistics for the Year 1991

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(C) Members are on the roll of FIRST, Portland, OR.

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

Membership: 17 Ministers; 39 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (4th Friday and Saturday); September (4th Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Donald M. Poundstone, Stated Clerk (9/92); Daniel J. Dillard, Moderator (9/92)

Total Congregations: 10 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE NORTHWEST, Continued

Changes in Congregations: NEW LIFE, Bothell, WA, 3/24/91, changed name from TRINITY FAITH, Milwaukie, OR, 5/8/91, dissolved
OF Chapel, Wilsonville, OR, worship services discontinued

Mission Works:
New Life, Wasilla, AK
Emmanuel, Kent, WA

Ordinations:
Randall A. Bergquist, 5/17/91

Ministers Received:
None

Ministers Removed:
None

Roll of Ministers:
Harold L. Baurer
Albert G. Edwards III
Jay M. Milojevich
Donald M. Poundstone
Eugene B. Williams
Randall A. Bergquist
Harold S. Kellam
Patrick H. Morison
John R. Spain

Ministers Installed:
Randall A. Bergquist, 5/17/91, evangelist in Kent, WA

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Samuel van Houte, 5/8/91, pastor, FAITH, Milwaukie, OR

Licensures:
None

Licentiates Received:
None

Licentiates Removed:
Randall A. Bergquist, 5/17/91, ordained

Roll of Licentiates:
John Karas
G. Mark Sumpter
Murray Uomoto
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**OHIO**

| Columbus, GRACE | 90 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 88 | 103 | 107 | 101,231 | 143,780 | 5 | 5 |
| 5099 Postlewaite Rd. | 40 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 76 | 79 | 29,414 | 1,634 | 1 |
| Larry E. Wilson | 130 | 130 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dayton, REDEEMER | 63 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 62 | 95 | 90 | 96,359 | 106,622 | 3 | 3 |
| 3020 Indian Ripple Rd. | 46 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 42 | 70 | 70 | 6,487 | 1,720 | |
| Michael F. Frangipane | 105 | 104 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pataskala, JERSEY REFORMED | 36* | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 30 | 27 | 32,301 | 33,416 | 1 | 0 |
| 1233 Morse Rd. | 8* | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 17 | 1,115 | 1,013 | 1 |
| Luis A. Ortega | 44* | 42 | | | | | | | | | | |

**PENNSYLVANIA**

| Edinburg, MASHUA | 46 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 47 | 45 | 27 | 21,618 | 24,475 | 4 | 3 |
| Rt. 551, R.R. 1 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 45 | 27 | 2,857 | 521 | |
| Douglas Smith (supply) | 67 | 62 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grove City, COVENANT | 117 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 113 | 90 | 96 | 53,393 | 90,643 | 6 | 2 |
| 140 E. Poplar St. (nm) | 37* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 43 | 47 | 9,449 | 802 | |
| Daniel G. Osborne | 154* | 145 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Everett C. DeVeido, Jr. (a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harrisville, CALVARY | 163* | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 157 | 142 | 147 | 62,644 | 93,293 | 7 | 7 |
| Rt. 8, North | 54 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 53 | 82 | 80 | 30,158 | 594 | 1 |
| Louis F. Wislocki | 217* | 210 | | | | | | | | | | |
| David W. Kiesler (a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hermitage, Shenango Valley (A) | 9* | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 38 | 31 | 6,526 | 11,161 | | |
| YMCA, 425 Hermitage Rd. (nm) | 11 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 38 | 31 | 4,635 | 930 | |
| David W. Kiesler | 20* | 26 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hollidaysburg, WESTMINSTER | 148 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 151 | 196 | 233 | 107,775 | 204,334 | 5 | 9 |
| Frankstown Rd., Box 104 | 64 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 134 | 168 | 55,633 | 1,353 | 1 |
| Mark R. Brown | 212 | 219 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh, COVENANT | 91 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 102 | 115 | 117 | 66,855 | 96,197 | 3 | 6 |
| 1604 Graham Blvd. | 35 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 65 | 69 | 21,706 | 943 | 1 |
| John W. Wilson | 126 | 148 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sewickley, GRACE | 46 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 55 | 70 | 55,593 | 73,895 | 2 | 2 |
| 1419 Beaver Rd. | 33 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 40 | 45 | 17,886 | 1,508 | |
| Charles G. Dennison | 79 | | | | | | | | | | |
| R. Daniel Knox (e) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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### PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

