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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.

ABBREVIATIONS

used in this volume for the Standards of the Church

BCO - The Book of Church Order
FG - Form of Government
BD - Book of Discipline
SR - Standing Rules
WCF - Westminster Confession of Faith
WLC - Westminster Larger Catechism
WSC - Westminster Shorter Catechism

The Clerk welcomes suggestions for the improvement of these annual volumes.
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JOURNAL

Wednesday Evening, May 31, 1995

1. OPENING WORSHIP. The Sixty-Second General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by the Rev. Steven F. Miller, Moderator of the Sixty-First General Assembly. Mr. Miller constituted the meeting with a worship service and delivered a sermon on the subject, “How Shall We Obey the Great Commission?” based on Matthew 28:18-20.

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by Mr. S. F. Miller, assisted by Ruling Elders James S. Gidley, Ph.D., Edward P. Hardesty, Steven M. Jantsch, David G. Miller, James H. Thomas, Jr., Ed.D., and David Winslow, Jr.

The offering which was designated for Worldwide Outreach amounted to $669, and the offering which was designated for Diaconal Ministries amounted to $466.15.

2. RECESS. The Assembly recessed following the pronouncement of the benediction at 9:52 p.m.

Thursday Morning, June 1, 1995

3. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with the singing of Rejoice, the Lord is King, the reading of Colossians 3:1-17, and prayer led by the Moderator.

4. COMMISSIONERS ROLL.

Nos. (x/x) are (number listed/number apportioned).]

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
Ministers (5/5) - Archibald A. Allison, Edward A. Eppinger, Mark T. Harrington, Jonathan D. Male, LeRoy E. Miller
Ruling Elders (3/3) - Robert L. Ayres (Caney), Louis C. LaBriola (Providence, Denver), Ronald E. VandenBurg (Carson)
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Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)
Ruling Elders (2/6) - Newman deHaas (Silver Spring), Donald H. Potter (Manassas)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)
Ministers (9/9) - Timothy L. Bero, Daryl A. Daniels, Ivan J. DeMaster, Leslie A. Dunn, David W. King, Jude J. Reardon, Lendall H. Smith, T. Jeffrey Taylor, Cornelius Tolsma
Ruling Elders (3/9) - Terry M. Gray, Ph.D. (Grand Rapids), David G. Miller (Grand Rapids), Earl E. Zetterholm (Spencer Mills)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)
Ruling Elders (5/6) - Richard A. Barker (Westfield), Bruce C. Fenton (Pittsgrove), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Whippany), Gordon H. Singer (Stratford), Bruce A. Stahl (Stratford)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY)
Ruling Elders (6/7) - F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D. (Covenant/Rochester), Douglas R. Giebel (Covenant/Rochester), W. Wayne Mortensen (Schenectady), Herbert R. Muether, Ph.D. (Franklin Square), John R. Schumacher (Memorial/Rochester), Joseph Yankura (Franklin Square)

Presbytery of Northern California (NC)
Ministers (2/4) - Martin R. Ban, Calvin D. Keller
Ruling Elders (3/3) - Dennis Fullalove (South San Francisco), Donald G. Jamieson (San Jose), James Stryd (Hanford)

Presbytery of Northwest (NW)
Ministers (3/6) - John W. Mahaffy, Calvin R. Malcor, J. Peter Vosteen
Ruling Elders (0/3) -

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)
Ministers (6/6) - Mark R. Brown, Charles G. Dennison, Everett C. DeVelde, Jr., Stewart E. Lauer, Daniel G. Osborne, Larry E. Wilson
Ruling Elders (2/4) - James S. Gidley, Ph.D. (Sewickley), Raymond Harris (Dayton)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)
Ruling Elders (6/8) - Luke E. Brown, Jr. (Hatboro), Mark T. Bube (Glenside), Peyton H. Gardner (Wilmington), John O. Kinnaird (Oxford), Robert M. Meeker (Glenside), Howard A. Porter (Glenside)

Presbytery of the South (SO)
Ministers (5/6) - Jeffrey K. Boer, Hendrik Krabbendam, Th.D., A. Boyd Miller, IV, Jon D. Smith, Arthur J. Steltzer
Ruling Elders (2/4) - Robert A. Kramm (Hialeah), John R. Muether (Orlando)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ministers (7/9) - Wayne A. Buchtel, L. Anthony Curto, Rollin P. Keller, James R. Megchelsen, Kenneth J. Meilahn, Mark A. Schroeder, William E. Warren
Ruling Elders (5/5) - Robert M. Coie (Garden Grove), Joseph LoGiudice, III (Garden Grove), William J. Montgomery (Phoenix), Ellery C. Stowell, Ph.D. (Garden Grove), David Winslow, Jr. (Garden Grove)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ministers (5/5) - John H. Johnson, Jr., Neil J. Lodge, Jack J. Peterson, Richard A. Shaw, Christopher H. Wisdom
Ruling Elders (1/2) - James W. Van Dam, Ph.D. (Austin)

Ex Officio
Ministers - Donald J. Duff (PH), Steven F. Miller (PH)

5. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.
Committee Representatives - Ross W. Graham (Home Missions), J. Donald Phillips (Coordination)
Fraternal Delegates - David Johnston, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; Dr. Richard C. Gamble, Christian Reformed Church in North America; Harold O. Kelley, Presbyterian Church in America; Frank Walker, Reformed Church in the U.S.; Dr. Hendrik DeWaard, Reformed Churches of Australia; Norris Wilson, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland; John McMillan, Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America.

6. FRATERNAL DELEGATE INTRODUCTIONS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Messrs. Dr. Hendrik DeWaard, Reformed Churches of Australia, Norris Wilson, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, John McMillan, Reformed Presbyterian Church, NA. On motion Messrs. DeWaard, Wilson, and McMillan were enrolled as corresponding members.

7. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS. The Rev. Lawrence Semel reported for the Committee on Arrangements.

8. ELECTION OF MODERATOR. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Watson and Mahaffy were nominated. The Moderator later announced the election of Mr. Watson.
Mr. S. F. Miller welcomed Mr. Watson to the chair.
At a later time, the Moderator appointed Mr. Eckardt as parliamentarian.
9. **SURVEY OF COMMISSIONER'S 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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*Those attending the General Assembly for the first time* 16

10. **OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPEALS.** The Stated Clerk presented overtures, communications, and appeals addressed to the Assembly.

See: OVERTURES, pp. 61
COMMUNICATIONS, pp. 64
APPEALS, pp. 70

11. **DAILY SCHEDULE.** On amended motion the times for convening, recessing, and reconvening were adopted as follows:

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<td>Recess</td>
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<td>3:15-3:35 p.m.</td>
<td>9:05 p.m.</td>
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<td>Recess (Meals)</td>
<td>12:15 p.m.</td>
<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
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Exceptions:

a. Recess Thursday 6/1, after item 13 to permit advisory committees to begin work

b. Reconvene Friday 6/2, 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., Thursday through Tuesday

Leaders: Thursday - George W. Knight, III, Th.D. (MA); Friday - Lendall H. Smith (MW); Saturday - Donald H. Taws (NJ); Monday - Randolph H. Patterson (NY); Tuesday - Martin R. Ban (NC)

12. **DOCKET ADOPTED.** The docket up to this point was as follows:

1. Assembly convenes 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 1995
2. Worship service conducted by the Rev. Steven F. Miller, Moderator of the 61st General Assembly
3. Assembly recess at conclusion of worship service, to reconvene at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 1.
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. Adoption of docket
12. Assignment of items of business to advisory committees
13. 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, twelve members
   d. Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, eight members (none to be a member of any standing committee)

On motion the remainder of the docket presented by the Clerk was adopted as follows:

14. Report of Stated Clerk
16. Election of the Stated Clerk
17. Appointment of Assistant Clerk
18. Action on Revisions to the Standing Rules and Instruments proposed by the previous Assembly
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. Report of the Committee on Coordination
26. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
27. Report of the Committee on Pensions
28. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
29. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
30. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:00 a.m., Monday
31. Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Worship
32. Report of the Historian
33. Report of the Committee for the Historian
34. Report of the Chaplains Commission
35. Report of the Committee on Reconciliation
36. Temporary Committees other than Presbyterial Records, Standing Committee Records, and those already completed in connection with earlier reports
37. Report of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, 8:00 a.m. Tuesday
38. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, following item 37
39. Reports of the Temporary Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as appropriate during the Assembly
40. Set budgets for General Assembly purposes
41. Resolution of thanks
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42. Unfinished advisory committee business
43. Miscellaneous business
44. Reading and approval of minutes (Note: Minutes are presented for approval following the lunch recess beginning on Saturday, June 3)
45. Dissolution of the Assembly (projected terminus: Noon, Wednesday, June 7)

13. 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 the commissioners named below be appointed to these committees and the name given with each committee be the convener of that committee.

Advisory Committee 1 Total - 9 David J. O'Leary
Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
Members: Messrs. LaBriola (DK), Tricarico (MA), Dunn (MW), Pearce (NJ), Kessler (NY), Gidley (OH), Foraker (PH), O'Leary (PH), Winslow (SC)

Advisory Committee 2 Total - 9 Luke E. Brown
Report of the Committee on Christian Education
Members: Messrs. L. Miller (DK), Moore (MA), J. Taylor (MW), Taws (NJ), Mortensen (NY), Vosteen (NW), Brown (PH), Georgian (PH), A. B. Miller (SO)

Advisory Committee 3 Total - 10 James W. Van Dam
Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension
Members: Messrs. Daniels (MW), Evans (NJ), Singer (NJ), Sibley (NY), C. Keller (NC), C. Cummings (PH), Kinnaird (PH), Montgomery (SC), Stowell (SC), Van Dam (SW)

Advisory Committee 4 Total - 11 Newman deHaas
Report of the Committee on Coordination
General Assembly Budget
Members: Messrs. Ayres (DK), DeHaas (MA), Miller (MW), Tolsma (MW), Yankura (NY), Stryd (NC), Galbraith (PH), Knudsen (PH), Steltzer (SO), LoGiudice (SC), Lodge (SW)

Advisory Committee 5 Total - 9 Stewart E. Lauer
Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Report of the Committee on Pensions
Report of the Chaplains Commission
Members: Messrs. Allison (DK), R. A. Barker (NJ), Stahl (NJ), Hubenthal (NY), Muether (NY), Lauer (OH), Fox (PH), Krabben (SO), Megchelsen (SC)

Advisory Committee 6 Total - 11 Lendall H. Smith
Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Communications 1,2,5,7
Members: Messrs. Male (DK), Felch (MA), Gray (MW), L. Smith (MW), Shishko (NY), Fullalove (NC), Mahaffy (NW), Brown (OH), Wilson (OH), Stonehouse (PH), Muether (SO)
Advisory Committee 7  Total - 8  John R. Hilbelink
Pending amendments to the Standing Rules
Report of the Committee on Reconciliation
Report of the Historian
Report of the Committee for the Historian
Communications 3,4
Members: Messrs. Bero (MW), Zetterholm (MW), Campbell (NJ), Fenton (NJ),
Hilbelink (NY), Elder (NY), Meeker (PH), Meilhan (SC)

Advisory Committee 8  Total - 9  Gerald S. Taylor
Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship
Overture 1
Members: Messrs. Harrington (DK), G. Taylor (MA), Patterson (NY), Dennision
(OH), W. Cummings (PH), Kuschke (PH), S. Miller (PH), Kramm (SO), Buchtel (SC)

Advisory Committee 9  Total - 7  Peyton H. Gardner
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the Statistician
Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly
Overtures 2,3,4
Communication 6
Members: Messrs. VandenBurg (DK), Martin (MA), Geibel (NY), Phillips (NY),
Gardner (PH), Curto (SC), R. Keller (SC)

Advisory Committee 10  Total - 10  William E. Warren
Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
Appeals of Complaints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Members: Messrs. Jones (MA), King (MW), Strange (NJ), D. Barker (NY),
Eckardt (NY), Osbourne (OH), Laverty (PH), J. Smith (SO), Warren (SC), Wisdom (SW)

Committee on Date, Place, and Travel (#11)
Total - 2  Howard A. Porter
Members: Messrs. Schumacher (NY), Porter (PH)

Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records (#12)
Total - 12  Robert M. Coie
Members: Messrs. Eppinger (DK), Andrews (MA), De Master (MW), Sutton (NJ),
Rienstra (NY), Jamieson (NC), Malcor (NW), DeVelde (OH), Foh (PH), Boer (SO), Coie
(SC), Shaw (SW)

Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records (#13)
Total - 8  Richard A. Nelson
Members: Messrs. Potter (MA), Reardon (MW), Chanoux (NJ), Nelson (NJ),
Petersen (NY), Harris (OH), Schroeder (SC), Johnson (SW)

Please note: The following were excused from an advisory committee assignment: Bube
(PH), Cottenden (PH), Duff (PH), Hoogerhyde (NJ), Peterson (SW), Tyson (MA), Watson
(NJ)
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14. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 9:53 a.m. for advisory committee meetings.

15. **DEVOTIONAL.** The order of the day having arrived, Dr. Knight led the devotional service. He read Colossians 1:9-14 and delivered a message entitled "Praying for Life Worthy of God." The Assembly sang *Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord* and recessed at 12:18 p.m. following prayer led by the Moderator.

**Friday Morning, June 2, 1995**

16. **DEVOTIONAL.** The order of the day having arrived, Mr. L. H. Smith led the devotional service. He read John 20:19-23 and delivered a message entitled "The Uniqueness of Christ." The Assembly sang *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* and recessed at 12:20 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Smith.

17. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with the singing of *Crown Him with Many Crowns*.

18. **STATED CLERK'S REPORT.** Mr. Duff presented the Report of the Stated Clerk (see p. 75).

   **RECOMMENDATIONS**

   1. That the proposed amendment to BD V2. be declared by the Moderator to be not approved by a majority of the presbyteries and thus not adopted.
   2. That the 62nd General Assembly approve the amendments to the Standing Rules as proposed to the Assembly by the 61st General Assembly. (The proposed amendments are found in III of this report.)

19. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk).** Mr. Gardner reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 regarding the Report of the Stated Clerk.

20. **AMENDMENT NOT ADOPTED.** The Moderator declared, in accordance with the Form of Government XXXII.2., that the amendment to the Book of Discipline V2. was not approved by a majority of the presbyteries and therefore was not adopted.

21. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Standing Rules).** Dr. Elder reported the silence of Advisory Committee 7 regarding the pending amendments to the Standing Rules.

22. **RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Stated Clerk).** Recommendations 2 of the Stated Clerk was acted on. On motion the Standing Rules of the General Assembly were amended as proposed by the 61st General Assembly (cf. *Minutes*, §103 & 174-175) as follows:
1. That the first sentence of Standing Rule X.2.b. be amended to read “The Committee on Appeals and Complaints shall consist of three members and an alternate, all four having come from different presbyteries, one member in each class and the alternate to be elected for a 3-year term.

2. That the Standing Rules be amended to read:

   A. Chapter III.B.5.j. - add “(4) To prepare a budget (except for his own remuneration) and submit it to the Committee on Coordination (COC) for review and approval prior to its submission to the General Assembly.”

   B. Chapter X.5.b.1. (lines 8 and 9) - to delete the words “...and to assist the Stated Clerk in preparing the budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund.”

   C. Chapter XI - add to the end of #3 the words “...through the Committee on Coordination.”

23. STANDING RULES AMENDED. By common consent the Standing Rules of the General Assembly were amended as follows:

   Chapter X.5.b.1., the third sentence - substitute an “and” for the semi-colon after “...Operation Fund” and substitute a period for the semi-colon after “...Assembly concerning them.”

24. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GA. Mr. Porter reported for The Trustees of the General Assembly. The recommendation of the Trustees, which follows, was referred to Advisory Committee 4 for General Assembly Operation Fund.

   RECOMMENDATION

   1. That the Rev. Donald J. Duff be elected Stated Clerk for a new three-year term (1995-1998) and that his duties be those listed in the Standing Rules, Chapter III, Section B.4. and Section B.5. (a to p, included.) and that the following listed remuneration package for the Stated Clerk for 1995-1996 be adopted:

   Salary $25,000.00
   Housing Allowance 21,000.00
   FICA Reimbursement (1/2) 3,519.00
   Pension (6% of salary) 2,760.00
   Hospitalization, Surgical,
   Major Medical Insurance 5,040.00 (Est.)
   Disability Insurance 414.00 (Est.)
   Worker’s Compensation Insurance 250.00 (Est.)
   TOTAL $57,983.00

   It will be noted that the base salary is somewhat less than the scheduled salary in the Home Missions Committee’s Salary Scale Guidelines for ministers with fifteen years experience (see Minutes, 61st GA, 1994, p. 96).

25. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees). Mr. Gardner reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 concerning the Report of The Trustees of The General Assembly.
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26. STATED CLERK ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Stated Clerk. Mr. Duff was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Duff elected.

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

28. TRUSTEES Elected. The floor was declared open for nominations for The Trustees of The General Assembly for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Minister: Martin L. Dawson, Ruling Elder: Porter. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. Dawson and Porter elected to the Class of 1998.

29. STATISTICIAN’S REPORT. Mr. L. E. Brown presented the Report of the Statistician (see p. 81).

30. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Statistician). Mr. Gardner reported for Advisory Committee 9 as follows: Advisory Committee 9 rejoices in God's blessing in terms of general growth in the denomination, and expresses its thanks to the Lord for the specialized labors of Mr. Brown in producing the statistical report (including the analysis), and particularly for his patience in doing same.

31. STATISTICIAN ELECTED. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Statistician. Mr. L. E. Brown was nominated. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Mr. Brown elected. Mr. Gardner led in prayer for the Assistant Clerk, the Trustees, and the Statistician.

32. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Mr. Wilson, member of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Christian Education, presented its report (see p. 89). Mr. Tyson, General Secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, addressed the Assembly. On motion the Rev. Thomas R. Patete, Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, was given the privilege of the floor during the consideration of this report. By common consent Mr. Patete was granted up to five minutes to address the Assembly. Mr. Patete addressed the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Assembly approve the request of the Committee for the Historian, endorsed by CCE, for $2,000 to carry on the audio history project, and that CCE turn the audio tape project over to the Committee for the Historian.

33. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 (Christian Education). Mr. L. E. Miller reported the silence of Advisory Committee 2 regarding the Report of the Committee on Christian Education.

34. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Christian Education). On motion the recommendation of the committee was divided. On motion consideration of the first part of the recommendation was postponed until the report of Advisory Committee 7 on the Historian. On motion the second part of the recommendation was adopted.
35. MINISTERIAL TRAINING ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Ministers: none; Ruling Elders: Gidley, Winslow. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. Gidley and Winslow elected to the Class of 1998.

36. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the remaining openings on the Committee on Christian Education for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Ministers: Malcor, George C. Miladin, Wilson. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. Malcor, Miladin, and Wilson elected to the Class of 1998. Mr. L. E. Miller led in prayer for the Committee on Christian Education.

37. HOME MISSIONS. Mr. Hilbelink, President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented its report (see p. 101). Mr. Taws, Regional Home Missionary of the Presbytery of New Jersey, and Mr. Graham, General Secretary of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, addressed the Assembly.

38. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 (Home Missions). Dr. Van Dam presented the report of Advisory Committee 3 as follows: Advisory Committee 3 met with Ross Graham (CHMCE General Secretary), John Hilbelink (CHMCE President), and Gary Hoogerhyde (CHMCE Finance Subcommittee Chairman and President of the Board of Directors of the OPC Loan Fund). The advisory committee had useful discussions with them concerning the CHMCE Report to the General Assembly.

Almighty God is sovereignly raising up numbers of new church-planting works: 16 during 1994, an all-time OPC record. We praise Him! The advisory committee also appreciates the labors of the CHMCE members and especially commends the General Secretary, along with the members of his staff, for ably carrying out administrative duties, promoting the interests of OPC home missions, traveling extensively, searching out new church planters, and providing helpful advice to presbyteries, churches, and new works. The work of the five Regional Home Missionaries, the CHMCE Director of Evangelism, and the individual church planters is also being richly blessed by the Lord.

The advisory committee noted that the CHMCE is in the process of reviewing its involvement in and financial commitment to CUTS and discussed this with the CHMCE representatives.

Although the CHMCE Report to the General Assembly contains no recommendations per se, the advisory committee discussed the CHMCE's intention, unless otherwise instructed, to no longer publish salary scale information after this year. The advice given by the advisory committee to the CHMCE was that it continue to publish salary scale information as a service of benefit to churches, and that it consider modifying the salary scale information so as to make it more useful. The advisory committee informs the General Assembly about its advice to the CHMCE on this matter and sees no need for action by the Assembly since the CHMCE representatives have indicated their willingness to receive this advice.

The advisory committee gives general approval and concurrence concerning the rest of the CHMCE Report.