Membership: 19 Ministers; 46 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (1st Friday and Saturday); October (3rd Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: James F. Alexander, Stated Clerk (10/92); Lawrence Semel, Moderator (10/92)

Total Congregations: 10 Churches; 1 Unorganized Mission Work

Changes in Congregations: None

Mission Works: Shenango Valley, Hermitage, PA

Ordinations: None

Ministers Removed: Richard C. Sowder, 11/3/91, dismissed to RPCNA of Belle Center, OH

Roll of Ministers:

- Marvin O. Bowman
- Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
- R. Daniel Knox
- Lawrence Semel
- Larry E. Wilson

- Mark R. Brown
- Leo A. Frailey
- Stewart E. Lauer
- Douglas Snyder
- Louis P. Wislocki

- Paul E. Copeland
- Michael F. Frangipane
- Luis A. Orteza
- Bryan J. Weaver
- Douglas M. Withington

Others:

- Charles G. Dennison
- David W. Kiester
- Daniel G. Osborne
- John W. Wilson

Ministers Installed: None

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:

- Richard C. Sowder, 11/3/91, pastor, NASHUA, Edinburg, PA
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## Delaware

### Middletown, Grace
- Robert P. Harting, Jr.
- 13 Pennington St.
- Total: 134
- Membership: 9
- Baptism: 0
- P/F: 5
- Dth Dm: 2
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 14

### Wilmington, Emmanuel
- Robert W. A. Letham
- 1006 Wilson Road
- Total: 203
- Membership: 6
- Baptism: 0
- P/F: 4
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

## Pennsylvania

### Allentown, Living Hope (A)
- Swain Sch., 1100 S. 24th (nm)
- TIm W. Young (org. pastor)
- Total: 120
- Membership: 0
- Baptism: 2
- P/F: 7
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 14

### Bartonsville, POCONO
- William A. Laverty
- (formerly NEW LIFE, Stroudsburg)
- Total: 47
- Membership: 0
- Baptism: 3
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 2
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

### Fawn Grove, Faith
- N. Market St.
- Douglas C. Winward, Jr.
- Total: 62
- Membership: 2
- Baptism: 5
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

### Gettysburg, Living Hope
- 155 Early Ave.
- Richard M. Craven
- Total: 62
- Membership: 3
- Baptism: 5
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

### Glenside, Calvary
- Church Rd & Willow Grove Av
- Steven F. Miller
- Total: 165
- Membership: 0
- Baptism: 0
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

### Manoover, Grace
- Grandview Rd. (nm)
- Jeff Sheely
- Total: 56
- Membership: 0
- Baptism: 0
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

### Hatboro, Trinity
- 151 W. County Line Rd.
- George R. Cottenden
- Total: 286
- Membership: 0
- Baptism: 0
- P/F: 0
- Dth Dm: 0
- Dm D&E: 0
- Total: 0

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- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Statistics table at the end of the report.
- * The value indicated is revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.