39. HOME MISSIONS ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Ministers: Randall A. Bergquist, M. R. Brown,
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Knight, Salvador M. Solis, G. S. Taylor; Ruling Elders: Ayres, John S. Deliyannides (Lake Worth, FL), Kramm, Leonard W. Schmurr (Portland, OR). On motion Mr. Schmurr's request that his name be removed from nomination was granted. At a later time, the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Ayres, M. R. Brown, G. S. Taylor, Knight, and Kramm to the Class of 1998.

Mr. Van Dam led in prayer for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

40. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. with the singing of Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem and with prayer led by the Moderator.

41. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Porter reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the deadline for submission of valid travel vouchers be set for the conclusion of the morning recess (10:20 a.m.) on Saturday, June 3.
2. That for purposes of full travel compensation, attendance be required until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 7, or the dissolution of the Assembly, whichever comes first.
3. That the following listed men be excused as indicated without loss of travel compensation:
   a. Mr. Bube—from such business sessions, or portions thereof as his health may require.
   b. Mr. Dennison—from the evening session on Friday, June 2 in order to attend the graduation exercises of his son.
   c. Mr. Gardner—from the evening session on Friday, June 2 and the sessions on Saturday, June 3, because of a previously scheduled obligation for which he has not been able to secure a substitute.
   d. Mr. Gerald S. Taylor—from the evening session on Friday, June 2 and sessions on Saturday, June 3 until 3 p.m. in order to attend the graduation exercises of his son.
4. That Standing Rule XII.1 be suspended and the following listed men be excused as indicated without loss of travel compensation:
   a. Messrs. Curto and Schroeder—in time on Wednesday, June 7 to enable them to maintain previously arranged flight reservations.
   b. Mr. Ban—in time on Tuesday, June 6 to enable him to maintain previously arranged flight reservations.
   c. Messrs. Felch and Gray—at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, to enable them to drive home to maintain a previously arranged commitment.

42. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel were adopted.

43. FOREIGN MISSIONS. Mr. Cottenden, Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented its report (see p. 112). Messrs. Bube, General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, Moore, Hubenthal, S. F. Miller, and Curto addressed the Assembly.

44. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1 (Foreign Missions). Mr. O’Leary presented the report of Advisory Committee 1 as follows: With regard to the report of the Foreign Missions Committee, the committee is silent.
The advisory committee appreciates the hard work of General Secretary Mark Bube and the committee in promoting, advancing and overseeing the foreign missions work of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The advisory committee met with Mr. Bube, committee representative George Cottenden, Controller David Haney, and Messrs. David Moore, Stewart Lauer and Calvin Cummings of the Japan Mission.

The advisory committee informs the Assembly that, after considering fuller information not available to the Committee on Foreign Missions (COFM) at its February 1995 meeting, the advisory committee recommends to the Executive Committee of the COFM that it reconsider the COFM's decision not to return the Cummings family to Japan. In arriving at this recommendation to the COFM, the advisory committee considered four reasons: (1) additional reports and testimonials now available to the committee; (2) the morale of the Japan Mission; (3) our relationship with the Reformed Church in Japan; (4) the present momentum in church planting.

45. FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Ministers: Boer, Gary W. Davenport, Duff, Mahaffy, Tricarico; Ruling Elders: L. E. Brown, John H. Deliyannides, Raymond Waggoner (Matthews, NC), John D. Williams (Menomonee Falls, WI), Winslow.

46. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:04 p.m. following prayer by the Moderator.

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47. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:21 p.m. with the singing of My Tribute and with prayer led by the Moderator.

48. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Norris Wilson, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Mr. Wilson addressed the Assembly. Dr. Martin led in prayer for the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

49. FOREIGN MISSIONS ELECTIONS (Cont. cf. §45). The Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Davenport, Duff, Mahaffy, and Williams to the Class of 1998 of the Committee on Foreign Missions. At a later time, the Moderator announced the election of Mr. L. E. Brown to the Class of 1998. Mr. O'Leary led in prayer for the Committee on Foreign Missions.

50. DIACONAL MINISTRIES. Mr. King, President of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, presented its report (see p. 177). During the discussion of the report Mrs. Leonard J. Coppes (Diana) was given the privilege of the floor to answer questions concerning the report. 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, and to make certain that the call includes a provision for the payment of hospitalization, surgical, and major medical insurance.

3. We recommend that the General Assembly approve a 1996 budget of $169,800 for the General Fund and $91,000 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for a total budget of $260,800.

4. We recommend that for the year 1996 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this committee at the suggested rate of $19.00 per communicant member for the General Fund and $7.00 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

51. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal Ministries). Mr. Lauer reported for Advisory Committee 5 concerning the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries as follows:

Advisory Committee 5 read and discussed the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Mr. David King and Mrs. Leonard J. Coppes appeared before the advisory committee to discuss the Report and answer questions. Mr. King and Mrs. Coppes answered all questions to the satisfaction of the advisory committee. Advisory Committee 5 commends the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for their labors.

Advisory Committee 5 is silent on Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Regarding Recommendation 2 of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, the advisory committee offers the following:

RECOMMENDATION
The advisory committee moves that Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries be amended to read "We recommend that the General Assembly again urge the presbyteries..."

Ground: The substitution of the words "again urge" in place of the word "remind" makes clear that the General Assembly is once more providing counsel to the presbyteries and not defining a constitutional obligation.

52. REFERRED TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (See §110). It was moved that Advisory Committee 5 be requested to consider recommending a policy for the meeting of diaconal needs in a major catastrophe. The Moderator referred the motion to Advisory Committee 5 according to Standing Rule VI.A.2. (See §111).

53. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries were adopted. Recommendation 2 was adopted in the amended form proposed by Advisory Committee 5.

54. DIACONAL MINISTRIES ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Minister: Duff; Elders: John J. Bayles (Oxnard, CA), Stahl; Deacons: Keil Coppes (Providence, Denver), Thomas Montgomery (Dayton, OH). Mr. Stahl requested that his name be removed from nomination. On motion Mr. Stahl's request was granted. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. Duff and Bayles elected to the Class of 1998. At a later time, the Moderator announced the election of Mr. Montgomery to the Class of 1998. Mr. Lauer led in prayer for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.
55. **STANDING RULE SUSPENDED.** On motion Standing Rule V.8. was suspended in order to include the Report of the Committee on Pensions in the minutes without its being read to the Assembly.

56. **PENSIONS.** Mr. Hoogerhyde reported for the Committee on Pensions (see p. 186) regarding the Report of the Committee on Pensions and its recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION**
That the 62nd General Assembly request a contribution of $8.00 per communicant member from the churches in 1996 to be allocated as follows:

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57. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Pensions).** Mr. Lauer reported silence for Advisory Committee 5 concerning the Report of the Committee on Pensions.

Advisory Committee 5 reviewed the Report of the Committee on Pensions. Mr. G. A. Hoogerhyde appeared before the advisory committee to discuss the report and answer questions. Mr. Hoogerhyde answered all questions to the satisfaction of the advisory committee. Advisory Committee 5 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Pensions, but the advisory committee makes the following statements with regard to the report:

1. The net liabilities of the hospitalization plan listed in the report under Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust: Statements of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits as $277,429 are understated by $100,000 or more.
2. The need for increased enrollment in the hospitalization plan by ministers, elders, and deacons, and for every church to respond to the committee's request for supplemental contributions is urgent.

In view of these facts the advisory committee offers the following:

**RECOMMENDATION**
That the General Assembly inform the sessions of these facts.

58. **RECOMMENDATION REFERRAL (Advisory Committee 5).** On motion the recommendation of Advisory Committee 5 was recommitted back to Advisory Committee 5 (See §112).

59. **RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Pensions).** The recommendation of the Committee on Pensions was adopted.

60. **PENSIONS ELECTIONS.** The floor was opened for nominations to the Committee on Pensions for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Ministers: Warren, Watson; Ruling Elder: Singer. There being no further nominations, Messrs. Warren, Watson, and Singer were declared elected to the Class of 1998.

61. **ECUMENICITY.** Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, reported for the committee (see p.205).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
1. That the General Assembly communicate the following to the Synod of the CRCNA:
That in the light of the actions of the 61st (1994) General Assembly pertaining to the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) (Minutes, 61st GA, §125, p. 35) and in the light of the joint meeting of the interchurch relations committees of our two churches on March 24, 1995 this Assembly

1. Express its thanks to the CRCNA (a) for the willingness of its representatives to meet with the OPC's Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to discuss these matters of great concern to the OPC; and (b) for their gracious hosting of the March 24th meeting of our respective committees in their denominational office building in Grand Rapids;

2. Affirm that the ordination and/or installation of women to the office of elder is contrary to the Scriptures (I Timothy 2:11,12: I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6);

3. Affirm that homosexual inclination, and all homosexual thoughts or desires, as well as deeds, is sin (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism 139);

4. Reaffirm that those who have erotic attractions for members of the same sex but 'who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally: (that) the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and that they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces to the practice of true holiness' (cf. Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.1.);

5. Express its sincere regret to the CRCNA for the error of the 61st (1994) General Assembly for mistakenly quoting from the pastoral advice proposed in Report 42 to Synod, 1973, namely the phrases, 'Cannot be healed' and 'permanent limitations', rather than correctly quoting from the adopted Acts of Synod 1973, namely the phrases, 'are not healed' and 'the limitations', respectively (Acts of Synod 1973, §53.C.3.f, p. 52);

6. That the General Assembly declare to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America its regret that the terms of our relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship have not been followed by either of our churches in relation to each other in that neither has sought consultation with the other on matters affecting our relationship. This fact was brought home to us through the joint meeting held in Grand Rapids on March 24, 1995, where our divergence on the matters discussed was clear and painful. It is true that the questions of women in ecclesiastical office and homosexuality had been discussed in several meetings of the then Reformed Ecumenical Synod when the OPC was a member of that body and that our churches thereby knew much about our respective views on those matters. Yet the fact remains that we did not consult each other concerning them. The result is that our two churches have followed different routes, and have come to very different conclusions, on these questions, thereby allowing them to become sources of severe friction and alienation between us. These difficulties have been further exacerbated by apparently differing views of church discipline. The General Assembly believes that our churches ought to make serious endeavor to resolve these problems.

The OPC suggests that our churches should even now, late though it may be, make serious effort to restore a fellowship that was so close for many years. The General Assembly therefore offers to consult with the CRCNA on these three matters to examine their merits with regard to both Scripture and the creeds, and appeals to the Synod of the CRCNA to agree to such consultations.
and to take such steps as may be necessary to institute them with the OPC (See III.A. of report).

2. That the General Assembly concur in the recommendation of NAPARC that the Reformed Church in the United States be received into the membership of NAPARC (See III.E. and V.B.8. of report).

3. That the General Assembly together with the General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC/GS) adopt the following:

Common Affirmations
Whereas on several occasions in recent years the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and representatives of the Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod) have had the opportunity and privilege of acquainting each other of matters relative to each of their Churches, and
Whereas on Tuesday, November 1, 1994, the Committee of Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (OPC) and Interchurch Relations Committee (BPC/GS) representatives met for an extended period, and cordially exchanged comments, questions and answers concerning perceived differences between our two denominations, and
Whereas the OPC and BPC/GS presbyters agreed that on the basis of the Westminster Standards (Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism) the doctrine, Christian life, and ecclesiology of both churches are so in accord with each other as to require us to seek fraternal relationship between our respective denominations, and
Whereas both our Churches endeavor to proclaim the Word of God faithfully, to rightly administer the sacraments, and to enact discipline to ensure, as much as possible, the purity of the church, and
Whereas we recognize each other as true Churches of Christ, more or less pure (WCF XXV.4.), in which the marks of the true church are found, and
Whereas we declare our willingness to hold appropriate fellowship with other churches of Christ; and though no one can undo 50 years of divergent history between our two denominations, we are encouraged to believe that God has begun to chart a different course for the future of our Churches,
Therefore, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to give expression to this reality by establishing a relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship.

4. That The Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommend to the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) that the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church be received into the membership of the ICRC (See III.G. of report).

Ground: Our church was asked by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to provide a recommendation to the International Conference of Reformed Churches for membership in that body.

The ARPC is one of the oldest churches in the United States, having been founded in 1782. Through those years it has faced many changes in our nation and its religion, and has sought to maintain its faithfulness to the Word of God. In recent years the Church was faced with decisions about Scripture itself relative to its college and theological seminary (Erskine), and established the principle for those institutions that Scripture "is without error in all that it teaches." The ordination vows of its ministers, ruling elders, and deacons require them to
affirm that “the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of the living God, the only perfect rule of faith and practice, to which nothing is to be added and from which nothing is to be taken at any time or upon any pretext.”

and to “accept the doctrines of this Church, contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, as founded on the Word of God and as the expression of your own faith, and (to) resolve to adhere thereto.”

The ARPC has also displayed a growing determination to seek to be faithful to the Scriptures with regard to its fellowship with other churches, which has been exhibited in its withdrawal from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council, and, now, by its desire to join the ICRC.

The Church conducts mission work in Germany, Mexico, the Middle East, Pakistan, and Russia.

5. That the General Assembly instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to appoint Messrs. Gaffin and Bube, whose expenses will be paid by the ICRC, and two other delegates to the 1997 ICRC meeting in Seoul (See VA. of report).

6. That the General Assembly propose to NAPARC that Article V, section 3 of the Constitution of the NAPARC be amended as follows (See VB. of report):

Admission to, suspension from, restoration to (after suspension), and termination of membership shall be proposed by recommendation of the Council to the member churches by two thirds of the ballots cast; and this proposal recommendation must then be approved adopted within three years by the approval of two thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches. A proposal to suspend or terminate the membership of a member church may be initiated only by a major assembly of a member church. A suspended church may send delegates to meetings of the Council but they shall not vote nor may that church be represented on the Interim Committee.

**Grounds:**

(1) The only avenue open for the exercise of oversight within NAPARC when a member-church finds itself in disagreement with the purpose and basis of the Constitution is that of the termination of membership. There needs to be a less radical and less final avenue open with which to deal with such churches. The avenue of suspension is such an avenue.

(2) Suspension of membership allows NAPARC and the church in question opportunity to deal with and resolve the situation which caused the disagreement with the purpose and basis of the Constitution.

(3) Suspension of membership should require the involvement of all the churches and their major/broader assemblies. It is a serious step and must not be undertaken precipitously.

7. That the General Assembly pay the NAPARC dues of $400 (See VB.5. of report).
62. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (Ecumenicity). Mr. L. H. Smith reported for Advisory Committee 6 concerning the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and Communications 1, 2, 5, and 7 as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

The advisory committee met with representatives of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and with the fraternal delegates present during our meeting time.

1. The committee is silent with respect to the report and recommendations of the CEIR with the exception of the following amendments to Recommendation 1

1.2 Insert "with Synod 1994" following "Affirm."

1.3 The following substitute:

Affirm with Synod 1994 that all homosexual thoughts or desires, as well as deeds, are sin (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism 139, Heidelberg Catechism 108,109,113);

1.4 The following substitute (replacing 4 with a new 4 and 5 and renumbering):

1.4 Affirm with Synod 1994 (Acts p. 448) that "as for all sinful conditions and sin, hope arises in that ‘the gospel of God’s grace in Christ is to be proclaimed...as the basis of...forgiveness, the power of...renewal, and the source of...strength to lead a sanctified life’ (Acts of Synod 1973, p. 52,3,d);"

1.5 In addition affirm that there is hope for all those who have erotic attractions for members of the same sex, because all sinners "who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally...[that] the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and that they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces to the practice of true holiness..." (Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.1., cf. XIII.2., 3.); so that we can say with Paul "Neither fornicators...nor homosexuals...shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God” I Corinthians 6:9-11 (NASB);

1.6 (New 1.7) Strike the words “late though it may be” in the second paragraph and insert in their place “though long overdue.”

2. Recommend that the General Assembly send the following resolution to the Reformed Church in Japan:

Whereas the news of the Great Hanshin Earthquake on January 17, 1995 has again reminded us of the temporary and impermanent nature of our pilgrimage on the face of this earth;

And whereas we read of the great personal losses suffered by those in the earthquake zone—particularly among those among the household of faith in the Reformed Church in Japan, including (according to the latest reports avail-
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able to us) the death of one member, serious injuries to 23 members (or their near relatives), damage sustained by the homes of 62 members which renders them no longer habitable, and the loss of jobs or destruction of the businesses of 15 members;

And whereas we learn of the significant damage to the houses of worship belonging to your congregations, especially those of the Kobe-Nagata Church and the Ashiya Church;

And whereas we hear with joy how you have already been able to minister in the name of our Lord to others who were injured or left homeless or destitute by the earthquake;

And whereas we remember the words of our Savior:

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Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. Luke 21:10-19.

Be it therefore resolved —

That the 62nd General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church communicates its deepest sympathies to the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan over the losses sustained during the Great Hanshin Earthquake;

That we assure you of our commitment to uphold you vigorously before the throne of grace as you endeavor to carry on the work given to you by your Savior;

That we praise our Lord for the grace He has already supplied to you during this display of His power as you have seized this opportunity to testify to His grace and His power to those around you whose lives have been turned upside down by this act of Almighty God; and

That we express our mutual comfort and delight in considering that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us.

To God be the glory!

63. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:05 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Peterson.

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64. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:01 a.m. with the singing of Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! and the Moderator led in prayer.
65. FRATERNAL DELEGATE INTRODUCTION. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced Dr. Richard C. Gamble, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. On motion Dr. Gamble was enrolled as a corresponding member.

66. ECUMENICITY (Cont.). Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, continued reporting for the committee.

67. PROCEDURAL MOTION (Ecumenicity). On motion the Assembly determined that when the vote is taken, to vote seriatim on Recommendation 1 of Advisory Committee 6.

68. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m. with the singing of My God, How Wonderful Thou Art.

69. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Ecumenicity). Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was adopted in due course without dissent in the following form:

1. That the General Assembly communicate the following to the Synod of the CRCNA:

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2. Affirm that the ordination and/or installation of women to the office of elder is contrary to the Scriptures (I Timothy 2:11,12; 3:2; Titus 1:6);

3. Affirm that homosexuality is part of “the corruption of [man’s] nature, whereby he is utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite unto all that is spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all evil” (WLC 25), and that “sodomy, and all unnatural lusts” and “all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections” are sin (WLC 139; cf. WCF VI.4., 5.)

4. Reaffirm that those who have erotic attractions for members of the same sex but “who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally: [that] the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and that they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces to the practice of true holiness” (cf. WCF XIII.1.);

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70. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Ecumenicity). Recommendations 2, 4, and 5 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted.

71. ACTION POSTPONED (Ecumenicity). By common consent consideration of Recommendation 3 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was postponed until Monday at the call of the Moderator (See §118).

72. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Taws led the devotional service. He read Matthew 25:1-13 and delivered a message entitled, "Waiting for the Bridegroom." The Assembly recessed at 12:18 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Taws and the singing of Rejoice, All Ye Believers.

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73. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of Come, Let us Sing unto the Lord. The Moderator led in prayer.

74. MINUTES POSTPONED. On motion the reading of the minutes was postponed until following the afternoon recess.

75. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. On motion Dr. Knight, alternate commissioner from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, was given the privilege of the floor.
76. **ECUMENICITY (Cont.).** Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, continued reporting for the committee.

77. **RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Ecumenicity).** Recommendations 6 and 7 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted.

78. **RECOMMENDATION REFERRAL (See §119).** On motion Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 6 was referred back to Advisory Committee 6 to consider a proposal for a denominational-wide relief offering for the Reformed Church in Japan.

79. **ECUMENICITY ELECTIONS.** The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Messrs. Knight, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., Tyson, R. A. Barker. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. R. A. Barker, Gaffin, and Tyson to the Class of 1998. Mr. L. H. Smith led in prayer for the Committee on Ecumenicity.

80. **PRAYER.** The Moderator announced that Mr. Lauer left the Assembly at the noon recess. Mr. Bube led the Assembly in prayer asking for God's care for Mr. Lauer's mother who is undergoing surgery today.

81. **COORDINATION.** Mr. J. D. Phillips presented the Report of the Committee on Coordination (see p. 152).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
1. That the General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 1996 (see III.A. of report):

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2. That the General Assembly approve the General Assembly Operation Fund budgets of $50,296 for the period August 1 through December 31, 1995 and $127,000 for 1996.

3. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that the Standing Rules be amended as follows:

   Chapter X.2. - insert a new sentence as the second sentence as follows:
   “Each shall carry out its duties as defined by and in accord with its bylaws/policies, and shall report to the Assembly annually.”
Chapter X.4. - delete entire section (it reappears, adapted, in Instrument H.) and renumber sections 5-7.
Chapter XII - amend to read as follows:

Chapter XII. OF FINANCES
1. The funds of each standing committee and special committee, except for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and the Committee on Pensions (which shall be administered separately by its own officers), shall be administered by the Committee on Coordination.
2. The finances of the three program committees (Committee on Christian Education, Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension) shall be administered in accord with Instrument E.
3. There shall be established the following General Assembly funds:
   a. The General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) which shall finance the office of the Stated Clerk, and the work of the General Assembly other than the three program committees, the Committees on Diaconal Ministries and on Pensions.
   b. The General Assembly Travel Fund (GATF) which shall finance the expenses of commissioners incurred in attending General Assemblies (which may include travel, food, and lodging).
4. The finances of the GAOF shall be administered in accord with III.B.5.j. and Instrument H.
5. The finances of the GATF shall be administered as approved by the Assembly, and with the following provisions:
   a. Ordinarily, travel compensation shall not be given to commissioners to the General Assembly unless (1) they attend every business session of the Assembly, or (2) they submit written requests to be excused from a portion of the business sessions of the Assembly necessitated by circumstances beyond their control, to the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel, no later than the formation of the roll, or upon their arrival, whichever occurs last, and such requests are granted. The committee shall present its recommendations on the requests at the next session of the Assembly. Men who are allowed to leave by later Assembly action shall receive not more than half the amount they would otherwise be entitled to, except those who are excused because of unforeseen emergency.
   b. Commissioners who incur a loss of regular income in order to attend the General Assembly shall be given full travel compensation if they are in attendance on any five full days of Assembly business. Men in this category who attend for less than five full days shall lose travel compensation at the rate of 25% per day.

Chapter XIII - amend by adding "h. Guidelines for the General Assembly Operation Fund."

Ground: This recommendation is in response to a mandate from the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 4).

4. That the 62nd General Assembly amend the Instruments of the General Assembly as follows, to take effect if and when the changes to the Standing Rules proposed in
Recommendation 3 above are adopted:

Add the following to the Instruments:

H. GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND

1. Those making contributions for the attainment of the approved budgets of the General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) are encouraged to make their checks payable to “The Orthodox Presbyterian Church” and to note “GAOF” thereon.

2. Standing or special committees that draw upon the GAOF for their expenses shall limit their expenses to the amounts set by the Assembly when it adopts the budget for the GAOF, except as follows:
   a. The Stated Clerk may authorize such a committee to spend up to 10% over its budget, upon request of the committee submitted prior to the incurring of the expense, if in his judgment the expense will be offset by a corresponding under-expenditure elsewhere in the GAOF.
   b. In situations in which the Stated Clerk and the Executive Committee of the Committee on Coordination jointly determine to be of overriding importance to the Church, they may (if there are sufficient funds on hand in the GAOF) authorize an expenditure in excess of that allowed in a. above, and they shall report their decision (together with the reasons therefor) to the next General Assembly.
   c. Gifts specially designated for projects/purposes included in approved budgets shall not increase the total amount budgeted for that committee/cause unless the GAOF has met its budgeted receipts.
   d. Gifts specially designated for projects/purposes not included in approved budgets may be accepted only upon approval by the Stated Clerk (after consulting with the appropriate committee), who shall determine whether such gifts shall or shall not be reckoned in fulfillment of the approved budget.
   e. Gifts received by bequest or from sources outside the Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall not be reckoned as contributing to the fulfillment of the approved budget.

Ground: This recommendation is in response to a mandate from the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 4).

5. That the 62nd General Assembly reinstate the policy for distributing minutes that existed prior to the action of the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 2), except that each copy of the minutes include a request to contribute $15.00 per copy to cover the cost of printing.

6. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that Chapter X.2.i. of the Standing Rules be amended by adding “...and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly...” in the second sentence, after the phrase “The General Secretaries of the three program committees...”. Ground: This places the Stated Clerk of the Assembly in the same capacity as the three General Secretaries, i.e. an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Coordination (COC) which seems appropriate, since the GAOF has been placed under the COC.
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7. That the 62nd General Assembly amend the Instruments of the General Assembly by adding to Instrument E.2.(c) the words "...and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly..." after the phrase "...the General Secretaries of the three program committees...", to take effect if and when the changes to the Standing Rules proposed in Recommendation 6 above are adopted.

_Ground:_ Same as Ground for Recommendation 6 above.

8. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that Chapter X.2.i. of the Standing Rules be amended by deleting from the last sentence the word "voting" and adding after the word "member" the phrase "...elected by the General Assembly...".

_Ground:_ This proposed change would allow the three program committees to elect their preferred representative to the COC as they choose, without the "seven years and out" provision ruling out their choice.

9. That the 62nd General Assembly amend Instrument E of the Instruments of the General Assembly by relettering paragraph E.4.q after deleting paragraphs E.4.o and E.4.p. in their entirety and replacing them with a new paragraph E.4.o., and, to read as follows:

_o._ The purpose of this paragraph is to provide flexibility in the funding of support for new missionaries being sent to new foreign missions works, to promote closer ties of such missionaries with existing congregations, and to foster greater interest in the pursuit of foreign missions within the church as a whole.

(1) The Committee on Foreign Missions may, with the approval of the Committee on Coordination, undertake a special relationship with one or more session(s) or presbytery(s) ("the participant") with respect to a man being sent to labor as a missionary evangelist in a new foreign missions work.

(2) The contemplated special relationship includes:

(a) A commitment for an initial period of not less than two years to provide the financial support (or portion thereof) for the missionary from sources that are over and above the participant's regular giving to the Worldwide Outreach combined budget;

(b) The establishment of a committee by the participant to actively promote the work (and the "over and above" support therefor) of the missionary, to serve as the liaison between the participant and the Committee on Foreign Missions, and to be available for consultation and encouragement as major decisions are taken regarding that work;

(c) An intention for the missionary to concentrate his activities for up to one-half of each furlough period among those with whom the Committee on Foreign Missions has undertaken a special relationship(s) with respect to his work; and

(d) A review of each special relationship every five years by the Committee on Coordination to ascertain whether it is then possible to include support for the missionary within the Worldwide Outreach combined budget (which is the desired objective).

(3) The following rules shall apply:

(a) Prior to seeking the approval of the Committee on Coordination under (1) above, the Committee on Foreign Missions shall certify that its current financial position is such that additional funding (beyond its portion of
the Worldwide Outreach combined budget) must be developed in order to support the missionary through his first term of service;

(b) The term, “new foreign missions work,” refers to a foreign mission field to which the Committee on Foreign Missions has been sending (without interruption) missionary evangelists for ten or fewer years;

(c) To be eligible under this paragraph, the man shall have been a member in good standing of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the preceding two years and at least two years shall have elapsed since the date the man was licensed to preach the gospel;

(d) Discussions regarding the undertaking of a special relationship may be initiated by either the Committee on Foreign Missions or by one or more sessions or presbyteries;

(e) Funds received for the support of missionaries approved under (1) above shall not be reckoned as contributing to the fulfillment of the responsibility of The Orthodox Presbyterian churches for the approved budgets of the program committees;

(f) After its approval by the Committee on Coordination, the special relationship shall commence at a mutually agreeable date; and

(g) All special relationships under this paragraph shall be reported to the General Assembly annually.

Grounds:

(1) The current version of paragraphs E.4.o. and E.4.p. was added to the Instruments of the General Assembly in 1987 (Minutes, 54th GA, §117-121, pp. 36-39) to: provide a means whereby men in the denomination with a vision to labor in a particular field may do so within the denomination; provide flexibility in the funding of new foreign missions works; promote closer ties of such works with existing congregations; and foster greater interest in the pursuit of foreign missions within the church as a whole. To those who have periodically worked with these paragraphs for a number of years, it has become apparent that the whole process needs to be both simplified and clarified. Not a few presbyters have found them, at least in some of the provisions, to be confusing. The proposed amendment presents what is believed to be a more workable framework for promoting the cause of foreign missions within the church as a whole.

(2) The proposed amendment clarifies the parties involved in a special relationship and more clearly sets forth their responsibilities thereunder.

(3) The proposed amendment stresses the importance of working through the appropriate courts of the church in developing the special relationships and removes the individual missionary deputation aspects of the current version of paragraph E.4.o. from the Instrument (see the Report of Advisory Committee 1 Minority, Minutes, 54th GA, §60, p. 17).

(4) The proposed amendment stresses the “over and above” character (in relation to the participant’s regular giving to the Worldwide Outreach combined budget) of the financial support sought to be developed through the special relationship.

(5) The proposed amendment codifies what has become the anticipated practice regarding the use of the missionary’s furlough.

(6) The proposed amendment codifies the understanding that new works, begun with “over and above” funding through special relationships, should eventually be brought within the Worldwide Outreach combined budget, and periodically makes that issue a specific docket item for the Committee on Coordination.

(7) The proposed amendment provides a definition of a “new foreign missions work.”
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10. That the 62nd General Assembly amend Instrument E of the Instruments of the General Assembly as follows (words lined through are to be deleted, words underlined are to be added):

E. COORDINATING THE PROGRAMS OF WITNESS AND EDIFICATION

1. PURPOSE

There shall be a Committee on Coordination to assist the Church, as a whole, and as congregations making up the whole, unitedly and separately, in its world-wide calling of witness to the world and edification of the church. The whose primary purposes of the committee shall be to recommend to the General Assembly a combined budget coordinate the strategic planning of for the three program committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension) and provide oversight of the General Assembly Operation Funds for the succeeding year 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, and to provide oversight of the General Assembly Operation Funds.

2. STRUCTURE

The committee shall consist of (a) one member each of the three worldwide outreach program committees above, elected by his representative committee; (b) six members at large, elected by the General Assembly (see Standing Rule H.X 2.); and (c) the General Secretaries of the three program committees as ex officio members without vote.

3. FUNCTIONS

The committee shall seek to develop the financial support needed to achieve both short- and long-range goals for the Church's program as a denomination and shall recommend to the General Assembly priorities for the achievement of the both short- and long-range goals set by the three program committees of the denomination, including the financial support needed. To this end its functions shall include:

a. reviewing the program (including budgets) desired by each program committee each year;

b. recommending a combined budget approving a program (including budgets) for each of the program committees for submission annually to the General Assembly for its commendation and approval, and to the sessions and churches for their commendation and support;

c. arranging for the orderly receiving and accounting of funds for the program committees;

d. approving guidelines for promotion of the work and for development of support;

e. developing and preparing programs to encourage the practices of good stewardship;

f. For act acting as fiscal agent for the General Assembly in receiving, disbursing, and keeping account of receipts and disbursements of the General Assembly Operation Funds and shall make the accounts accessible to the Stated Clerk.
4. OPERATION

The method of operation to carry out the functions of the Committee shall be these or similar activities:

   a. Elect its officers annually.
   b. Meet at least **two** times a year.
   c. Review, early in each year, the programs (including budgets) desired by each program committee for the ensuing year.
   d. Obtain and review, early in the year, the programs (including budgets) conducted by the congregations and presbyteries that have the effect of supplementing the programs of the program committees separately from those programs.
   e. Approve a program for each of the program committees that will take into account the desires of the program committees and the supplementary programs of the congregations and presbyteries.
   f. Recommend to the next General Assembly a combined budget for the succeeding year reflecting the committee's judgment as to the most desirable apportionment of the anticipated resources of the church.
   g. Consider, and if possible implement, a means of seeking annually from each session and/or congregation a statement of a goal for the support of the work of the program committees.
   h. Report annually to the General Assembly. The report shall include (1) information concerning the committee's work (including the costs of the operation of the committee), and the share of those costs borne by each of the program committees; (2) recommendations for a combined budget coordinated for the program committees, together with budgets for the Assembly's approval and commendation to the churches for their support; (3) a projection of the desired goals of the program committees for the following year; and (4) [Submit a recommended budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for the Assembly's approval.]

5. STAFF

(see Recommendation 9 above)

Notes:

(1) These proposed changes to Instrument E. narrow the mandate for the Committee on Coordination to budgetary matters only.

(2) The proposed wording of E.1., E.3.f., and E.4.g., in italics, incorporates changes approved by the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §174, Recommendation 2) with slight wording modifications to be consistent with the rest of the instrument.

82. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4 (Coordination). Mr. deHaas reported for Advisory Committee 4 concerning the Committee on Coordination as follows: Advisory Committee 4 (with all of its eleven members participating) reviewed the report of the Committee on Coordination (COC). This included interviews with Messrs. J. D. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee on Coordination, S. F. Phillips, Vice-Chairman of Committee on Coordination, David E. Haney, Controller, Bube, R. W. Graham, and Tyson, General Secretaries of the three program committees, and with Mr. Duff, Stated Clerk.
NEW OFFICE BUILDING: The committee notes that late in 1994 the three program
committees—Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Ex-
tension—purchased jointly a building for use as denominational offices, and the committee
provides the following information for the record:
1. The building is owned equally by each of the three committees and they are
responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility.
2. Purchase was completed on December 31, 1994 and occupation took place
on February 6, 1995.
3. The location is 607 N. Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA.
4. The building has two floors, with a total of 10,000 sq. ft. At present the
upper floor is rented to other parties. Space used by the Committee on Coordination, the
Stated Clerk, and Great Commission Publications, are rented from the program commit-
tees.
5. The price for the building was $825,000, which the committees believed
was a favorable price, considerably below the asking price. Funds to purchase the building
were from invested proceeds from the 1990 sale of the former Elkins Park, PA office build-
ing and $330,000 borrowed internally, interest free, from the various committees. The latter
amount is scheduled to be repaid in 10 years.
6. Some renovations were made before the building was occupied, and the
committees believe that it should serve the Church well for many years to come. With
occupation of the present space the net operating costs are expected to be about the same as,
or less than, the quarters rented since 1990.

RECOMMENDATION
That a committee of four be elected to study the appropriateness of moving oversight
of the GAOF from the COC to the Board of Trustees or some other group, and, if this is
deemed appropriate, to formulate a recommendation for an orderly transfer; making a
report of their conclusions with recommendations, if any, to the 63rd General Assembly,
and that a budget of $100 be provided.

Advisory Committee 4 approves of Recommendations 1, 5, 8, and 9 of the Commit-
tee on Coordination and offers the following changes to Recommendations 2, 3, 6, 7, and
10.

RECOMMENDATIONS
2. With the assistance of the controller new, up-to-date budgets for the period 8/1 to
12/31/95 and for the period 1/1 to 12/31/96 were prepared, and were distributed to the
Assembly. It is recommended by Advisory Committee 4 that the churches be requested to
contribute $16 for each communicant member to meet the needs of the 1996 GAOF budget.

3. Approve with the following changes:
   a) In XII.1. change the words “administered by” to “administered through.”
   b) Change the title of XII.3. to “The following General Assembly funds
      shall be established:”
   c) Change XII.3.a. to read “The General Assembly...other than that of the
      three program committees and the Committees on Diaconal Ministries and on
      Pensions.
   d) Change the title line of XII.5. to read “Travel compensation to commis-
      sioners to the General Assembly shall be administered by the Committee on

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Date, Place, and Travel under the following provision and/or as additionally approved by the Assembly from time to time:"

4. Approve with the following changes:
   a) Delete the words “specially” in H.2.c. and in H.2.d.

6. and 7. That the Assembly not adopt recommendations 6 and 7 of the COC. Explanation: Notwithstanding the innocuous effect of the intended action ("placing the Stated Clerk in the same capacity...") and notwithstanding the unassuming character of the present Stated Clerk, the advisory committee sees the recommendation as moving the Assembly in the direction of excessively centralized authority.

10. Approve with the following changes:
   a) Change the title to “E. COORDINATING BUDGETS”
   b) Change the PURPOSE to:
      “1. There shall be a Committee on Coordination whose primary purposes are to recommend to the General Assembly each year a combined budget of witness and edification of the Committees on Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension, and a budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund.
      a. Witness and Edification
         The committee shall coordinate the proposed budgets of the above program committees by formulating them into a combined budget for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly so as to (1) help the Church maximize the use of its resources for the fulfillment of its tasks, (2) support the ministry of the pastors and sessions in their responsibility to teach and encourage the practice of biblical stewardship in the church and, (3) help coordinate the promotion of the work of the three program committees in the development of support for their work.
      b. General Assembly Operation Fund
         The committee shall review the financial needs for the orderly operation of the General Assembly's affairs through the work of the Stated Clerk and his office, special committees of the General Assembly, and the budgets of other causes assigned to the GAOF by the Assembly. To this end all causes needing funds from the GAOF shall submit their budgets to the committee for each Assembly. The committee shall submit its recommendations for this Fund in its report to the General Assembly.”
   c) Change 3.a. and b. to read as follows:
      a. Reviewing the programs desired by each program committee and the several causes represented in the GAOF each year with a view to their budgets.
      b. Recommend budgets for the Worldwide Outreach programs and the GAOF each year.”
   d) Change 4.c. to read as follows:
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Review, early in each year, the proposed budgets for the Worldwide Outreach programs and the GAOF for the ensuing year."

e) Change 4.e. to read as follows:

Recommend to each General Assembly a combined budget for the three program committees and the GAOF for the Assembly's commendation and approval, and to the sessions and churches for their commendation and support, a combined budget for the Worldwide Outreach programs that set forth the committee's judgment as to the most desirable apportionment of the anticipated resources of the Church for these ministries, and an overall budget for the GAOF.

f) Change 4.f. to read as follows:

Consider, and if possible implement, a means of seeking annually from each session and/or congregation a statement of a budgetary goal for the support of the work of the program committees and the GAOF.

83. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Coordination). Recommendations 1, 4, 5, 9, and 10 of the Committee on Coordination were adopted. Recommendation 2 of the Committee on Coordination will be taken-up at the time of the General Assembly Operation Fund. Recommendation 3 of the Committee on Coordination was adopted with the amendments proposed in Recommendation 3 of Advisory Committee 4. Recommendation 6 of the Committee on Coordination was defeated and therefore Recommendation 7 became moot. Recommendation 8 of the Committee on Coordination was lost.

84. RECOMMENDATION REFERRAL (Coordination). On motion Recommendation 10 of Advisory Committee 4 was referred to the Committee on Coordination.

85. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Coordination, see §89). The amended recommendation of Advisory Committee 4 was adopted as follows: That a committee of three, named the Budget Oversight Study Committee, be elected to study the appropriateness of moving oversight of the GAOF from the COC to the Board of Trustees or some other group, and, if this is deemed appropriate, to formulate a recommendation for an orderly transfer; making a report of their conclusions with recommendations, if any, to the 63rd General Assembly.

86. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. with the singing of The Church's One Foundation.

87. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced Dr. Gamble, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Dr. Gamble addressed the Assembly. Mr. D. G. Barker led in prayer for the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

88. MINUTES. The Moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the
sessions of Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, June 2. The minutes were approved as corrected.

89. BUDGET OVERSIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS (Cf. §85).
The Moderator declared the floor open for nominations to the Budget Oversight Study Committee. The following were nominated: Messrs. Galbraith, Laverty, Graham, Porter. At a later time, the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Galbraith, Graham, Porter, with Mr. Porter as convener.

90. COORDINATION ELECTIONS. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Coordination for the Class of 1998. The following were nominated: Minister: DeMaster; Elder: LoGiudice. There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared Messrs. DeMaster and LoGiudice elected to the Class of 1998.

91. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Galbraith.

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92. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of Amazing Grace and with prayer led by Mr. Lodge, including prayer for the Committee on Coordination.

93. BYLAW SUSPENSION (Coordination). On motion Standing Rule X.2.i. was suspended so that Mr. J. D. Phillips might be allowed to serve on the Committee on Coordination for two years subject to his appointment by the Committee on Christian Education.

94. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL (Cont.). Mr. Porter reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
5. That the 63d General Assembly convene at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 1996, with a projected terminus of noon, Wednesday, June 12, 1996, this schedule being planned to accommodate any festivities which are being planned for June 11, 1996 (60th Anniversary).
6. That Messrs. Lawrence Semel, David R. Heise and Douglas W. Snyder be constituted the Committee on Arrangements for the 63d General Assembly.
7. That Standing Rule XII.1. be suspended and that Mr. David G. Miller be excused at 10:20 a.m., Wednesday, June 7 without loss of travel compensation, to enable him to maintain a previously arranged commitment.
8. That Mr. Stewart E. Lauer be excused from the Saturday afternoon session, June 3 without loss of travel compensation, to enable him to be with his mother at a Pittsburgh hospital where she will undergo emergency intestinal surgery.
9. That commissioners who submitted valid travel vouchers by 10:20 a.m., Saturday, June 3, be reimbursed according to the following schedule for one round-trip from their homes to Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA.
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 $0.22 per mile, plus $0.05 per mile for each passenger who is
eligible to receive travel compensation, with the exception that the driver not receive an
amount greater than the combined cost of economy airfares for himself and his passenger(s)
or for himself if traveling alone.

c. Those traveling by private conveyance as passengers be reimbursed at the
rate of $0.05 per mile to the nearest dollar.

d. Those claiming them be reimbursed for tolls and parking fees incurred in
conjunction with “a” and “b” above.