### Presbytery of Philadelphia

- **Membership:** 46 Ministers; 90 Ruling Elders
- **Stated Meetings:**
  - February (1st Saturday); May (1st Saturday); September (3rd Saturday); November (3rd Saturday)
- **Clerk and Moderator:**
  - A. LeRoy Greer, Stated Clerk (9/92); Douglas C. Winward, Jr., Moderator (9/92)
- **Total Congregations:** 20 Churches; 4 Unorganized Mission Works
- **Changes in Congregations:**
  - NEW LIFE, Stroudsburg, PA, changed name to POCONO, Bartonville, PA
### Mission Works:
- Living Hope, Allentown, PA
- Grace Fellowship, Mansfield, PA
- Grace Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA
- New Life, Williamsport, PA

### Ordinations:
- H. Jeffrey Lawson, 10/18/91
- Bruce A. Coie, 11/16/91, from the Presbytery of Southern California
- Samuel H. Bacon, 9/21/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of New Jersey
- Jung In Kim, 9/21/91, erased
- Alan Lee, 9/21/91, dismissed to the Philadelphia Presbytery, PCA
- Luther Craig Long, 11/10/91, deceased
- H. Leverne Rosenberger, 11/16/91, dismissed to the Atlantic Presbytery, RPCNA
- David J. Miller, 11/16/91, dismissed to the Philadelphia Presbytery, PCA

### Roll of Ministers:
- Lester R. Bachman
- John F. Bettler
- George R. Cottenden
- Richard C. Craven
- Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.
- James D. Day
- W. Scott Emery
- F. Clarke Evans
- Thomas A. Foh
- Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
- John P. Galbraith
- Theodore J. Georgian
- A. LeRoy Greer
- Edward H. Gross
- John H. Harbison
- Mark W. Holier
- Bruce R. Hunt
- Joel T. Kershner
- Robert D. Knudsen
- William C. Krispin
- Jack D. Kinneer
- H. Jeffrey Lawson
- Robert W. A. Letham
- William A. Laverty
- Jung In Kim
- John J. Mitchell
- Robert C. Marsh
- Alan Lee
- George F. Morton
- Lester R. Bachman
- Young J. Son
- Richard A. Minnig
- Moises Silva
- Albert W. Steever, Jr.
- Jeff Sheely
- Bernard J. Stonehouse
- Barry A. Traver
- Arthur J. Steltzer
- Douglas C. Winward, Jr.
- Tim W. Young

### Ministers Installed:
- Tim W. Young, 6/23/91, organizing pastor, Living Hope, Allentown, PA
- W. Scott Emery, 9/27/91, pastor, KNOX, Lansdowne, PA
- H. Jeffrey Lawson, 10/18/91, pastor, COVENANT, Mechanicsville, PA

### Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
- John H. Harbison, 4/1/91, pastor, COVENANT, Mechanicsville, PA

### Licensures:
- Philip G. Ryken, 5/4/91

### Licentiates Received:
- H. Jeffrey Lawson, 9/21/91, from the Presbytery of New Jersey

### Licentiates Removed:
- H. Jeffrey Lawson, 10/18/91, ordained

### Roll of Licentiates:
- Paul Archbald
- Douglas E. Bond
- Jesse R. Cowell
- Daryl Daniels
- Barry Hofstetter
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**FLORIDA**

- Tallahassee, CALVARY: 113 members, 70 attenders, 130 members, 87,503 contributions, 99,506 total.
- 814 N. Gadsden St.: 40 members, 24 attenders, 85 members, 12,003 contributions, 1,422 total.

**GEORGIA**

- Atlanta, REDEEMER: 92 members, 59 attenders, 93,916 contributions, 129,474 total.
- 3930 Chamblee-Tucker Rd.: 53 members, 59 attenders, 71 members, 31,907 contributions, 1,349 total.
- Doraville: 145 members, 155 attenders, summary.
- Thomas S. Champness, Jr.: summary.

**LA GRANGE, COVENANT**

- La Grange, COVENANT: 25 members, 30 attenders, 31,439 contributions, 36,240 total.
- 816 New Franklin Rd.: 4 members, 6 attenders, 24 members, 4,494 contributions, 1,208 total.
- Timothy J. Power: 29 members, 36 attenders, summary.

**LOUISIANA**

- Pineville, PINEVILLE OPC: 90 members, 87 attenders, 79,350 contributions, 112,170 total.
- 2522 Military Hwy.: 13 members, 19 attenders, 45 members, 21,199 contributions, 1,289 total.
- Robert D. Haehl: 93 members, 106 attenders, summary.

**TENNESSEE**

- Maryville, Covenant: summary.
- 1201 Montville Sta. Rd.: summary.

**TOTALS**

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**PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH**

- Membership: 22 Ministers; 52 Ruling Elders
- Stated Meetings: May (1st Friday and Saturday); October (4th Friday and Saturday)
- Clerk and Moderator: Ted F. Gray, Stated Clerk (10/93); Donald M. Parker, Moderator (10/92)
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTH, Continued

Total Congregations: 12 Churches; 3 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: First, Hueytown, AL, 2/27/91, received as an unorganized mission work
COVENANT, La Grange, GA, 4/24/91, organized as a new and separate church

Mission Works:
First, Hueytown, AL
New Life, Key West, FL
Covenant, Maryville, TN

Ordinations:
None

Ministers Received:
Jon D. Smith, 2/27/91, from the Presbyterian Church in America

Ministers Removed:
Robert S. Evans, 8/31/91, dismissed to the Gulf Coast Presbytery, PCA

Roll of Ministers:
Jeffrey K. Boer
W. Ralph English
Hendrick Krabbendam
Donald M. Parker
Harold K. Thomas
William V. Welzen

Henry Buikema
Ted F. Gray
R. Heber McIlwaine
Timothy J. Power
John H. Thompson, Jr.
Gordon T. Woolard

Thomas S. Champness, Jr
Robert D. Haehl
Larry G. Mininger
Roger W. Schmurr
Jose Vera
Paul J. Hill
Martin A. Novak
Jon D. Smith
Robert L. Vining

Ministers Installed:
Jon D. Smith, 2/27/91, church planter at First, Hueytown, AL
Timothy J. Power, 12/1/91, pastor, COVENANT, La Grange, GA

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Robert S. Evans, 8/31/91, pastor, CALVARY, Tallahassee, FL

Licensures:
Roger Banes, 10/24/91

Licentiates Received:
None

Licentiates Removed:
None

Roll of Licentiates:
Roger Banes
Orlando Rivera
## Regional Church of Southern California

### Membership Roll Statistics for the Year 1991

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- The mission work in Baja California is an indigenous Mexican work aided by presbytery. Its members are not on the roll of the OPC.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Membership: 32 Ministers; 57 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: February (1st Friday and Saturday); April (3rd Friday and Saturday); June (3rd Friday and Saturday); October (3rd Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Rollin P. Keller, Stated Clerk (12/92); William E. Warren, Moderator (12/92)

Total Congregations: 13 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: TRINITY, Irvine, CA, 8/15/91, changed name from CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

Mission Works: Ridgecrest OPC, Ridgecrest, CA
San Marcos OPC, San Marcos, CA

Ordinations: None

Ministers Received: None

Ministers Removed: Bruce A. Cole, 11/16/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia

Roll of Ministers: H. Wilson Albright
Henry W. Coray
Jay E. Fluck
Rollin P. Keller
George C. Miladin
Daniel H. Overduin
Mark A. Schroeder
Robert B. Strimple

Roll of Ministers: Gregory L. Bahnson
David A. Crum
Stephen A. Larsen
Robert B. Needham
Alan R. Pontier
George C. Scipione
Roger Wagner

Ministers Installed: None

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved: Gregory L. Bahnson, 2/2/91, pastor, COVENANT COMMUNITY, Newport Beach, CA

Licenses: Stephen R. Hart, 6/21/91
Michael D. Dengerink, 10/18/91
Calvin D. Keller, 10/18/91

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed: Michael D. Pasarilla, 9/19/91, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Southwest

Roll of Licentiates: Michael D. Dengerink
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Calvin D. Keller
Gerard Marinucci
Mark C. Mueller
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### REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST, Continued

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Pastor  
Associate(s), Teacher(t)  
Evangelist(e), Other(____)  

---ADDED--- 
---REMOVED---

---END at CATEGORIES: SUMMARY: OFFICERS

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#### Notes:
- Headings abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Statistics table at the end of the report.
- Members are on the roll of the regional church.

#### PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

- Membership: 17 Ministers; 30 Ruling Elders
- Stated Meetings: March and September
- Clerk and Moderator: John H. Johnson, Jr., Stated Clerk (3/92); Roger A. Ramsey, Moderator (3/92)
- Total Congregations: 9 Churches; 1 Unorganized Mission Work
- Changes in Congregations:  
  - LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Lubbock, TX, 5/11/91, dissolved
  - TWELFTH AVENUE, Norman, OK, 9/20/91, dissolved
- Mission Work: Geneva, Dallas, TX
- Ordinations: John R. Bunt, 10/18/91
Regional Church of the Southwest, Continued

Ministers Received: None

Ministers Removed: C. Herbert Swanson, 3/23/91, erased
R. Steven Cairns, 9/20/91, dismissed to the South Texas Presbytery, PCA

Roll of Ministers:
- Timothy L. Bero
- William B. Doerfel
- Roger L. Gibbons
- John R. Hunt
- Glenn D. Jerrell
- John H. Johnson, Jr.
- Chester H. Lanious
- Neil J. Lodge
- R. Scott MacLaren
- K. Scott Oliphant
- Jack J. Peterson
- R. Steven Cairns, 9/20/91, dismissed to the South Texas Presbytery, PCA
- William B. Doerfel
- Richard A. Shaw
- Aureliano A. Tan, Jr.
- Christopher H. Wisdom
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Ministers Installed: John R. Hunt, 10/18/91, pastor, COVENANT OF GRACE, Albuquerque, NM

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
- R. Scott MacLaren, 5/11/91, pastor, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Lubbock, TX
- K. Scott Oliphant, 6/6/91, pastor, CHRIST COVENANT, Amarillo, TX
- Aureliano A. Tan, Jr., 9/20/91, associate pastor/evangelist, WESTMINSTER, Bartlesville, OK

Licenures:
- Douglas J. Smith, 3/22/91

Licentiates Received:
- Michael D. Pasarilla, 9/20/91, from the Presbytery of Southern California

Licentiates Removed: None

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**Heading abbreviations:**
- C.M. communicant members (also CM)
- B.C. baptized children (noncommunicants)
- Dth death
- R/F reaffirmation of faith
- L/T letter of transfer, received
- R.E. ruling elders on session
- n/s ruling elders not on session

- P/F profession of faith
- Bap received by baptism, noncommunicants
- Dml dismissal (transfer)
- D&E discipline or erasure

- Dea deacons
### RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS
#### 1938-1991

As of December 31, 1991

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

Class of 1995 - Alan D. Strange
Class of 1994 - Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr. (Chairman)
Class of 1993 - Thomas E. Tyson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 1995 - MINISTERS: Calvin A. Malcor, George C. Miladin, Larry E. Wilson
RULING ELDERS: James S. Gidley, Ph.D.*, David Winslow, Jr.*
Class of 1994 - MINISTERS: Douglas A. Felch, Jack J. Peterson,
G. I. Williamson*
RULING ELDERS: J. Donald Phillips*, Larry A. Woiwode,
Litt.D.
Class of 1993 - MINISTERS: Allen D. Curry, Ed.D., John P. Galbraith*, Donald M. Poundstone* (President)
RULING ELDERS: F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D., Paul S. MacDonald

General Secretary: The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson, 303 Horsham Road, Suite G,
Horsham, PA 19044

*Member of Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

COORDINATION

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RULING ELDER: Russell W. Copeland, Jr.
Class of 1994 - MINISTER: Steven F. Miller
RULING ELDER: Peyton H. Gardner
Class of 1993 - MINISTER: Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
RULING ELDER: Gordon H. Singer