10. That commissioners who applied for it be reimbursed up to $225.00 for ex-
penses incurred in conjunction with attendance at the Assembly for room, meal and regis-
tration expenses.

11. That the Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly
Travel Fund for 1996 at the rate of $6.00 per communicant member.

12. That the Committee on Date, Place and Travel be authorized to make arrange-
ments for centralized travel arrangements to the 63d General Assembly for commissioners
and other representatives. In order to facilitate this effort, presbyteries and committees
authorized to send commissioners or corresponding members are requested to elect such
persons by January 31, 1996, and to communicate immediately thereafter their selectees’
names and addresses to the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, the Stated Clerk and the
Committee on Arrangements.

13. That Mr. Stewart E. Lauer be reimbursed for actual costs sustained in renting the
vehicle used to transport himself and other commissioners and that he and his passengers
receive $10.00 each for incidental expenses.

14. That Mr. Gordon H. Singer be reimbursed for actual costs sustained in renting
the vehicle used to transport himself and other commissioners and that he and his passen-
gers receive $10.00 each for incidental expenses.

15. That the Stated Clerk be reimbursed for actual costs sustained in renting a ve-
hicle large enough to transport his equipment, files and supplies to the Assembly.

95 RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Date, Place, and Travel). On motion
Recommendations 5-15 of the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel were adopted.

96. PROCEDURAL MOTION (Date, Place, Travel, Recommendations 5
and 6). On motion the Assembly determined to reconsider Recommendations 5 and
6 of the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel. On motion Recommendations 5 and 6 of the
Committee on Date, Place, and Travel were referred back to the committee (See §161).

97. DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP. Mr. Cottenden reported for the
Committee on Revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God. (see p.235)

98. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Worship). Mr. S. F. Miller reported the silence
regarding Advisory Committee 8 on the Report of the Committee on Revisions to the
Directory for the Public Worship of God.

99. OVERTURE 1 (Worship). Mr. S. F. Miller reported for Advisory
Committee 8 regarding Overture 1 as follows: Advisory Committee 8 concurs with
Overture 1.
In concurring, the committee wishes the assembly to know that it appreciates the labors of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God (CRDPW). It is our judgment that the faithfulness of this committee has brought us to the point where, in the Lord's providence, we are able to see the enormity of the issues involved. In fact, the CRDPW has recognized how significant these issues are by stating that the Directory must harmonize with the confessional and governmental standards of the church. To quote the committee's last year report:

The question whether ministers and ruling elders are one office, called to share their duties in common, is not to be settled primarily in the Directory for Public Worship but in the confessional and governmental standards of the Church, with which the Directory must harmonize (*Minutes*, 61st GA, 1994, p. 236; see also the context for this quote, pp. 235-37).

Also, the difficulties facing the committee have been brought into focus by the CRDPW's concentration, during the last year, on the regulative principle. The CRDPW has said:

...before full attention can be directed again to the work of revision, the committee needs to make further progress on the meaning and application of the regulative principle (Report of the committee, p. 236).

Further, the CRDPW has said that it will have to "address again the relationship of office to the matter of roles in worship" (Ibid.).

It is our judgment that the task of the CRDPW is now impossible without undertaking the revision of several parts of the subordinate standards. This moves the task of the committee beyond revisions to the present Directory for Worship and requires other constitutional means for the resolution of the questions in view.

100. MINORITY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8 (Worship, Overture I). Mr. Patterson reported for the Minority of Advisory Committee 8 regarding Overture 1 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Assembly not concur with Overture 1.

Grounds:

(1) The Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship (Hereafter CRDPW) acknowledges the enormity of the task entrusted to them. To quote the committee's report:

"...before full attention can be directed again to the work of revision, the committee needs to make further progress on the meaning and application of the regulative principle (Report of the CRDPW, p. 236).

(2) The CRDPW affirms that each part of the standards must be in harmony with all the others. To quote the committees report to the Sixty-First General Assembly:

"It should go without saying that each part of the Standards should be in harmony with all the others. (*Minutes*, 61st GA, 1994, p. 235).
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(3) The appropriate instrument for addressing concerns with the direction of the committee and possible conflicts with the standards at this time is through the CRDPW. This is in accordance with the decision of the Sixty-First General Assembly:

The advisory committee recommends that the General Assembly instruct the Stated Clerk to circulate copies of section II of the "Report of the CRDPW" to all sessions of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church encouraging them to offer comments and criticisms to the committee. (Minutes, 61st GA, 1994, §113, p. 32).
(This recommendation was adopted by the General Assembly §115, p. 32.)

(4) It would be premature to dissolve the CRDPW while they are still seeking to complete their mandate.

101. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Minority, Overture 1). The Assembly voted in the negative on the question "Shall Overture 1 be adopted?" and the Overture was denied. Mr. S. F. Miller led in prayer for the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God.

102. OVERTURE 2 (Advisory Committee 9). Mr. Gardner reported for Advisory Committee 9 regarding Overture 2 as follows: Advisory Committee 9 recommends that the Assembly approve the plea of Overture 2 with the following provisions:
1. That the Presbytery of New York and New England submit the names for the proposed presbyteries to a subsequent General Assembly for approval prior to the consummation of the division.
2. That the division be effected on a January 1st.
Grounds:
(1) While the committee expressed concern over the small number of congregations within proposed Presbyteries B and C, nevertheless the committee believes that the Presbytery of New York and New England had done its homework (having had this before it since at least October 1993, not counting actions taken in the 1930's) and had itself voted overwhelmingly for the reorganization.
(2) The Assembly has the power to "reorganize presbyteries," and therefore has the power to approve, in advance, the names thereof.
(3) To effect a division on any other date would complicate statistical reporting.

103. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with the singing of My Hope is Built on Nothing Less.

104. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced Dr. DeWaard, Reformed Churches of Australia. Mr. DeWaard addressed the Assembly. Mr. Tyson led in prayer for the Reformed Churches of Australia.

105. FRATERNAL DELEGATE INTRODUCTION. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Harold O. Kelley, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. On motion Mr. Kelley was enrolled as a corresponding member.
106. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR. On motion, the Rev. Roger L. Gibbons, alternate commissioner of the Presbytery of the Southwest, was granted the privilege of the floor.

107. OVERTURE 2 REFERRAL (Advisory Committee 9). On motion the Assembly referred Overture 2 back to the Presbytery of New York and New England and requested it, if it continues to favor dividing the presbytery, to include in its report to the GA, plans for the continuation of a home missions program in the resulting presbyteries, and for the continuation of its commitment to the Foreign Missions enterprise, and that if and when the General Assembly approves a division of the Presbytery of New York and New England it do so with the following provisions:

1. That the Presbytery of New York and New England submit the names for the proposed presbyteries to the General Assembly for approval prior to the consummation of the division.
2. That the division be effected on a January 1st.

108. OVERTURE 3 AND 4 (Advisory Committee 9). Mr. Gardner reported for Advisory Committee 9 regarding Overtures 3 and 4 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
That the Assembly return Overtures 3 and 4 to the Presbytery of the Midwest without prejudice.

*Grounds:*

1. It appears to the committee, in meeting with and talking to members of the presbytery in attendance at this General Assembly, that significant information is still lacking which would enable the Assembly to make an informed decision (e.g., unanswered questions in Communication 6. If the Presbytery of the Midwest should desire to resubmit the overtures, it ought to pursue the gathering of necessary information as to the legalities of an official affiliation between church corporate entities in Canada and the United States.

2. The committee does not want this action of the General Assembly to be seen as a lack of enthusiasm for our brothers and sisters in St. Thomas, and for the proper oversight of that work. It is the desire of the committee that this relationship be nurtured in an environment which precludes, as far as is possible, any undesirable civil entanglements.

109. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Overtures 3 and 4). On motion Overtures 3 and 4 were returned to the Presbytery of the Midwest encouraging it to consult with the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

110. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Diaconal, cf. §52). Mr. Lauer reported for Advisory Committee 5 regarding dealing with major disasters diaconally.

RECOMMENDATION
That the General Assembly instruct the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, in consultation with representatives of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, or other agencies of the church, develop a policy to meet needs arising from major disasters and to report to the 63rd General Assembly.

111. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Diaconal). The recommendation of Advisory Committee 5 regarding the development of a diaconal policy for assistance in major disasters was adopted.
112. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Pensions, cf. §58). Mr. Lauer reported for Advisory Committee 5 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
That the General Assembly inform the Sessions of the following:

(1) The Hospitalization plan of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 1994 had an estimated net liability of almost $400,000. The 1995 Report of the Committee on Pensions reports “liabilities in excess of net assets” of $277,429. Insurance programs normally report more liabilities than those included in the committee’s report. The largest additional liability is for coverage of medical bills for services received prior to December 31, 1994 but not yet reported. They may not have been reported because the providers of services or the participants may not have submitted the bills by that time. The insurance program is responsible for covering these unreported claims, even under the extreme circumstance of plan termination.

A rule of thumb is to assume that the total claim liability is equal to 3 or 4 months worth of paid claims. 30% of the $544,242 (1994 paid claims) is $163,273. Subtracting the claims payable of $60,122 from the $163,273 leaves $103,151 not reported in the statements.

(2) The need for increased enrollment in the plan by eligible participants (all Orthodox Presbyterian Church officers: ministers, ruling elders, deacons, licentiates, full-time employees of the churches and denominational agencies, and full-time teachers in Christian schools that are associated with the OPC) is urgent.

(3) The need for every church to respond to the request of the committee for supplemental contributions is urgent.

113. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Pensions). The recommendation of Advisory Committee 5 was adopted. Mr. Lauer led the Assembly in prayer for the Committees on Diaconal Ministries and Pensions.

114. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Patterson led the devotional service. The Assembly sang Lift High the Cross. Mr. Patterson led in prayer, read Acts 28:13-38, and delivered a message entitled “Being a Good Shepherd of the Sheep.” The Assembly recessed at 12:28 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Patterson.

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115. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:17 p.m. with the singing of Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim and Mr. Mahaffy led in prayer.

116. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. John McMillan, fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America. Mr. McMillan addressed the Assembly. Mr. R. A. Barker led in prayer for the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America, and our relationship with them.

117. OBSERVER INTRODUCTION. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Messrs. Kevin M. Backus and E. Bennett Robinson, observers from the Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod).
On motion Messrs. Backus and Bennett were given the privilege of the floor during this item of business.

118. **ECUMENICITY (Cont., cf. §71).** Recommendation 3 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was adopted without dissent (see §61). Mr. Peterson led in prayer for the Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod) and our relationship with them.

119. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 (Cf. §78).** Mr. L. H. Smith reported for Advisory Committee 6. The following amended motion was adopted without dissent.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the General Assembly send the following resolution to the Reformed Church in Japan:

   Whereas the news of the Great Hanshin Earthquake on January 17, 1995 has again reminded us of the temporary and impermanent nature of our pilgrimage on the face of this earth;
   And whereas we read of the great personal losses suffered by those in the earthquake zone—particularly among those among the household of faith in the Reformed Church in Japan, including (according to the latest reports available to us) the death of one member, serious injuries to 23 members (or their near relatives), damage sustained by the homes of 62 members which renders them no longer habitable, and the loss of jobs or destruction of the businesses of 15 members;
   And whereas we learn of the significant damage to the houses of worship belonging to your congregations, especially those of the Kobe-Nagata Church and the Ashiya Church;
   And whereas we hear with joy how you have already been able to minister in the name of our Lord to others who were injured or left homeless or destitute by the earthquake;
   And whereas we remember the words of our Savior:
   Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Be it therefore resolved —

That the 62nd General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church communicates its deepest sympathies to the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan over the losses sustained during the Great Hanshin Earthquake;
That we assure you of our commitment to uphold you vigorously before the throne of grace as you endeavor to carry on the work given to you by your Savior;

That we praise our Lord for the grace He has already supplied to you during this display of His power as you have seized this opportunity to testify to His grace and His power to those around you whose lives have been turned upside down by this act of Almighty God; and

That we express our mutual comfort and delight in considering that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us.

To God be the glory!

2. In view of the great personal losses suffered by our brothers and sisters in Japan as a result of the Great Hanshin Earthquake of January 17, 1995, and, further, in view of the significant damage to some of the houses of worship belonging to congregations of the Reformed Church in Japan (a Church with which we have had close fraternal ties for many years), the 62nd General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church urges its congregations to contribute generously to our brothers and sisters of the Reformed Church in Japan, that these financial gifts be forwarded to the OPC Committee on Foreign Missions, and that the Committee on Foreign Missions be requested to promote and administer the collection and transmission of the offering.

120. MINUTES. The Moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the sessions of Friday, June 2, through Saturday, June 3. The minutes were approved as corrected.

121. S. F. MILLER ASSUMES CHAIR. At the request of the Moderator, Mr. S. F. Miller assumed the chair.

122. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 1). Mr. Jones reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 1 (see p. 226).

RECOMMENDATION
1. That Complaint 1 be found out of order by the General Assembly.
   
   Ground: The complaint brought forward from presbytery on appeal to the General Assembly is not essentially the same as that brought forward to presbytery on appeal (contrary to BD IX.3.).

123. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 1). Mr. Warren reported for Advisory Committee 10 as follows: Advisory Committee 10 concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 1.

   Ground: The complainant violated BD IX.5: “Appeal shall be entered at the earliest possible time.”

124. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 1). The recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted and the complaint was found out of order.

125. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaints 2 and 3). Mr. Jones reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaints 2 and 3.
RECOMMENDATION
2. That Complaint 2 (disposition of charge) be found in order and properly before the General Assembly.

PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPLAINTS 2 AND 3
1. That the two complaints be ruled as essentially one in seeking one of the following two amends:
   a. that General Assembly direct the Presbytery of New Jersey to institute judicial process per the original charges brought against a ministerial member of said presbytery; or
   b. that General Assembly direct the Presbytery of New Jersey to conduct another preliminary investigation of the charges brought by Messrs. Mumma, Rockhill, and Springer with due consideration for the information presented in the December 15 letter; and with a view to determining if a trial is warranted.

2. That the General Assembly rule out of order all arguments and evidence respecting alleged culpability of the minister originally charged, and that said minister's name not be made part of the debate or record of this twofold complaint.

   Grounds:
   (1) It is improper to put an individual and his reputation on trial before the highest court of the church before the case has been considered by the court of original jurisdiction. To admit evidence or arguments that impugn the individual is to place him de facto on trial.
   (2) The Presbytery of New Jersey, where original jurisdiction in the case resides, has already determined that the charges do not warrant a trial. The General Assembly may properly judge where corrupt process or errors of interpreting the constitution in such a case may be relevant. The Assembly is at a distinct disadvantage in any role where it makes itself a trier of fact.
   (3) The case before us is a complaint and not a judicial appeal. The only parties under our current standards who may appeal a judicial decision are those who are accused and found guilty or those judicatories whose judgments are overturned (BD VII.1.). Though older Presbyterian discipline allowed a private accuser the right of appeal, that is not the case with current OPC discipline. This being the case, a complaint may not become a back door vehicle for judicial appeals by accusers who fail to make their case at a lower level. Complaints, if legitimate at all in such cases, must be confined to questions of procedural irregularity or errors of constitutional interpretation.

126. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 2). Mr. Warren reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaints 2 as follows:
(1) Advisory Committee 10 concurs with Recommendation 2
(2) Advisory Committee 10 concurs with Procedural Recommendation 2
(3) Advisory Committee 10 does not concur with Procedural Recommendation 1

RECOMMENDATIONS (Advisory Committee)
1. That the General Assembly deny Complaint 2.
   Ground: The presbytery has given adequate refutation of the Complaint's grounds.
2. That debate on Complaint 2 be confined to the grounds given in Complaint 2 (see III.C.3. of the report.)

127. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Complaint 2). Recommendation 2 of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted and Complaint 2 was found in
order and properly before the Assembly. Procedural Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was defeated. Procedural Recommendation 2 was adopted. Advisory Committee 10's Procedural Recommendation 2 was adopted. The Assembly voted in the negative on the question "Shall we sustain Complaint 2?" Complaint 2 was denied.

128. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 3). Mr. Jones reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 3.

RECOMMENDATION
3. That Complaint 3 (December letter status) be found in order and properly before the General Assembly.

129. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 3). Mr. Warren reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 3 as follows:
(1) Advisory Committee 10 concurs with Recommendation 3
(2) Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly deny Complaint 3

Grounds:
(1) Complaint ground violates BD II.B.1.
(2) Complaint grounds 3 and 5 are not germane

130. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 3). The Assembly voted in the negative on the question "Shall we sustain Complaint 3?" Complaint 3 was denied.

131. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaint 4). Mr. Jones reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaint 4.

RECOMMENDATIONS
4. That the complaint be found in order.
5. That consideration of grounds two (2), three (3), and five (5) be ruled out of order in disposing of this issue, since they are not germane to the validity of the citation.
6. That should the complaint be sustained, the amend be edited to the effect that the citation be either rescinded or properly issued.

132. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaint 4). Mr. Warren reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaint 4 as follows:
Advisory Committee 10 concurs with Recommendation 4.
Advisory Committee 10 concurs with the Recommendation 5 that consideration of grounds two (2), three (3), five (5) be ruled out of order in disposing of this issue.

Grounds:
(1) Complaint ground 2 violates BD II.B.1.
(2) Complaint grounds 3 and 5 are not germane.

Advisory Committee 10 recommends that the General Assembly deny Complaint 4.

Ground: The response to grounds 1 and 4 of the complaint in the report of the committee to consider Complaint 12 (GA appeal 4), as received by the Presbytery of New Jersey on 12/6/94 (Minutes, p. 28), is adequate.

RECOMMENDATION (Advisory Committee)
That the General Assembly inform Mr. Springer that:
1. He is and was properly under the jurisdiction of the Session of Cherry Hill
OPC (If he were not, he would have no standing to bring any complaint before any judicatory of the OPC), (BD IX.1);
2. It is proper for a session to invite a neighboring minister to moderate a meeting or meetings of a session (FG XIII.6);
3. A session has a right to declare a trial to be closed to protect innocent parties (BD IV.A.1.d.).

133. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaint 4). Recommendations 4 and 5 of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints were adopted. The Assembly voted in the negative on the question “Shall we sustain Complaint 4?” Complaint 4 was denied. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted.

134. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Complaints 5, 6, and 7). Mr. Jones reported for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints regarding Complaints 5, 6, and 7 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
7. That the complaints be found out of order.

135. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Complaints 5, 6, and 7). Mr. Warren reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding Complaints 5, 6, and 7 as follows: Advisory Committee 10 concurs with the recommendation of the committee.
Ground: The complaints violate BDIX.1.

136. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Complaints 5, 6, and 7). The recommendation (7) of the committee was adopted, and the complaints were found out of order.

137. MODERATOR RESUMES CHAIR. The Moderator, Mr. Watson, resumed the chair.

138. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints for the Class of 1998. Mr. Strange was nominated. There being no further nominations the Moderator declared Mr. Strange elected to the Class of 1998. At a later time, Mr. Warren led in prayer for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

139. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. with the singing of Jesus Shall Reign.

140. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Harold O. Kelley, fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America. Mr. Kelley addressed the Assembly. Mr. Hilbelink led the Assembly in prayer for the Presbyterian Church in America and the relationship of the OPC with them.

141. ASSUMES CHAIR. At the request of the moderator, Mr. S. F. Miller assumed the chair.

142. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Appeals and Complaints). On motion the
Stated Clerk was instructed to include the following in his letter communicating the Assembly's actions on the complaints to the complainants:

In taking these actions, the Assembly also determined to communicate the following pastoral advice to you: In reviewing the documents supplied in connection with your complaints we have discerned what would appear to be a litigious spirit present therein. We admonish you to live a quiet life before the Lord in humble submission to those officers in His church He has placed in authority over you.

143. MODERATOR RESUMES THE CHAIR. The Moderator, Mr. Watson, resumed the chair.

144. ECCLESIASTICAL FELLOWSHIP (BPC/GS). Mr. Peterson reported for the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
Resolved, That upon notification to the Stated Clerk by the BPC/GS that the "Common Affirmations" resolution adopted by this Assembly has been adopted by the Synod of the BPC/GS the OPC shall regard itself as in the relationship of "Ecclesiastical Fellowship" with the BPC/GS provided that the BPC/GS Synod also declares that it, too, thereby regards itself as in the relationship of Fraternal Relations/Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC as of that time, and that the Stated Clerk inform the BPC/GS Synod of this action.

145. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Ecclesiastical Fellowship, BPC/GS). The recommendation of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was adopted.

146. HISTORIAN REPORT. Mr. Dennison reported as the Historian. (see p. 237).

147. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Historian). Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee 7 regarding the Report of the Historian as follows: Advisory Committee 7 commends the Historian for the quality of his labors on behalf of the OPC.

148. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN REPORT. Mr. Dennison, Historian, reported for the Committee for the Historian (see p. 239). The recommendations of the committee are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the Historian be paid an honorarium of $5,500 for the fiscal year 1995-96. The additional honorarium takes into account the increasing demands placed on the time of the Historian.
2. That the name of Danny E. Olinger be approved as a member of the Committee for the Historian for a term of one year.
3. That the proposed budget of the Committee for the Historian, as itemized in section IV, above, be adopted.

149. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Committee for the Historian). Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee 7 regarding the Committee for the Historian as follows: The advisory committee endorses the three recommendations. Note that the re-
quest for $2000 to support the audio project is endorsed also by the Committee on Christian Education. The increase in the total budget to $8500 is a modest increase from $7500 requested last year, and reflects restoration of important projects which were cut back.

150. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Committee for the Historian).
Recommendations 1 and 3 were referred to Advisory Committee 4 dealing with the General Assembly Operation Fund. Recommendation 2 was adopted. Dr. Elder led in prayer for the Committee for the Historian and the Historian.

151. CHAPLAINS COMMISSION. Mr. Warren reported for the Chaplains Commission with the following recommendation: (see p. 242).

RECOMMENDATION
That the General Assembly instruct its Active Duty and Reserve Chaplains to contribute personally a recommended sum to the PRJCC, based on their active duty or reserve rank, not to exceed what would be 50% of a tithe of their military income.

Grounds:
(1) The OPC has always faithfully paid the PRJCC its annual assessment based on the number of OPC chaplains endorsed by the PRJCC. However, that does not begin to cover the percentage of PRJCC administrative support given our chaplains. For the past 30+ years during which Bill Leonard served in the capacity of PRJCC Executive Director/Endorsing Agent at a very low salary, partly because he could do so by using his NAVY retirement pay as part of his salary, and partly because of his deep commitment to serve the PRJCC chaplains in that capacity. OPC commission members have long agreed with the conclusion that he served on an inadequate salary, and that eventually that situation would need to be changed.

(2) In sum, we need to address the fact that in the past some of our chaplains have been willing to accept the considerable benefits of PRJCC endorsement without any personal contribution whatsoever, perhaps believing our denominational contribution was entirely sufficient. That is simply not the case. The biblical principles here we must decide to either support, to “talk around,” or to repudiate are:
   i. The laborer is worthy of his hire.
   ii. That it is not acceptable for our OPC chaplains to accept, without payment, the real administrative services of the Executive Director interacting with the Chaplains Departments of the Uniformed Services of the United States Government—in other words, to withhold any kind of just compensation for services rendered and received.
   iii. That it is not legitimate to avoid such responsible payment for the benefits of labor received by calling such payment a “tax” and thus arguing that it is wrong to require God’s people to be “taxed.”

(3) The OPC Commission members remind the GA that the PRJCC suggests only a reasonable percent of each chaplain’s tithe as that reasonable expectation for each active duty and reserve chaplain (not anyone else).

152. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Chaplains). Mr. Lauer reported for Advisory Committee 5 as follows: Advisory Committee 5 read and discussed the Report of the Chaplains Commission. Mr. William Warren and Mr. Christopher Wisdom appeared before the advisory committee to discuss the Report and answer questions. Mr. Warren and Mr. Wisdom answered all questions to the satisfaction of the advisory committee.

Advisory Committee 5 does not concur with the recommendation of the Chaplains Commission, but does offer the following:
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Chaplains Commission be instructed to formulate a plan that would enhance avenues for pastoral oversight of OP chaplains by the church, and interaction with the church, whether on a congregational, presbyterial, or assembly level, and a course of their action that will result in the OP chaplains paying their fair share toward a budget for the Executive Director of PRJCC, and

2. That the Chaplains Commission be authorized in case of need to set up a fee or contribution structure, and to calculate annually a realistic contribution by the GA to emphasize that an OP chaplaincy is a joint ministry of the OPC.

Grounds:

(I) The general assembly by instructing a man to give, or by commissioning several men with the authority to require him to give, an offering to a particular ministry has exceeded its God-given authority. Obedience to the church's assembly and its commission is inherently a matter of faith; the giving of offerings is inherently a matter of worship. But, “God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in anything, contrary to His Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship.” Furthermore, the apostle warns us, “Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to (the will of) God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock...” (I Peter 5:2-3). Particularly in the matter of seeking money from those over whom the general assembly has authority, we must be careful not to use that authority to extract payments.

(2) The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, over against many others even in the reformed community, has insisted on requesting, urging and encouraging the giving of specific amounts to specific ministries rather than adopting language assuming to itself authority over the purses of its membership or their assemblies. To adopt the recommendation of the commission would be to cross a line which up until now we have not crossed.

153. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Chaplains). The recommendations of Advisory Committee 5 were substituted for the recommendation of the Chaplains Committee and were adopted.

154. MOTION REFERRAL (See §176). The following motion was referred to Advisory Committee 4: That the General Assembly approve payment to the Joint Commission, for the calendar year 1995, of the annual cost-per-chaplain full membership assessment.

155. CHAPLAINS ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Chaplains Commission for the Class of 1998. Mr. Needham was nominated. There being no further nominations the Moderator declared Mr. Needham elected to the Class of 1998.

156. COMMITTEE ON RECONCILIATION IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS. Mr. Tyson reported for the Committee on Reconciliation in the Presbytery of the Dakotas as follows: The committee consisting of Thomas E. Tyson, Chairman, and Jack J. Peterson, Secretary, has not met since the last General Assembly. The 61st (1994) General Assembly continued the committee “...for two more years...to stand ready to provide assistance to the presbytery (of the Dakotas) whenever the Park Hill Presbyterian Church should apply for readmission to the OPC, with a budget of $1,000 for that eventuality.”

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The committee has not been called on as of the date of the writing of this report. We assumed that the budget stands for the time until the 1996 Assembly.

157. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Reconciliation). Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee 7 as follows: Members of Advisory Committee 7 met briefly with Mr. Tyson. We call attention to the fact that this committee is ready to function when called upon during the next year.

158. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 4:59 p.m. with prayer led by Mr. Lauer for the Chaplains Commission, the Committee on Reconciliation in the Presbytery of the Dakotas, and for the Complainants.

Monday Evening, June 5, 1995

159. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:22 p.m. with the singing of Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me and with prayer led by Mr. L. H. Smith.

160. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. David Johnston, fraternal delegate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Johnston addressed the Assembly. Mr. Galbraith led in prayer for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and our relationship with them.

161. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL (Cf. §96). Mr. Porter reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel with revised recommendations as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
5. That the 63d General Assembly convene at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 6, 1996, with a projected terminus of noon, Thursday, June 13, 1996, this schedule being planned to accommodate any festivities which might be planned for June 11, 1996 (60th Anniversary).
6. That Messrs. Lawrence Semel, David R. Heise and Douglas Snyder be constituted the Committee on Arrangements for the 63d General Assembly.

162. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS. On amended motions Recommendations 5 and 6 of the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel were adopted.

163. COMMUNICATION 3 (Advisory Committee 7). Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee 7 regarding Communication 3 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
That the 62nd General Assembly advise the Presbytery of the South that it has no objection to the presbytery's making an exception for Mr. Mark Smith from the requirement of a Master of Divinity degree from a seminary.

164. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Advisory Committee 7). The recommendation relative to Communication 3 was adopted.
165. COMMUNICATION 4 (Advisory Committee 7). Dr. Elder reported for Advisory Committee 7 regarding Communication 4 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
That the 62nd General Assembly advise the Presbytery of Northern California that it has no objection to the presbytery's making an exception for Mr. Preston from the formal languages and the education requirements for reception into the presbytery, given Mr. Preston's qualifications as evidenced by his years and experience; and that the Assembly further encourage the presbytery to continue Mr. Preston's development through language and theological studies.

166. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Advisory Committee 7). The recommendation relative to Communication 4 was adopted.

167. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS. Mr. Coie reported for the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records as follows: The Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records was comprised of 12 commissioners (representing each presbytery) with the duty to examine the minutes of the presbyteries in the OPC and report its findings back to the 62nd General Assembly.

Procedure: The committee divided into six subcommittees of two persons each; each subcommittee to examine the records of two presbyteries. Each subcommittee member reviewed one record and then exchanged it with the other subcommittee member for his further review. Then, each subcommittee reported its findings and recommendations to the entire committee for final judgment.

The committee met four times and reports to the 62nd General Assembly with the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the DAKOTAS, their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and without exception.
2. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the MID-ATLANTIC, their response to the exception to their minutes taken by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and that their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and without exception.
3. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the MIDWEST, their response to the exception to their minutes taken by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and that their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. Page 99, line 5 - Pastoral relationship dissolved between Mr. Bero and Community OPC, Kalamazoo, MI, without recording the congregation's concurrence (FG XXII.12.a.)
   b. Page 100, line 7 - Pastoral relationship dissolved between Mr. Smith and Community OPC, Kalamazoo, MI, without recording the congregation's concurrence (FG XXIV.4.)
   c. Page 104, line 14 - Mr. West's call does not specify medical insurance (Rule A.12.c.)
   d. Page 127, line 135 - Special meeting called for October 6, 1994, but no recorded minutes of said meeting were found (Rule A.14.)
   e. Page 132 - No authority given as to how a special meeting was called (FG XIV.7.)
4. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of NEW JERSEY, their minutes be approved without notation and without exception.

5. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND, their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions:
   a. Page 94-14, ¶2 - A man was acting as moderator, but it is not recorded how he was selected (Rule A.12.a.)
   b. Page 94-18, ¶2 - Same exception as stated above.

6. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception:
   Page 463, line 3 - Presbytery had submitted minutes which had not been approved by presbytery to the previous General Assembly (Sept. 24-25, 1993; Oct. 9, 1993; Nov. 1, 1993; Nov. 30, 1993; Jan. 15, 1994) (Rule A.19.)

7. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the NORTHWEST, their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and without exception.

8. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of OHIO, their response to the exceptions to their minutes (see Minutes, 61st GA, p. 38), taken by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and that their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception:
   p. 79 - ¶12 - No time of adjournment is listed (Rule A.3.)

9. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of PHILADELPHIA, their response to the exception taken to their minutes by the 61st General Assembly (as recorded in the presbytery minutes of September 17, 1994, p. 5, ¶12) be deemed sufficient. That their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception:
   September 17, 1994, p. 5, ¶12 - This response should have been sent to the Clerk of the General Assembly informing him of the disposition made to the exceptions (Rule B.8.)

10. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the SOUTH, their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception:
    Page 230, lines 51 and 56 - Statement not included that presbytery licensed these men (FG XXI.8.)

11. That with respect to the minutes of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, their response to the exceptions taken to their minutes by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and that their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and without exception.

12. That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of the SOUTHWEST, their response to the exceptions taken to their minutes by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and that their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and without exception.

168. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Presbyterial Records). On separate motions Recommendations 1-7, and 9-12 of the Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records were adopted.

169. OHIO MINUTES (Presbyterial Records, Rec. 8). On motion Recommendation 8 of the Committee on Presbyterial Records was divided as follows:
8.A That with respect to the minutes of the Presbytery of OHIO, their response to the exceptions to their minutes (see Minutes, 61st GA, §131, p. 38, 11. b. and e.), taken by the 61st General Assembly be deemed sufficient, and

8.B. That their minutes be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exception: p. 79 - ¶12 - No time of adjournment is listed (Rule A.3.)

Recommend 8.A. of the committee was moved that the response to exceptions b. and e. be deemed sufficient.

The following substitute regarding the 61st General Assembly’s exception to Presbytery of Ohio’s minutes was moved:

I. That the 62nd General Assembly reject The Presbytery of Ohio’s explanation:
   A. Of its violation of Form of Government XXVI.3.d., in its June 1992 special meeting, by its failing to transfer the membership of a demitted minister as he requested in accordance with Form of Government XXVI.3.d.; and
   B. Its failure to observe Robert’s Rules of Order in its July 1992 special meeting, in reinstating a demitted minister, and in the same motion, immediately deposing him:
   II. And inasmuch as Presbytery of Ohio has refused to take appropriate corrective action on these two exceptions, the General Assembly directs:
   A. That the General Assembly rule every action of the Presbytery of Ohio with reference to the illegally deposed minister in question subsequent to his demission, with the exception of Presbytery of Ohio’s dismissal of him to a local congregation, as null and void, for want of jurisdiction.
   B. That the General Assembly instruct the Presbytery of Ohio to correct its official records to revert the status of the illegally deposed minister to the status of having demitted the ministry.
   C. That the General Assembly amend the official record of the 1993 General Assembly to change the status of the illegally deposed minister to the status of a having demitted the ministry.
   D. That the General Assembly instruct the OPC Historian to amend the official historical record of the illegally deposed minister to a status of having demitted the ministry.

171. PROCEDURAL MOTION (See §178). On motion consideration of Recommendation 8.A. with respect to the response to the exceptions to the Presbytery of Ohio minutes in 1994 was postponed until a later time.

172. STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. Mr. Nelson reported for the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records as follows: The committee examined the records of the 10 standing committees and makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the minutes of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints be approved without exception and without notation.
2. That the minutes of the Committee on Christian Education be approved with the notations listed and without exception.
3. That the minutes of the Committee on Coordination be approved with the notations listed and without exception.
4. That the minutes of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries be approved with no notation and the single exception that communications and reports are too vague to be intelligible as required by Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records #12.
5. That the minutes of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be approved with one notation and one exception that Mr. Needham is listed at one meeting as being both absent and present, and two members of the committee are not accounted for in the listing of present/absent members as required by Rules for Keeping Standing Committee Records #8.

Further, that their responses to the exception taken by the 60th GA be deemed sufficient.

6. That the minutes of the Committee on Foreign Missions be approved without exception and with one notation.
7. That the minutes of the Committee on General Assembly Date, Place and Travel be approved without exception and without notation.
8. That the minutes of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension be approved without exception and without notation.
9. That the minutes of the Committee on Pensions be approved without exception and with the notation listed.
10. That the minutes of the Committee on the Trustees of the General Assembly be approved without notation and without exception.

173. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (Standing Committee Records).
Recommendations 1-10 of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records were adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Assembly expresses its gratitude to the administration and staff of Geneva College for their kind and gracious hospitality extended to the 62nd General Assembly in providing the use of their beautiful campus. The commissioner's needs for food, housing, and transportation have been met more than adequately. In particular the Assembly thanks Mr. Jeff Santarsiero and Richard J. Hemphill and his sister Laurel L. Learish for their willing service.

The Assembly thanks the Committee on Arrangements, the Rev. Lawrence Semel, Mr. David R. Heise, and the Rev. Douglas W. Synder for their arduous labors in preparing for the Assembly and expediting its business. It thanks Mr. Kenley Leslie for his assistance during registration, and who, along with Dr. Daniel Osborne, prepared the Old Main chapel for our worship service. Finally, thanks are offered to Messrs. Benaiah D. and Caleb D. Heise for their willingness to aid the commissioners in meeting their needs, and various commissioners for their assisting our worship through playing the piano.

"We...thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.
175. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9. Advisory Committee 9 made the following report:

The following motion was referred to Advisory Committee 9:

That the Assembly propose to the presbyteries the following amendment to the Book of Discipline, Chapter V, Section 2.a.5. by deleting the words "without adequate reason, persists in attending a church of another denomination in preference to his own, or" after the words "(5) When a member;"

*Ground:* There exists in Chapter V a double standard, which was confirmed by the combined wisdom of nine presbyteries in defeating the proposed amendment to BD V2.b. This proposed amendment will give ruling elders, deacons and other communicant members the same freedom from guilt regarding their attendance at (and supporting?) other churches while still preserving their claim to honorable membership in the OPC.

While Advisory Committee 9 understands the inconsistency (and irony) pointed out in the grounds for presenting this motion, it does not believe apparent inconsistency is an adequate grounds for removing an otherwise good procedure, and therefore the Committee recommends that the Assembly, by means of this report, suggest to the mover and his supporters (s) that should they desire to pursue the issue of the defeated proposal and the apparent inconsistency, they ought to find out from the presbyteries why they did not approve the amendment to BD V2.b. as proposed [e.g., one of the reasons the Presbytery of New York and New England did not was because the proposed procedure to deal with ministers did not contain the equivalent safe-guards established for members; compare the lost proposal with BD V2.a.(5).] These concerns should be taken into account in formulating any new proposal which might address the perceived inconsistency.

176. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND (Cf. §81-83). Mr. deHaas reported for Advisory Committee 4 regarding the General Assembly Operation Fund as follows:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the General Assembly approve the General Assembly Operation Fund budgets of $51,903 for the period August 1 through December 31, 1995 and $128,500 for 1996 to be allocated as found in the following table:

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Total Expenses                              | 121,473    | 117,315    | 117,725    | 51,903     | 128,500    |

Ending Balance                              | 40,103     | 42,853     | 0          | 36,246     | 39,746     |

2. That the churches be requested to contribute $16 for each communicant member to meet the needs of the 1996 GAOF budget.

**177. RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS (General Assembly Operation Fund).**

On motion the recommendations concerning the General Assembly Operation Fund were adopted.
178. OHIO PRESBYTERY (Presbyterial Records). It was moved that the April 7, 1995 position papers of Mr. James Gidley, and Mr. James Alexander received by the Presbytery of Ohio to the particular exceptions taken by the 61st General Assembly (p. 38, Exceptions 8, b. and e.), be made available to the commissioners of the 62nd General Assembly as soon as possible before the consideration of the aforementioned exceptions 8.b. and e., with the understanding that the name of the alleged illegally deposed minister be rendered illegible in the documents prior to the distribution of those papers.

179. ORDER OF DAY EXTENDED. On motion the order of the day was extended to the completion of the pending motion.

180. OHIO PRESBYTERY (Presbyterial Records, Wisdom). The pending motion was lost. At his request, Mr. Wisdom's affirmative vote is hereby recorded. Mr. Wisdom also notified the Assembly of his intention to file a protest.

181. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:22 p.m. with prayer led by Mr. Pearce.

Tuesday Morning, June 6, 1995

182. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord and the Moderator led in prayer.

183. PROTEST. Mr. Wisdom submitted the following protest:

The undersigned respectfully protests the action of the 62nd General Assembly in its defeat of the motion to make the 7 April 1995 position papers of Mr. James Gidley and Mr. James Alexander to the 61st General Assembly be made available to the commissioners of the 62nd GA (cf. §178 and 180).

Grounds:

(1) The action in question withholds information from Commissioners that is demonstrably relevant to Presbytery of Ohio’s answer to the 61st GA’s exceptions. Mr. Gidley’s paper appears to have shaped and influenced Presbytery of Ohio’s answer to the particular exceptions taken by the 61st General Assembly (exceptions 8.b. and e., Minutes, 61st GA, p. 38). (See Presbytery of Ohio’s letter to the 62nd GA, answering the exceptions of the 61st GA.)

(2) Both papers proposed to help Presbytery of Ohio attempt to answer the General Assembly’s exceptions to Presbytery of Ohio minutes, and as such represented two major opposing viewpoints that influenced the Presbytery of Ohio’s consideration of the answer to the 61st General Assembly’s exception.

(3) The action is inconsistent with other actions permitted by the General Assembly. GA’s Stated Clerk and the GA’s relevant advisory committee both received copies of Mr. Alexander’s paper. It was therefore clearly deemed relevant to the exceptions taken to Presbytery of Ohio’s minutes, and was seen by several (though apparently not all) of the commissioners on the advisory committee.

(4) The action is not even-handed. Mr. Gidley is a commissioner to this Assembly, and presented the presbytery’s answer to the 62nd GA Committee to examine Presbyterial Records. In his presentation to the advisory committee, which has now been distributed to
the Commissioners, there is clear reference to at least some of the material in his paper, but not all of it. He is at liberty to present all or part of the content of his paper (as he sees fit) in support of the presbytery’s answer to the GA’s exceptions. On the other hand, the committee had Mr. Alexander’s paper, but GA has wrongly refused to receive it.

(5) The action reflects a sudden apparent shift in the GA’s priorities. As the docket drew near to completion, the GA seemed to be at least as concerned with the time of adjournment as with the spiritual oversight of the Presbytery of Ohio by means of its official records.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher H. Wisdom

184. OHIO PRESBYTERY (Presbyterial Records, cont., cf. §180). Discussion of the pending question continued (cf. §171).

185. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS. On motion the Assembly determined to divide b. and e. The Assembly began consideration of b. On motion the Assembly determined to table b. and take up e. By common consent the April 27, 1995 letter from the Presbytery of Ohio to the Assembly in response to the exception taken to their Presbyterial Records (see Minutes, 61st GA, §131.8.b. and e.) was printed.