Representative, Christian Education: J. Donald Phillips (Chairman)
Thomas E. Tyson, Gen. Sec., ex officio
Representative, Foreign Missions: John D. Williams
Mark T. Bube, Gen. Sec., ex officio
Representative, Home Missions and Church Extension: David J. O'Leary
Ross W. Graham, Gen. Sec., ex officio
Controller: David E. Haney, 303 Horsham Road, Suite G, Horsham, PA 19044

DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL

Class of 1995 - Douglas A. Watson
Class of 1994 - Donald R. Miller (Chairman)
Class of 1993 - Lyman M. Smith

DIACONAL MINISTRIES

Class of 1995 - MINISTER: Donald J. Duff;
RULING ELDER: Joe M. Moody, Jr., M.D.
Class of 1994 - MINISTER: Leonard J. Coppes, Th.D.
DEACONS: Roy Ingelse, Gregorio R. Nightengale
Class of 1993 - MINISTER: David W. King (Chairman)
RULING ELDER: Howard A. Porter

ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Class of 1995 - Richard A. Barker, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D.,
Thomas E. Tyson
Class of 1994 - Donald J. Duff, John R. Hilbelink, G. I Williamson
Class of 1993 - John P. Galbraith (Chairman), Glenn D. Jerrell,
Jack J. Peterson

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Class of 1995 - MINISTERS: Jeffrey K. Boer, Donald J. Duff, John W. Mahaffy,
RULING ELDERS: Gary W. Davenport, John D. Williams
Class of 1994 - MINISTERS: George R. Cottenden, Hendrik
Krabbendam, Th.D., Hailu Mekonnen
RULING ELDERS: Herbert R. Meuther, Ph.D.,
R. Arthur Thompson

Class of 1993 - MINISTERS: James L. Bosgraf, Richard B.
Gaffin, Jr., Th.D. (President), Theodore J. Georgian
RULING ELDERS: Edward P. Hardesty, John O. Kinnaird

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Class of 1995 - MINISTERS: Mark R. Brown, Salvador M. Solis,
Gerald S. Taylor
RULING ELDERS: Robert A. Kramm, Leonard W. Schmurr

Class of 1994 - MINISTERS: John R. Hilbelink (President), Lyman M. Smith,
William E. Warren
RULING ELDERS: Richard A. Barker, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

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Richard R. Gerber
RULING ELDERS: Richard L. Hake, Jack H. Julien, D.D.S.

General Secretary: The Rev. Ross W. Graham, 303 Horsham Road, Suite G,
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PENSIONS

Class of 1995 - MINISTER: Douglas A. Watson, William E. Warren
RULING ELDERS: Gordon H. Singer

Class of 1994 - MINISTER: Marven O. Bowman, Jr.,
RULING ELDERS: Roger W. Huibregtse, Earl Voskuil

Class of 1993 - MINISTER: John P. Galbraith
RULING ELDERS: Garret A. Hoogerhyde (President),
Robert M. Meeker

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Class of 1995 - MINISTER: Martin L. Dawson
RULING ELDER: Howard A. Porter
Appendix

RULING ELDER: William R. Haden, Jr.

Class of 1993 -  MINISTER: Steven F. Miller (President)
RULING ELDER: Willard E. Neel
Fifty-Ninth General Assembly

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SIXTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

David R. Heise, Luis A. Orteza, Lawrence Semel (Convener)

CHAPLAINS COMMISSION

Class of 1995 - Robert B. Needham
Class of 1994 - William E. Warren
Class of 1993 - Lyman M. Smith

HISTORIAN

Charles G. Dennison

COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

James F. Alexander, John S. Deliyannides (Chairman), Charles G. Dennison, David K. Thompson

COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

George R. Cottenden, John P. Galbraith, Gregory E. Reynolds
Alternate: Bernard J. Stonehouse

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE METHOD OF ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D. (Convener), Robert D. Knudsen, Ph.D., Thomas E. Tyson

COMMITTEE TO VISIT PARK HILL CHURCH

Jack J. Peterson, Thomas E. Tyson
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