186. RESPONSE OF OHIO (April 27, 1995 Letter). The April 27, 1995 letter from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio responding to the exception taken to their minutes taken by the Sixty-First General Assembly is as follows:

"I have been instructed by the Presbytery of Ohio to communicate the following actions to the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

37. On motion the Presbytery of Ohio declared that its action of June 6, 1992 permitting Mr. X to demit the ministry is null and void, i.e. to be regarded legally as if it never happened. The vote was taken by closed ballot.

41. On motion, the Presbytery of Ohio publicly admits that it erred as follows:
(1) The Presbytery of Ohio erred on June 6, 1992 in allowing Mr. X to demit the office of minister for a delinquency in life. (2) The Presbytery of Ohio erred formally, though not substantively, on June 6, 1992, in that, having allowed Mr. X to demit the ministry, it did not dismiss him to a local church.

Grounds for (2) Though this was a formal error, it was not substantive. As has been declared by the presbytery (item 37), the action permitting the demission was null and void. Therefore, that action could not bind us to do what normally follows a dismission. It does not matter that this was not understood at the time. The action was never valid in the first place. Further, the refusal to transfer Mr. X to a local church was done for sound reasons of pastoral oversight, with needed disciplinary actions, among other things, in view. Though formally wrong, this failure to transfer Mr. X was pastorally right.

43. On motion the Presbytery of Ohio declared that its action of October 17, 1992 rescinding the action of June 6, 1992 permitting Mr. X to demit the ministry, including the suspension of Robert’s Rules in order to do it, is null and void, because it was unnecessary, in that there was no valid action to be rescinded.
44. On motion The Presbytery of Ohio declared that, other than the actions referred to in item 43, it affirms the validity of the October 17, 1992 trial without full process of Mr. X among the other aspects of the trial, that the Presbytery of Ohio specifically affirm the validity of (1) its jurisdiction over Mr. X at the time, (2) its findings of the specific sins that Mr. X had committed, and (3) the censures which were imposed upon him.

187. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced the Rev. Frank Walker, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the US. Mr. Walker addressed the Assembly. Mr. L. E. Miller led in prayer for the Reformed Church in the United States and for our relationship with them.

188. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Porter reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as follows:

RECOMMENDATION
16. That Mr. Cottenden be allowed to depart from the Assembly no later than 10:00 a.m., June 6, 1995, to allow him to minister to a member of the church whose husband is comatose and near death.

189. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:26 a.m. with the singing of We Have Heard the Joyful Sound.

190. RECOMMENDATION ACTION (Ohio Minutes, 8.A.e.). The following became the main motion (cf. §170), and was carried: that the Assembly receive (without necessarily agreeing with each statement therein) the Presbytery of Ohio's action in §43 of the draft minutes of the Spring 1995 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio as a confession of error in improperly suspending Roberts Rules in order to rescind an action which cannot be rescinded, and deem it to be a sufficient response to exception (e) of the 61st GA.

191. OHIO 8.A.b. TAKEN FROM TABLE (CF. §185). On motion the matter concerning exception b. was taken from the table. On substitute motion the Assembly withdrew exception b. in the minutes of the Sixty-First General Assembly, §131.8.

192. DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL. Mr. Porter reported for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel as follows:

Balance at the end of the 61st GA $43,300.52
and contributions received through 7/31/94 $44,754.48
Contributions through 5/31/95 (2,180.21)
Previous year's remaining expenses 85,694.79
Total available to the 62nd GA
Total disbursed by action of the 62nd GA $60,360.34
Balance on hand at the conclusion of the 62nd GA $25,334.45

The term of the Mr. Watson expires with this Assembly.
193. **DATE, PLACE, AND TRAVEL ELECTION.** The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel for the Class of 1998. Mr. Watson was nominated. On motion nominations were closed, and Mr. Watson was declared elected to the Class of 1998.

194. **MINUTES.** The Clerk read the minutes of Monday morning, June 5, through Tuesday morning, June 6, 1995. On motion the minutes of June 5 and 6 were approved as corrected.

195. **MINUTES AS A WHOLE.** The Clerk presented the minutes. On motion the minutes of the Assembly as a whole were approved as corrected.

196. **DEVOTIONAL.** Mr. Ban led the devotional service. The Assembly sang *Are You Weary, Are You Languid* and Mr. Ban read Mark 9:30-37 and 10:1-16 and delivered a message entitled, “Do Not Hinder the Children.” Mr. Ban led the Assembly in prayer.

197. **DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY.** On motion it was determined that the Assembly be dissolved. Mr. Watson 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., Thursday, June 6, 1996, with a projected terminus of noon, Thursday, June 13, 1996.

198. **PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.** The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction. The 62nd General Assembly closed at 12:02 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 1995.
Sixty-Second General Assembly
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OVERTURES

Overture 1

Presbytery of Ohio

April 24, 1995

The Presbytery of Ohio overtures the 62nd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

That the General Assembly dissolve the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God.

Grounds:

(1) In Section II of the Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for the Public Worship of God as reported to the 61st General Assembly (1994) which was circulated by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to all sessions and ministers, the committee states the following:

In the course to its work the committee has come to the conclusion that changes in the Directory suggested by some in the church could conflict with other parts of our standards. It goes without saying that each part of our standards should be in harmony with all the others (See page 1 of the circulated document).

This is an important observation in that it recognizes that the kind of revisions of the Directory envisioned by some of the Church at the beginning of the revision process are impossible while remaining faithful to the Standards.

(2) In particular, to attempt to resolve the three office/two office debate by means of Directory for Public Worship revision is impossible without prior, substantial constitutional revision to both the Westminster Larger Catechism and the Form of Government. The committee admits this when it states in its report, the following:

The question whether minister and ruling elders are of one office, called to share their duties in common, is not to be settled primarily in the Directory for Public Worship but in the confessional and governmental standards of the church, with which the Directory must harmonize (See page 2 of the circulated document).

(3) The Church is being called upon to resolve confessional matters. To revise the Directory for Public Worship without such confessional resolution would be to promote confusion in the Church.

Overture 2

The Presbytery of New York and New England

April 29, 1995

At its stated meeting, held April 24-25, 1995, the Presbytery of New York and New England
determined to petition the 62nd General Assembly to reorganize the Presbytery of New York and New England into three presbyteries—presbytery A to be composed of the New England States except the State of Connecticut; Presbytery B to be composed of those counties in New York State north of the northern boundaries of the counties of Ulster, Sullivan and Dutchess; Presbytery C to be composed of the State of Connecticut and those counties in the State of New York south of the northern boundaries of the counties of Ulster, Sullivan, and Dutchess—with Presbytery B being designated as the continuing presbytery; the division to be consummated at the discretion of the presbytery.

This action was first adopted by a vote of 26-9, with one negative vote recorded. A second vote, endeavoring to make the overture for division unanimous, resulted in a vote of 31-4.

The 62nd General Assembly is reminded that an almost identical division was approved by the Sixth General Assembly (cf. Minutes, 1934, p. 21) at a time when there were only 14 ministers on the roll of the presbytery, and but 8 congregations (1 in Presbytery A, 4 in Presbytery B, and 3 in Presbytery C). We presently have 40 ministers, 22 congregations (12 in Presbytery A, 5 in Presbytery B and 5 in Presbytery C), plus three mission works (2 in Presbytery A, and 1 in Presbytery B).

Stephen L. Phillips
Stated Clerk

Overture 3

The Presbytery of the Midwest

WHEREAS, The foreign country of Canada is largely an English speaking nation, and

WHEREAS, The USA and Canada have such international relations that allow citizens of either country to cross the border without need of passport or visa, and

WHEREAS, The Chambers of Commerce of each country go to great lengths to encourage travel, tourism, and commerce across borders, and

WHEREAS, Opportunities exist for the propagation of the Reformed faith and establishment of strong Reformed churches in Canada, and

WHEREAS, The Committee of Home Missions of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church receives inquiries annually from citizens of Canada about the establishment of OP works in Canada, and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Foreign Missions of the OPC has a policy statement of erecting only indigenous churches within foreign countries, and

WHEREAS, There is nothing in the OPC Constitution precluding the geographical boundaries of the OPC from extending into neighboring Canada,

THEREFORE, The Presbytery of the Midwest overtures the 62nd General Assembly of the
Orthodox Presbyterian Church to resolve that Canada be within the bounds of the work of the outreach of the OPC.

Douglas B. Clawson
Stated Clerk

**Overture 4**

The Presbytery of the Midwest

May 15, 1995

The Presbytery of the Midwest overtures the 62nd 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 OPC congregation in St. Thomas, Ontario and our churches in Michigan, together with the counties in the immediate region.

Douglas B. Clawson
Stated Clerk
COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

July 1, 1994

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America at its annual meeting in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on June 23, 1994 adopted the following statement regarding the document, *Evangelicals and Catholics together: the Christian mission in the Third Millennium*.

We, the 165th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, recognize, together with the signatories of *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian mission in the Third Millennium*, that there exist areas of confession between the Roman Catholic Church and historic Evangelical Protestantism summarized in the creeds of the ancient church, and that there may be opportunities for legitimate cooperation between these bodies in addressing social concerns and moral issues such as efforts to protect the lives of the unborn.

We, nevertheless find the above-mentioned declaration misleading and inadequate in that it glosses over a fundamental disagreement on the doctrine of justification which lies at the heart of the Reformation along with other doctrines and practices that continue to necessitate ecclesiastical division, and calls on Evangelical Christians to refrain from proselytizing Roman Catholics.

Therefore, the Synod declares that the Evangelicals and Catholics together declaration does not represent our confession or commitment, and we solemnly urge all its evangelical signatories to withdraw their endorsements publicly.

J. Bruce Martin
Clerk of Synod, RPCNA

Communication 2

The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council

December 21, 1994

The Twentieth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, meeting on November 2, 1994, in Philadelphia voted to recommend the Reformed Church in the United States for membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council. The Constitution of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council states the following in V.3. concerning the reception of new members to the Council:

3. Admission to and termination of membership shall be by recommendation of the Council by two-thirds of the ballots cast and this recommendation must then be adopted by the approval of two-thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches.

I am informing each member church of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council concerning the recommendation of the Council. Now each of the major assemblies
of the member churches should vote on whether to approve the reception of the Reformed Church in the United States. Please be sure that this matter is placed on the docket of your General Assembly/Synod this coming year. When you know the outcome of your vote let me know the result.

The Twenty-first Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council will be held in Philadelphia. The date of the meeting will probably be November 28, 1995.

Donald J. Duff, Secretary

Communication 3

The Presbytery of the South November 9, 1994

The Presbytery of the South of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church examined Mr. Mark Smith in theology and sustained the exam by unanimous ballot vote (19-0),. The presbytery determined to sustain the examination of Mr. Smith in Greek, Hebrew, and apologetics and to report to the next General Assembly its intention to receive Mr. Smith as an ordained minister, waiving the following requirement: Mr. Smith does not have a Master of Divinity degree from a seminary. The presbytery determined in accordance with FG XXIII.3. that this exception is warranted by the qualifications of the candidate, to wit: Mr. Smith has sustained examinations in every area of requirements for the ministry and has attained a high level of competence in each area, lacking only official transcripts to support this knowledge. He was ordained as a Baptist minister and is now a member of Redeemer OPC, Atlanta, where he serves as a ruling elder.

Ted F. Gray
Stated Clerk

Communication 4

The Presbytery of the Northern California March 21, 1995

In accord with the Form of Government, XXI.6. and XXIII.3. the Presbytery of Northern California of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church hereby reports to you, the Sixty-Second General Assembly, on actions taken with respect to the Rev. Andrew Preston. We seek your advice in the matter.

The minutes read: “On motion, presbytery unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Credentials Committee that presbytery waive the requirement for examination in the Greek and Hebrew languages, and the requirement specifying theological education in the case of the Rev. Andrew Preston, and that the Clerk be instructed to give proper notice of this matter to the General Assembly.”

The Credentials Committee gave the following grounds for the action: the Form of Government, XXI.6. and XXIII.3. allows for exceptions to be granted when “warranted by the qualifications of the candidate.” Mr. Preston has been involved in a full-time ministry for several years. He studied Greek at Bible College and thinks that with some review he will
be able to pass an examination in the use of the Greek language. The committee encourages Mr. Preston in his review of Greek since it thinks that this proficiency will be a benefit to his service in the ministry of the gospel. The committee expects to examine Mr. Preston in the Greek language prior to his reception into the presbytery. However, the time required for him to complete studies of Greek and Hebrew, and to acquire one and a half years of seminary training would be quite long, and do not appear to be absolutely necessary, given Mr. Preston's qualifications, as evidenced by his years of service and experience.

Brothers, the Presbytery of Northern California will weigh carefully whatever advice you determine to give us in this matter.

Richard C. Miller  
Stated Clerk

Communication 5

The Reformed Church in Japan April 24, 1995

It truly gives me great pleasure to greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as you gather together at the 62nd General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, which will be held on May 31- June 7 at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Thank you very much for your information on and invitation to the meeting of the General Assembly. We are very sorry, however, that we will be unable to send a delegate to the Assembly. So please allow me to deliver you a few words of the fraternal greeting in this letter.

First of all, we thank you very much for your sympathy with and prayer for us in the past few months after the Hanshin Great Earthquake severely struck Kobe and the surrounding areas on January 17. The experiencing of this unexpected event has inevitably led us to a recognition and a confession of the fact that there is certainly something beyond that human autonomy and capacity in this world—not something but the true living God!—and that man cannot live alone. These are fundamental to human life from the beginning of creation. Yet, we as sinners are so forgetful of God's will. But he opened our eyes again to his truth.

God is so mighty and merciful even in such a situation that he has moved many churches and believers home and abroad to pray and make offerings for us and to participate in volunteer works to help our recovery. We could see our God really living and gracious, of which we praise his name. In this connection, we also want to express our true appreciation to you for the offerings we have received from a certain Orthodox Presbyterian congregation in Seattle and the OPC Japan Mission. Your generous concern with us is a great encouragement to us.

Secondly, we have repeatedly informed you that our church is going to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding in the spring of next year. We will adopt and declare two declarations—one on God's predestination and the other on evangelism. The General Assembly will go into the concrete discussion of the proposed articles of both declarations at the extra General Assembly Meeting held in the middle of June and at the regular meeting in October.
We are also faced with such uneasy issues as qualifications of lay preacher, eligibility of women in office (teaching and ruling eldership), membership in the Reformed Ecumenical Council and so on. The General Assembly already admitted the moving of Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary. It needs a new construction. Although the consequences of the earthquake do not seem to affect very much on the new construction of the seminary there could happen a delay of the moving.

We sincerely ask you to pray for us for God’s sure guidance as we want to follow His way faithfully. We also remember you and your General Assembly meeting in prayer that His wisdom and strength may be always with you during the meeting.

May god richly bless your church as his people of the Kingdom.

Truly yours in Christ,

Yukio Kanata, Stated Clerk

Communication 6

The Presbytery of the Midwest

The presbytery of the Midwest sent an overture to the 59th General Assembly seeking it to include within the bounds of our presbytery certain counties in the province of Ontario, Canada. The overture was referred to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. It was again brought to the floor of the 60th GA. The latter assembly returned the overture to our presbytery with some questions which it sought to have answered. Our presbytery now wishes to bring that overture before the assembly again and offers the following answers to some of the questions given to it by the 60th GA.

In response to the 60th General Assembly’s questions regarding our presbytery’s overture presented to the 59th General Assembly concerning the extension of our presbytery’s boundaries into Ontario, Canada (cf. Minutes, 59th GA, p.41, §142), the Ecumenicity Committee of the Presbytery of the Midwest experienced much frustration in seeking to obtain non-conflicting answers from the various sources they contacted.

They contacted two Canadian pastors (ARP, Free Church of Scotland), two attorneys (one Canadian), and a Revenue Canada official. They attempted to obtain the answers without binding us to attorney’s fees and this may well explain the lack of what we deem as credible information for some of these questions.

Though they were unable to obtain some of the answers the point remains that other NAPARC denominations (ARP, CRC, PCA, RPCNA) have congregations in Canada.

1. Resolution of the conflict between the bounds of presbytery extending into a foreign country and the stated purpose of our General Assembly’s Committee on Foreign Missions to erect an indigenous church in foreign countries (cf. FM Manual, 2.2.1.3).

   ANSWER: Our presbytery is proposing the adoption of an overture requesting the 62nd General Assembly to resolve that Canada not be under the purview of our Committee on Foreign Missions but rather would be within the bounds of our churches.
2. Official documentation or ruling as to:

a. How an Orthodox Presbyterian Church congregation in Canada can claim not-for-profit status while being a member of a denomination chartered solely in the USA?

   ANSWER: Orthodox Reformed meeting in St. Thomas, Ontario (pastored by the Rev. Joannides) already has its not-for-profit charitable status for Revenue Canada. This is a matter each congregation looks after by individually applying through the Federal Office in Ottawa.

b. Whether funds from Canadian individuals contributed directly to entities of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the USA qualify as tax deductible contributions under the Canadian tax law?

   ANSWER: The Charity Acts of Canada states clearly where the money collected by each not-for-profit charitable status can be sent. While Canadian individuals can contribute directly to the OPC in the USA no tax relief is available on money crossing the border. To qualify there would have to be a Canadian office of the OPC in Canada which at this point in time is very impractical.

c. Whether funds from a church in Canada contributed directly to entities of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the USA in any way endanger a church's Canadian incorporation or not-for-profit status?

   ANSWER: (None)

d. What rights of benefits, if any, does a church incorporated in Canada have by virtue of being a member of a corporation of the USA?

   ANSWER: (None)

e. Whether a member of a church in Canada may bring civil suit in Canadian court against the Presbytery of the Midwest (and against the denomination), of which he/she is a constituent member, and whether the presbytery of the Midwest may bring a civil suite in Canadian court against a member of one of its regional churches in Canada.

   ANSWER: (None)

f. What regulations govern a citizen of the USA, whose ministerial credentials are held by (a) presbytery, who may be called as a pastor of a church in Canada that is part of The Orthodox Presbyterian church in the USA?

   ANSWER: Pastor Joannides, ministerial member of the Midwest Presbytery, is an American citizen who has landed immigrant status. Another option is that a ministerial member may obtain a resident visa.

g. Whether, upon dissolution, any assets of a church in Canada may be used to pay off indebtedness to an entity of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the USA?

   ANSWER: No. According to the Charity Acts of Canada no funds are to cross the
border from a Canadian church to another entity (even non-profit) within the USA. The American attorney said "Yes, to retire a promissory note. The balance then would be contributed to a charitable entity in Canada."

Douglas B. Clawson
Stated Clerk

Communication 7

The Presbyterian Church in Korea

May 30, 1995

On behalf of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), I want to thank you for your letter of 13th April inviting us to send delegates to your forthcoming 62nd General Assembly meeting on May 31-June 7. I apologize for the delay in replying. The letter was only recently handed on to me due to some mistaken delivery.

Our Fraternal Relations Committee has asked me to express our sincere thanks for the invitation which we would delight in taking up, had there been enough time for arranging.

We nevertheless very much want to convey our warmest greetings to you and hope that the Lord would continue to exceedingly bless all your efforts in the advance of His kingdom. We trust that your General Assembly will be met with much help and blessings.

Soon Gil Hur
Chairman
COMPLAINTS

Complaint 1

From Mr. Springer August 1, 1994

This complaint was found out of order by the General Assembly and therefore is not printed here. For a description of this complaint see the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see p. 227).

Complaint 2

From Messrs. Rockhill, Mumma and Springer February 28, 1994

To Richard A. Barker, Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church:

And now this 28th day of February, A.D. 1994, come the undersigned, and complain against the action of the Presbytery of New Jersey in connection with its disposition of the Charge filed 15 September 1993, against X, which action was taken during its meeting on 7 December 1993.

In bringing this complaint we affirm that we believe that the presbytery has erred and that this error is serious; that we have tried to understand the presbytery’s point of view; that we have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, our willingness to be in subjection to our brothers in Christ; and that we have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint. In support of this complaint we set forth the following grounds:

(1) The presbytery committee in its report of 7 December 1993 was to “(3) assemble a chronology of significant events bearing on the issues in question.” However, the committee stated “No work has been done under part (3) because the committee believes that such work, in this case, would be less helpful to the presbytery in coming to a conclusion than the work in the other areas.” On the contrary, the timing of events was most critical for substantiation of that which was alleged in the charge.

(2) The presbytery did not provide copies of the charge for all presbyters. Subsequent to the filing of the charge, it had been communicated to the clerk of presbytery by one of the plaintiffs, that if requested, copies would be provided at the plaintiffs’ expense.

(3) Recommendation 1 of the committee report stated, “That the presbytery determine not to proceed with a judicial trial of Mr. X on the question that he lied, dissembled, or misrepresented himself to the plaintiffs, because in the committee’s judgment there is not admissible or incontrovertible evidence to prove such a charge to a majority of presbyters.” This third ground is the most significant for it indicates firstly that the sheer volume of the supporting documentation that accompanied the charge has made it difficult for the committee to grasp the significance of that evidence that has been presented. Secondly, the committee, with only the documented written evidence made erroneous preliminary assumptions as to its incontrovertibility without the benefit of all of the evidence that would have been established by the testimony of witnesses listed in the charge. Thirdly, a letter was sent from one of the complainants to the ministers and clerks of session of all New Jersey OPC churches, dated 15 December 1993. In this letter, the evidence which the com-
mittee identified in their report as the "crucial testimony" and "most damaging of the plain-
tiffs' evidence" that would constitute judicially chargeable offenses, was not only clarified, but further strengthened because it declared the existence of a tape recording from which the evidence had been transcribed.

The charge represents the final effort on the part of the plaintiffs to deal with a man whom we believe has wrought great harm to the peace and unity of the church of Jesus Christ. We have long prayed that he would see the error of his ways and would repent, but he has refused. It has never been our desire to destroy Mr. X, but rather to reclaim him. We had hoped the presbytery would intervene at Cherry Hill OPC and work to resolve the difficulties there. In the course of our efforts to address this and related issues, we have been libeled by the session, slandered by members of the congregation, and falsely accused of all sorts of sins. We would not be surprised if false charges were brought against us.

We believe that reconsideration of all of the evidence is warranted from the standpoint of Recommendation 1 of the presbytery committee report, and would ask the presbytery once again to institute proceedings against the Rev. X.

Thomas P. Rockhill
Jeffrey S. Mumma
Ernest Springer, III

Complaint 3

From Messrs. Rockhill, Mumma and Springer February 28, 1994

To Richard A. Barker, Clerk of the Presbytery of New Jersey of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church;

And now, this 28th day of February, A.D. 1994, come the undersigned, and complain against the action of the Presbytery of New Jersey in connection with its disposition of a communication from Mr. Jeffrey Scott Mumma dated 15 December 1993, in which the presbytery voted not to review or act upon this letter via a committee of three motioned for by the clerk of presbytery. This letter sought to address erroneous preliminary conclusions of the presbytery committee investigating a charge against the Rev. X filed 15 September 1993, offered clarification and incontrovertible substantiation of the evidence already detailed in the charge, and it asked for the reconsideration of the presbytery's action not to bring him to trial which was taken during its meeting on 7 December 1993.

In bringing this complaint we affirm that we believe that the presbytery has erred and that this error is serious; that we have tried to understand the presbytery's point of view; that we have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, our willingness to be in subjection to our brothers in Christ; and that we have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint. In support of this complaint we set forth the following grounds:

(1) One of the committee members, also the clerk, introduced this letter during the docket item Reading of Communications and referenced the pertinent section of the charge to which it referred in connection with the presbytery committee's Recommendation 1. After having stated that he was not willing to insist that the committee had considered this part 100%, he made a motion to assign this letter to a committee of three men (other than
those of the original committee) for the purpose of reconsideration of this area of the charge in light of what was presented therein. A second member of committee spoke against the motion, saying that there had been adequate opportunity for those bringing the charge to comment upon the committee’s report during the 7 December 1993 presbytery meeting. He stated that the committee had considered all of the evidence and encouraged the presbytery to disregard the letter. Subsequently, the motion failed. It should be noted that at this point in time, none of those bringing the charge had been given the privilege of the floor, and so could not respond to the second committee member’s remarks. It should be noted that Mr. Mumma had been out of town on business and could not attend the 7 December 1993 presbytery meeting. His letter was composed after studying the committee’s report and reviewing the charge and its supporting documentation. This exercise would have been impossible during the 7 December 1993 presbytery meeting. No verbal presentation could have communicated the facts of the case with the accuracy and efficacy afforded by committing the same to writing.

(2) Recommendation 1 of the presbytery committee’s report stated, “That the presbytery determine not to proceed with a judicial trial of Mr. X on the question that he lied, dissembled, or misrepresented himself to the plaintiffs, because in the committee’s judgment there is not admissible or incontrovertible evidence to prove such a charge to a majority of presbyters.” This second ground is the most significant for it indicates firstly that the sheer volume of the supporting documentation that accompanied the charge has made it difficult for the committee to grasp the significance of that evidence that has been presented. Secondly, the committee, with only the documented written evidence made erroneous preliminary assumptions as to its incontrovertibility without the benefit of all of the evidence that would have been established by the testimony of witnesses listed in the charge. Thirdly, this letter which was sent to the ministers and clerks of session of all New Jersey OPC churches, dated 15 December 1993, spoke to the evidence which the committee identified in their report as the “crucial testimony” and “most damaging of the plaintiffs’ evidence” that would constitute judicially chargeable offenses. The letter not only clarified the evidence, but further strengthened it because it declared the existence of a tape recording from which the evidence had been transcribed.

The charge represents the final effort on the part of the plaintiffs to deal with a man whom we believe has wrought great harm to the peace and unity of the Church of Jesus Christ. We have long prayed that he would see the error of his ways and would repent, but he has refused. It has never been our desire to destroy Mr. X, but rather to reclaim him. We had hoped the presbytery would intervene at Cherry Hill OPC and work to resolve the difficulties there. In the course of our efforts to address this and related issues, we have been libeled by the session, slandered by members of the congregation, and falsely accused of all sorts of sins. We would not be surprised if false charges were brought against us.

We believe that reconsideration of this letter is warranted from the standpoint of Recommendation 1 of the presbytery committee report, and would ask the presbytery once again to institute judicial proceedings against the Rev. X.

Thomas P. Rockhill
Jeffrey S. Mumma
Ernest Springer, III
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Complaint 4

From Mr. Springer

November 12, 1994

To the Rev. Leonard F. Chanoux, Clerk of Session of the Cherry Hill Orthodox Presbyterian church (hereinafter CHOPC):

And now, this 12th day of November, A.D. 1994, comes Ernest Springer, III and complains against the action of the session of CHOPC in connection with its citation of him for trial. In bringing this complaint I affirm that I believe that the session has erred and that this error is serious; that I have tried to understand the session's point of view; that I have seriously examined, in prayer before the Lord, my willingness to be in subjection to my brothers in Christ; and that I have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint. In support of this complaint I set forth the following grounds:

1) A citation dated 5 November 1994 from the session of CHOPC was received on 8 November 1994, by certified mail. BD IV.A.2.c. says, "Ordinarily all citations shall be served in person, but in case that is not possible, citations shall be sent by certified mail to the person cited." Considering the close proximity to the residence of the accused to certain of the members of session (including the clerk) and their prior visitation to that location, no extraordinary circumstances existed. It was "possible" for the accused to be "served in person" and therefore recourse to certified mail was both unnecessary and irregular.

2) Relevant circumstances of a complaint had previously been filed against an action of the session of CHOPC by Mr. Springer on 8 October 1993, by certified mail. BD IV.A.2.c. says, "Ordinarily all citations shall be served in person, but in case that is not possible, citations shall be sent by certified mail to the person cited." Considering the close proximity to the residence of the accused to certain of the members of session (including the clerk) and their prior visitation to that location, no extraordinary circumstances existed. It was "possible" for the accused to be "served in person" and therefore recourse to certified mail was both unnecessary and irregular.

3) The rules regarding the trial of judicial cases are very specific in regard to the process to be followed. Certain actions on the part of the session are out of order and therefore in error:

A. In its citation the session states, "You are hereby summoned to appear...on November 17, 1994 at 6:15 p.m." Given the circumstances regarding the appeal before the General Assembly, noted in (2) above, for the session to pursue its present action prior to the disposition of this matter would be a violation of BD IV.A.1.e., which states, "The time allowed for the appearance on a citation shall be determined by the issuing session with due consideration for the circumstances." The session is not allowing due time for the General Assembly to adjudicate the appeal.

B. In its citation, the session states, "Because of the sensitive nature of the content of the charge and specifications, the session of Cherry Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church has ordered a closed trial." This is a decision made prior to a trial. BD IV.A.1.b. states, "In other cases, where the ends of discipline
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seem to require it, the trial judiciary at any stage of the trial may determine by a vote of three-fourths of the members present to sit with closed doors.” This clearly states that the session only has the power to make this determination during the course of the trial, not before, as it has done. Hence it is out of order and in error.

C. In its citation, the session states, “documents relating to the trial should not be read by persons other than the above named persons, nor should their specific contents be revealed except for a legal need-to-know (see BD IV.A.1.b.).” However, there is no authority, express or implied, in the reference cited, for this prohibition. Moreover “a legal need-to-know” is not limited to defense counsel. Spiritual counsel, procedural counsel, discussion of the facts with witnesses as well as general advice and direction from individuals knowledgeable of the historical events, can and may be a necessary part of a trial. The session can not put a gag order upon this matter. It is in error.

(4) The citation is signed by David B. Cummings as “Trial Moderator,” and the envelope in which it was mailed had a return address of 547 Daretown Rd., Elmer, NJ 08318 which is the address of the residence of Mr. Cummings. A judiciary of a church is the session of that church. According to FG XIII.4., “The session which is the governing body of the local church, consists of its pastor, its other ministers, and its ruling elders. It shall choose its own moderator annually from among its own members.” And further in FG XVIII.1., “In the judicatories of the church there shall be a moderator chosen from among its members as presiding officer so that business may be conducted with order and dispatch.” Hence, the moderator should be selected from amongst the members of the session of CHOPC. Mr. Cummings is not on the session of CHOPC, and should not be eligible to serve as a trial moderator of a judiciary to which he does not belong. Further, Mr. Cummings being outside the session of CHOPC should have no knowledge of the circumstances nor events surrounding the trial. Moreover, it contradicts the session’s previously stated intent to keep the matter closed. The session has erred in this matter.

(5) The exercise of church discipline has as its main object the reclamation of the alleged offender. This of course assumes that the spiritual interests of the individual member are being attended to. Hence the session has the responsibility to meet the needs of the individual member vis-à-vis pastoral care and communal fellowship. The session has been negligent in this area in regard to Mr. Springer.

Complaints 5, 6 & 7

From Messrs. Mumma and Springer

March 21, 1995

These complaints were found out of order by the General Assembly and therefore are not printed here. For a further description of the complaints see the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see p. 234).
REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

This has been a year of change for the Stated Clerk. There was a new computer and new programs to learn. There was the sale of General Assembly Minutes. There was also the move of the office to Willow Grove. A great deal of time, more perhaps than many of us had imagined or reckoned with, was expended in planning for the move and in the move itself as well as getting settled in the new place.

I DOCKET

A. Appeals
   The Clerk has received seven appeals of complaints for the 62nd General Assembly. All of the appeals come from one situation in the Presbytery of New Jersey.

B. Time Schedule
   The time schedule in the proposed docket is much like that followed in 1993 when the Assembly met at Geneva College.

II AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE PRESBYTERIES

One amendment to the Book of Discipline (BD) was proposed by the 61st General Assembly to the presbyteries for adoption.

Book of Discipline
   Chapter V,2.b in re ministers who "persist in attending a non Orthodox Presbyterian church (cf. Minutes, 61st GA, §110)
   Approved: (3) DK, MW, SO
   Disapproved: (9) MA, NJ, NY, NC, NW, OH, PH, SC, SW
   This amendment was not approved by a majority of the presbyteries and the Moderator should declare it to have failed.

   See Recommendation 1 below.

III AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THIS ASSEMBLY

Two amendments to the Standing Rules (SR) were proposed to this Assembly for adoption. The pending amendments to the SR (cf. Minutes, 61st GA, §103 & §174-175) are as follows:

1. That the first sentence of Standing Rule X.2.b be amended to read "The Committee on Appeals and Complaints shall consist of three members and an alternate, all four having come from different presbyteries, one member in each class and the alternate to be elected for a 3-year term."

2. That the Standing Rules be amended as follows:

   A. Chapter III.B.5.j. - add "(4) To prepare a budget (except for his
own remuneration) and submit it to the Committee on Coordination (COC) for review and approval prior to its submission to the General Assembly.

B. Chapter X.5.b.1. (lines 8 and 9) - to delete the words "...and to assist the Stated Clerk in preparing the budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund."

C. Chapter XI - add to the end of #3 the words "...through the Committee on Coordination."

See Recommendation 2 below.

IV WORK OF THE STATED CLERK

A. Overview
As the Clerk reported last year much of the Clerk's work is editing and correspondence. The Clerk wrote approximately 140 letters in this past year. 95 letters were written soon after the General Assembly in connection with the work and actions of the Assembly. The editing of the Minutes and the Directory along with the preparation of the Agenda require a great deal of time. In addition the Clerk has mailed out all the documents just mentioned which has saved some money over past years but has been a major undertaking.

The Clerk receives requests from all over the country for information about The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. There are those, both within the church and outside, who request information about various study papers which are found in the Minutes of the general assemblies. Part of what makes the job interesting is hunting down information for people and answering their questions.

In working out of the office in Willow Grove the Clerk seeks to serve the committees of the church, such as the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations or the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, in the flow of information and in support of their work. For the past three years the Clerk has served as the Secretary of NAPARC and because of that and other duties has been in contact with the Stated Clerks and General Secretaries of other denominations.

The Clerk is responsible ultimately to the General Assembly for his work but he recognizes that the Trustees of the General Assembly are charged by the Standing Rules with the task of reviewing his performance as the Stated Clerk. The Clerk has submitted reports on his labors and a job description to the Trustees. He has attended the meeting of the Trustees to report in person. The Clerk will make his reports to the Trustees available to the advisory committee which considers this report.

B. Publications
1. Minutes
   a. The Minutes of the 61st General Assembly were 105 pages shorter than the Minutes of the previous year. Final proofs went to the printer on October 6, 1994 and the Minutes were delivered on October 19. Those who had ordered copies received them shortly after that and other copies were mailed out as orders came in.
   b. Cost. The printing of 725 copies of the Minutes was $8,453.00. One needs to realize that there is a good deal more expense in editing, copying, and postage. Last year the General Assembly told the Clerk to sell the Minutes "at a cost, including shipping and handling, of $15 except for those copies which are to be issued through the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to fraternal bodies." As of April 27,
1995 I have received 213 orders for the Minutes which includes 17 orders from institutions. These orders were for a total of 311 copies. I have received $4,145.00 in sales. I have sent out 34 copies for the Committee on Ecumenicity. Sending out order forms, filling orders, keeping track of who has ordered and who has paid, and sending some invoices has all involved a good deal of time and effort. Furthermore each order has been receipted by the Committee on Coordination and the Controller's office. There are plenty of copies left for anyone wishing to order one.

c. The Clerk had a great amount of help from his wife as well as others in getting out the Minutes.

2. OPC Directory
   a. The OPC Directory was sent in final form to the printer on January 27, 1995. 8,000 copies were received on February 8, right after the move to the new office building in Willow Grove. They were distributed to the churches. The cost of printing them was $5,262.00. Revenue for advertising was $4,500.00.
   b. It is imperative that when there are changes to be made to the Directory that those changes be sent to the Stated Clerk.

3. Book of Church Order
   The Book of Church Order was republished this past year by the Committee on Christian Education. The Clerk is very grateful to the Committee on Christian Education for doing this. The book was published in a bound form but some copies were drilled so that the book is available for those who wish to replace the pages of their old six ring binder. This publication should include all the amendments to the book that went into effect on January 1, 1995 and should be in the form it will have for the next five years. The BCO can be ordered through the Committee on Christian Education or Great Commission Publications.

4. New certificates for licensure and ordination were designed and printed this year and made available to Stated Clerks of the presbyteries for their use.

C. Finances
1. The Clerk has sent out notices to all the churches concerning the amount requested from each church for the General Assembly Operation Fund. A letter was sent to all the sessions on July 21, 1994 giving the status of the General Assembly Operation Fund and stating the need for funds. Along with that letter forms were sent to help in determining what each church should contribute to the General Assembly Operation Fund. Another letter was sent to all sessions on September 8, 1994 telling each church just what they were asked to give in 1994 and what they had paid to the end of August, 1994. A further letter was sent on December 30, 1994 to all clerks of sessions reminding them of the request for contributions to the General Assembly Operation Fund. On April 5, 1995 a letter was sent to all the ministers in the OPC reminding them that the General Assembly has asked each of them to contribute to the General Assembly Operation Fund.

2. The Clerk prepared 88 vouchers in 1994, and 16 thus far in 1995, for expenses charged to the General Assembly Operation Fund. The fiscal year for the General Assembly Operation Fund has been from August 1 to the next July 31. The 61st General Assembly said that the fiscal year should be on a calendar basis starting on August 1, 1995. Although the proposed revisions to the Standing Rules, mentioned earlier in this report, were not yet adopted the Clerk has met with the Committee on Coordination and has prepared with them a proposed budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for the rest of 1995 and for 1996. This proposed budget is to be found in the report of the Committee on Coordination. The Stated Clerk plans to make available to the advisory committee which deals with the matter of the General Assembly Operation Fund budget fairly detailed ac-
counting of expenditures updated as much as possible to the time of the General Assembly.

V RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the proposed amendment to BD V.2. be declared by the moderator to be not approved by a majority of the presbyteries and thus not adopted.

2. That the 62nd General Assembly approve the amendments to the Standing Rules as proposed to the Assembly by the 61st General Assembly. (The proposed amendments are found in III of this report.)
I MEETINGS

The Trustees of the General Assembly have met once since the 61st General Assembly, on February 16, 1995.

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 IRS 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 US 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 IRS 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.

3. Under no circumstances should any congregation or agency of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church use the reference number stated in Sections “A” and “B-1” above in their dealings with the Internal Revenue Service with regard to payrolls, social security taxes, withheld Federal income taxes, et al. This reference number is exclusively for the use of The Trustees of the General Assembly for the purposes stated in Sections “A” and “B-1” above. If advice to the contrary is received, please do nothing before contacting the Secretary of The Trustees.

III STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Donald J. Duff, submitted his report to The Trustees per the Job Description and Form for Performance Evaluation previously adopted. Mr. Duff was evaluated on the basis of these documents and the evaluation was determined to be “excellent.”
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 RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Rev. Donald J. Duff be elected Stated Clerk for a new three-year term (1995-1998) and that his duties be those listed in the Standing Rules, Chapter III, Section B.4 and Section B.5 (a. to p., included); and that the following listed remuneration package for the Stated Clerk for 1995-1996 be adopted:

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Including four weeks paid vacation

It will be noted that the base salary is somewhat less than the scheduled salary in the Home Missions Committee's Salary Scale Guidelines for ministers with fifteen years experience (Minutes, 61st GA, 1994, p. 96).

VI ESTIMATED EXPENSE

The Trustees estimate their costs for the next year will be $50.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin L. Dawson, Sr.
President
REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

This report summarizes statistics for 1994 from each presbytery and congregation of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Yearbook contains detailed Statistical Reports of the Churches, summaries of statistics for the regional churches and for the whole church, and a recapitulation of membership statistics since 1938.

I SUMMARY

In 1994 the OPC grew significantly in terms of membership and church attendance. Total membership reached 20,151 with an increase of 1,003 persons (5.24 percent) for the year, equaling the combined growth of the previous three years, as shown in Figure 1 (see pg. 85). An even larger gain was recorded in morning worship attendance which grew by 1,102 persons (7.1 percent) to 16,708 in November, as shown in Figure 2 (see pg. 86). Sunday school attendance grew by 608 persons (6.4 percent) to 10,096. These are truly remarkable gains when compared to membership gains of 2.7 and 2.4 percent in 1993 and 1992, respectively, and the average annual gain of 1.82 percent in the decade 1978 to 1988. Not since 1966 has total membership grown by more than 5 percent in one year.

In the area of finances, total offerings reached a new high of $17,514,332, representing an 8.1-percent increase over that of 1993. Per capita giving increased 2.5 percent to $1,285 per communicant member.

Table 1 (see pg. 87) provides a synopsis of these statistics and others, with listings for each of the twelve regional churches and a comparison of the totals for the whole church to those of recent years.

II CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

Seven mission works were organized as new and separate churches, and one congregation was received into the OPC as an organized church. These gains in the number of churches were partially offset by the loss of two churches. Thus, the number of churches increased by six to 181. (It should be noted that last year’s report failed to record the reception of HULL OPC in Hull, IA on 11/22/93 as a particular congregation of the Regional Church of the Dakotas. The correct number of churches at the end of 1993 was thus 175.) The changes that occurred in 1994 are listed below along with their respective regional churches.

CHURCH ADDITIONS (8)

Organized as new and separate churches from mission works
- GRACE, Sheboygan, WI
- DELTA OAKS OPC, Antioch, CA
- SOVEREIGN REDEEMER FELL., Boise, ID
- NEW LIFE, Wasilla, AK
- GRACE FELLOWSHIP, Mansfield, PA
- NEW LIFE, Williamsport, PA
- LIVING HOPE, Allentown, PA

Received into the OPC
- CALVIN, Phoenix, AZ (former PCA)

REGIONAL CHURCH
- Midwest
- Northern California
- Northwest
- Northwest
- Philadelphia
- Philadelphia
- Philadelphia
- Southern California
CHURCH REDUCTIONS (2)

Dissolved
- COVENANT, Madisonville, PA
- NORTHWOODS COMMUNITY, Cheyenne, WY

Withdrawn from the OPC
- PHILADELPHIA
- Dakotas

(joined the PCA)

The number of unorganized mission works grew by three to 35. These changes are listed below.

MISSION WORK ADDITIONS (12)

Started or received into the OPC
- Park Hill, Denver, CO
- Providence, Glade Spring, VA
- Covenant Reformed, Springfield, IL
- New Hope Community, Decatur, MI
- Rockford Springs Commun., Rockford, MI
- Hope, Syracuse, NY
- Covenant, Eureka, CA
- Anchorage Faith, Anchorage, AK
- Sovereign Redeemer Fell., Boise, ID
- Covenant, Mansfield, OH
- Good News Fellowship, Perkasie, PA
- Bethel, Hialeah, FL

MISSION WORK REDUCTIONS (9)

Organized as new and separate churches
- GRACE, Sheboygan, WI
- DELTA OAKS OPC, Antioch, CA
- SOVEREIGN REDEEMER FELL., Boise, ID
- NEW LIFE, Wasilla, AK
- GRACE FELLOWSHIP, Mansfield, PA
- NEW LIFE, Williamsport, PA
- LIVING HOPE, Allentown, PA

Terminated
- Hope, Grays Lake (Libertyville), IL
- Hoover OPC, Hoover, AL

III MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The total membership of 20,151 persons at year's end consisted of 341 ministers, 13,629 communicant members, and 6,181 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents an increase of 1,003 persons (5.2 percent) from 1993's adjusted total of 19,148 members. Table 1 briefly summarizes the membership and attendance statistics for each of the regional churches and for the whole church. See the Yearbook for further detail.

In recent years God has graciously provided our church with stability in a highly transient society. Again in 1994 the net gain in membership was realized as hundreds of new members joined the OPC, replacing those who have left. Professions of faith and reaffirmations of faith accounted for 567 and 610 additions, respectively, to the roll of communicant members. For the first time in many years member transfers have resulted in
a net increase (+299) in membership. This improvement is largely due to having received several existing congregations or groups into the OPC as particular churches or mission works (e.g., in Phoenix, AZ, Glade Spring, VA, Eureka, CA, Anchorage, AK, Boise, ID, Syracuse, NY, and Decatur, MI).

Recent years' statistical reports have noted significant growth in the number of young people making professions of faith. This trend continued in 1994 with 206 baptized non-communicants (one out of 30) making a profession of faith, compared to 166 the year before.

Worship attendance averaged 16,708 in November 1994, which is 82.9 percent of total membership. This is an increase of 1,102 persons (7.1 percent) from a year earlier. It continues a trend observed since 1990 (compare Figures 1 and 2) in which worship attendance growth has exceeded growth in total membership by an average of 1.8 percentage points each year.

Sunday school attendance averaged 10,096 in November 1994. This is 608 persons (6.4 percent) higher than in 1993, and is the highest since 1986-87 when Sunday school attendance briefly exceeded 10,000.

IV CONTRIBUTIONS

Total giving in 1994 increased 8.1 percent from the previous year, to a record high of $17,514,332. Per capita giving increased 2.5 percent to $1,285 per communicant member, also a new high. Total contributions and average giving per communicant member are listed in Table 1 for each of the regional churches.

The $17.5 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC in 1994 is divided into three categories. General offerings for local church expenses grew 9.7 percent to $13,215,476 or 75.5 percent of giving. Benevolence offerings for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry increased by only 2.7 percent to $3,120,454 and dropped one full percentage point to 17.8 percent of total contributions. Offerings designated for capital improvements totaled $1,178,404 or 6.7 percent of giving.

Contribution data since 1970 are summarized in Figure 3 (see pg. 87) by category as described above. In this figure each curve is plotted separately (unlike Figure 1 which is cumulative). The slope of each curve provides an indication of the rate of change. For example, the fact that the rate of increase of benevolence giving since 1984 has not kept pace with the growth in general offerings is readily apparent from the difference in slope between these two curves. The large year-to-year variations in offerings for capital improvements are caused by occasional church building projects.

V ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 341 ministers in the OPC at the end of 1994. The following actions resulted in a net increase of eleven ministers on the rolls of OPC presbyteries.

**MINISTERS ADDED TO THE ROLL (15)**

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P. Shaun Bryant
A. Boyd Miller, IV
Received into the OPC
Richard J. Venema, from the CRC
DeLacy A. Andrews, Jr.,
from the PCUSA (no transfer)
James E. Ferguson, from the PCA
Terry F. Thole, from the RCA
Robert J. West, from the PCA
Jack W. Sawyer, from the RCNZ
J. Peter Vosteen, from the CRC
Joseph Keller, from the BPC
Wayne A. Buchtel, from the PCA

MINISTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL (4)
Deceased
George W. Marston
Dismissed from the OPC
Brian H. Nicholson, to the PCA
James M. Garretson, to the PCA
Erased
David L. Melvin, joined the RCA

In addition to these changes seven ministers transferred between OP presbyteries in 1994.

MINISTER
Mark J. Larson
Gerald P. Malkus
William A. Miller, Jr.
Allen P. Moran
G. Mark Sumpter
Robert Y. Eckardt
Timothy J. Power

FROM
Dakotas
New Jersey
Northern California
Northern California
Northwest
Ohio
South

TO
Midwest
N. Y. & N.E.
Dakotas
Ohio
Mid-Atlantic
Mid-Atlantic
So. Calif.

The number of ruling elders in the church increased by 41 to 840, of whom 595 (71 percent) are currently serving on sessions. The total number of deacons is 552, of whom 403 (73 percent) are actively serving. In all, with ministers included, there are 1,733 ordained officers in the church.

VI CONCLUDING COMMENTS

The 1994 statistics once again provide many reasons for praise to the Lord for his provision. The church experienced reinvigorated membership growth that was driven by hundreds of professions of faith and reaffirmations of faith (1,177 in all) and the addition of several existing congregations and other groups new to the OPC. The church reached new records in the number of churches, membership, worship attendance, and giving totals.

Respectfully submitted,
Luke E. Brown, Statistician
Table 1 provides a synopsis of these statistics and others, with listings for each of the twelve regional churches and a comparison of the totals for the whole church to those of recent years.

| REGIONAL CHURCH SUBTOTALS | LOCAL MISSION ROLL OF MEMBERS | CHURCHES | WORKS | CHARGE | ATTENDANCE | SCHOOL | TOTAL | S/C | MIN. OFFICERS | S/C | E. DIA. | MIN. OFFICERS | E. DIA. | R.E. DIA. | MIN. OFFICERS | E. DIA. | R.E. DIA. |
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Hinisters are not included in member totals shown here.
Figure 1.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL MEMBERS

Baptized Children (Non-Communicants)

Ministers

Communicant Members

YEAR


MEMBERSHIP (Thousands)

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24
Figure 2.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE DATA

Morning Worship Attendance
(Not reported prior to 1986)

Sunday School Attendance

YEAR
NUMBER OF PEOPLE (Thousands)
0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24
Figure 3.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFERINGS

YEAR


ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ($ Millions)

TOTAL

General Offerings (Local Operations)

Benevolence Offerings (Missions, Outreach, Diakonal)

Special Offerings (Capital Improvements)
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I THE BROADER MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Introductory
   1. The Committee on Christian Education (hereinafter CCE, or the Committee) made newly available during 1994:
      a. The Book of Church Order of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, issued by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and including all revisions effective 1/1/95, @ $10.00 postpaid; available from either CCE or GCP
      b. A two-hour video of the general secretary's catechetical instruction seminar; one free copy per Orthodox Presbyterian church, others @ $10.00 postpaid, available upon request from CCE
      c. The booklet, Focus on Fellowship (subtitled, "100 Practical Ideas to Promote Koinonia in Your Congregation"), revised; free upon request from CCE

   2. The Committee, together with the two other program committees, the Stated Clerk and the Committee on Coordination, took possession of a new administrative office building at 607 N. Easton Road, Willow Grove, Penna. in December, 1994.

B. 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, listed with their members, goals and activity:

   1. Worship (Wilson, Miladin, 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 catechism bulletin inserts and *Q & A*, a series of flyers for teaching the catechism to the congregation

(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 are available to the churches, together with Lawrence C. Roff’s *Let Us Sing*, on worshipping God with our music

(3) Aids for Worship Leaders (compiled by committee member Larry Wilson), a grouping of Scripture readings under various headings to assist in leading worship, is to be published by GCP (expected release date: June, 1995)

2. Teaching (Curry, 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 subcommittee 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

(3) The summer 1995 Vacation Bible School curriculum, available through GCP, is entitled *New Life*

(4) The subcommittee continues to promote regional teacher training seminars through providing our churches with an informational brochure and granting them financial assistance

(5) The general secretary conducted thirty-one seminars in 1994 on a variety of subjects, including: Catechetical Instruction, The Exodus, Teaching Sunday School, Family Worship, Covenant Nurture, and *What Is The Reformed Faith?*

(6) The subcommittee is investigating the publication of longer tracts on a variety of subjects (manuscript submissions are welcome and may be sent directly to subcommittee members or to the general secretary of CCE)

(7) *New Horizons* column on teaching—the subcommittee seeks the names of S. S. teachers who may be able to contribute to this column

(8) The general secretary, together with G. I. Williamson and in consultation with the subcommittee, is writing a 24-page brochure entitled “*What Is The Reformed Faith?*” (as a companion to “*What Is The OPC?*”)

(9) The general secretary serves as a regular instructor for selected Equipping Seminars, sponsored jointly by the CCE and the Christian Education and Publications Committee of the PCA.

(10) The general secretary and CCE member Jim Gidley represent the Committee on a subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the Temporary Joint Subcommittee on A Project to Promote and Distribute Reformed Literature to Indigenous Pastors on Foreign Missions Fields
3. Fellowship (Malcor, Poundstone, 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 visitors and new members.
      (2) Two communicant membership courses, *Confessing Christ* (GCP) and *Professing Your Faith* (CCE) are available to the churches.
      (3) The booklet, *Focus on Fellowship*, a descriptive list of ways to promote fellowship in the church, has been recently revised and expanded, and continues to be made available to the churches; excerpts are being published on the CCE pages in *New Horizons*.
      (4) *A Handbook for Camps and Retreats*, prepared by the subcommittee, was previously distributed to each presbytery and is still available upon request.
      (5) Planning for a national OPC family conference has been terminated for the present by the full CCE Committee.
      (6) Consideration is currently being given to the areas of retreats, small groups, and singles.

4. Evangelism (Miladin, Peterson)
   a. Goal: *To help equip the church for its mission to make disciples of all nations*
   b. Activity
      (1) The report, *Evangelism in the OPC* and the tract, "Pray For Us" is available to churches, free of charge, upon request of the CCE staff.
      (2) The subcommittee is preparing for publication a course on evangelism, entitled *Personal Evangelism Made Less Difficult*.
      (3) The subcommittee welcomes the submission of manuscripts of evangelistic tracts for consideration for publication.

5. Diaconal Service (Woiwode, 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: the subcommittee has been discontinued for the present, due to the excellent work of the Diaconal Ministries Committee and its secretary-treasurer, Dr. Leonard Coppes.

6. Christian Schools (Woiwode, Gidley, MacDonald)
   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) The general secretary has prepared various materials on the need for and nature of Christian schools, and is available to conduct a seminar in local churches on those topics.
      (2) The long out-of-print *Our Children, How Shall We Educate Them*, by the Rev. Edward Heerema, is being updated and rewritten with a view to future publication.
      (3) Subcommittee members continue to publish articles in *New Ho-
rizons and elsewhere on Christian education. The subcommittee is presently studying OPC documents and George M. Marsden's *The Soul of The American University*, with a view to submitting to the church a statement on the principles of Christian higher education. It has also been given the long-term goal of formulating a curriculum for private and home-school parents.

C. Special Committees
   The Committee has other special committees whose mandates fall outside the above-mentioned goal areas
   1. Equipping Ordained Officers (Gidley, Wilson, Winslow, Peterson)
      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
         During 1994 CCE, through its subcommittee, published four issues of *Ordained Servant*, a journal which provides 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 to 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. *Ordained Servant* includes 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. It 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, ND, is responsible for production.
   
   2. Youth Ministry (Winslow, Felch)
      a. The Committee discontinued Mr. Sumpter's responsibilities as Youth Consultant, due to the level of his work load, effective January 1, 1994, and is currently evaluating the questions both of the usefulness of this position and of the person who might serve the church in it. During this evaluation period, the Committee is temporarily suspending the production of both *New Horizons* inserts, *Reaching Youth* and *Youth Tracks*.
      b. Still available to our churches is an annotated bibliography, *Youth Leaders' Resource Directory*
   
   3. Standards in Modern English (Elder, Williamson, MacDonald)
      a. A Modern English Study Version of the Confession of Faith of the OPC, prepared by CCE and approved by the 60th GA, is available from GCP for $2.95
      b. The subcommittee has been dissolved
   
   4. Joint Committee on OPC History Project (Elder, Gidley)
      a. The Joint Committee on the 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:
         (1) the 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)—see the recommendation below;
         (2) the production of a 55-minute video, *The Orthodox Presbyterian*
(3) the publication of a book, authored by John Muether and Darryl Hart, entitled *Fighting The Good Fight*, on the history of the OPC, is expected to be released by June, 1995.

5. Long-Range Planning (Elder, Phillips)

This subcommittee exists to stimulate and coordinate the long-range planning activities of the other subcommittees and of the Committee itself, serving 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.

D. Ministerial Training Subcommittee

1. Membership

The 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: J. Donald Phillips and G. I. Williamson (class of 1997), John P. Galbraith and Jack J. Peterson (class of 1996) and James Gidley and David Winslow (class of 1995).

2. Duties

The duties of this subcommittee, as set forth in the Standing Rules (Chapter 10) 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 also involved consulting with seminaries and administering the Glenn R. Coie Fund and the Internship Program.

3. Internship Program

a. Summary of 1994 Internships

The Committee on Christian Education, through its Ministerial Training Subcommittee, provided 23 intern programs throughout the country during 1994. Thirteen men served summer internships, in 12 churches, designed to give seminarians a taste of the pastoral ministry and to allow them to test their gifts and their calling by God; all but one of these churches were supported financially by the Committee. Ten men served in year-long internships, normally the final phase of preparation for entering the ordained ministry; seven of these churches were supported financially by the Committee. 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 spent $51,600 in assisting churches in funding internships in 1994.

b. The following is a list of churches and interns involved in summer internship programs during 1994:

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<td>1. Franklin Square, NY</td>
<td>Nathan Trice</td>
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<td>2. Elmer, NJ</td>
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<td>4. Bridgeton, NJ</td>
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<td>5. Sewickley, PA</td>
<td>Robert Broline</td>
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c. The following is a list of churches and interns involved in year-long internship programs during 1994:

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<td>Bonita, CA</td>
<td>*Robert Starke</td>
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<td>Columbia, MD</td>
<td>Robert Bjerkas</td>
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<td>Kent, WA</td>
<td>Andrew Elam</td>
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<td>La Mirada, CA</td>
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[*Robert Starke served portions of two internships during the year 1994]

d. New or modified Committee policies:
   (1) A “Policy on Selecting Mentoring Churches” is now in use and will be mailed out yearly.
   (2) An “Internship Evaluation” form (for interns to evaluate their interning experience) is now in use.
   (3) No second summer internships for men not committed to the OPC will be funded by the Committee.
   (4) OPC and PCA men contemplating summer internships ordinarily are required to be under care of a presbytery.
   (5) Churches participating in the internship program, but which do not receive funding, are asked nevertheless to assist us by submitting evaluations of interns.
   (6) The Intern Evaluation form now reflects “preaching” as a separate category.

e. Recruitment—currently, the Intern Director visits these seminaries:
   (1) Westminster Theological Seminary (WTS-PA)
   (2) Westminster Theological Seminary (WTS-CA)
   (3) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (GTS)
   (4) Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (GPTS)
   (5) Reformed Theological Seminary (Fla.) (RTS)
   (6) Knox Theological Seminary (KTS)
   (7) Mid-America Reformed Seminary (MARS)

f. The following is a list of current OPC ministers, totaling 50, who have had summer and/or year-long internships at some time since 1983:
Appendix


4. 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. A grant of $500 and a loan of $1,500 were extended during 1994.

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5. Consulting with Seminaries
   a. Three subcommittees of two members each have been organized to maintain contact with Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, Westminster in Escondido, CA, and Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Orange City, IA, in order to communicate and discuss ways in which these seminaries can best serve the OPC in training our prospective ministers.
   b. In particular the Committee has expressed appreciation to MARS for the extensive efforts it has made to assist the OPC in the training of ministerial candidates. Also the Committee has commended Westminster in Escondido for its forthright document "A Testimony to Our Time" which addresses critical issues facing the church today, though the Committee did make several suggestions to strengthen one of the statements on homosexuality.

6. Encouragement to Presbyteries Regarding Ministerial Candidates
   a. The subcommittee encourages presbyteries to:
      (1) require their ministerial candidates at Westminster Theological Seminary in California to take the courses in American Presbyterian History and in The Westminster Standards.
      (2) suggest that their candidates and credentials committee request student transcripts (with the student's permission) of their ministerial candidates from the seminary which they have attended.
      (3) purchase OPC History videos for distribution to licentiates and to ministers whom they receive from other denominations.
   b. The General Secretary participated as an evaluator at Readiness For Church Planting seminars, sponsored by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension of the OPC, at Westminster Theological Seminary (California) and Knox Theological Seminary (Ft. Lauderdale).

7. In 1993 the subcommittee began a comprehensive study of the whole mat-
ter of the training of candidates for the gospel ministry in the OPC; the study was con-

continued, though not concluded, during 1994. As an aspect of this study, the Ministerial Training 

Subcommittee, in its March, 1995 meeting, erected a subcommittee to explore the biblical 

warrant/mandate, feasibility, and character of a church-operated seminary. Messrs. Peterson 

(convener) and Gidley were elected to form this subcommittee.

E. Magazine Subcommittee

1. Introductory

The Committee, through its Magazine Subcommittee (MacDonald, 

Galbraith, Malcor), 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 GA:

"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:

I. 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 1994 the 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. The managing editor composed the magazine in PageMaker and 

handled most of the details of the magazine's production. The production assistant prepared 

the prayer calendar and did the proofreading. GCP art director John Tolsma produced the 

covers and Harmony Press printed the magazine.

3. Finance

The cost of production in 1994 for 11 issues was $147,487 compared to a 

budget of $155,000. One printing bill $6,000 was not received in time to be included in 

1994 expenditures.

F. Staff (at the end of 1994):

1. General Secretary and Director of The Intern Program—Thomas E. Tyson 

2. Production Assistant (three days a week)—Ali M. Knudsen 

3. Publications Coordinator and Managing Editor—James Scott

G. Officers (at the end of 1994):

1. President—Paul S. MacDonald 

2. Vice-President—Larry E. Wilson 

3. Secretary—Douglas A. Felch 

4. Treasurer—J. Donald Phillips
II GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

A. Publication Program

1. Sunday school curriculum.
   a. The graded curriculum (Nursery through High School) continues to be the centerpiece of GCP’s ministry. One of the local church’s greatest expenditures of energy and resources is on Sunday school—and GCP’s task is to provide materials for that and other aspects of Christian education.
   b. The basic curriculum (originally developed by the OPC in the ’60s and ’70s) has been revised and expanded over the 20 years of the joint-venture with the Presbyterian Church in America. The objective is to revise one departmental course every other year, with a focus on renewing anything dated in the way lessons are applied or depicted.
   c. Future plans include reevaluating the structure of the courses for elementary children. Now the materials are arranged in two departments, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. Much of the feedback received indicates a preference for a two-year configuration (grades 1-2, etc.), yet the impact on GCP’s complete curriculum, development costs and serving the full range of churches must be assessed.

2. Adult discipleship
   a. Production of new adult elective studies has been on hold for the past two years due to financial constraints. GCP is committed to providing whatever is needed for the nurture of adults in OPC and PCA churches and is seeking to determine how best to proceed as resources are available.
   b. Desire has been expressed by some churches for a quarterly adult curriculum, consisting of a systematic study of the Scriptures from beginning to end. Research is being conducted to ascertain if this option would be utilized in sufficient quantity to warrant the project.

3. VBS curriculum
   a. In 1992, GCP introduced a revision of the original VBS curriculum, with primary changes being to recast the materials under a unified theme and into a 5-day schedule. The biblical themes are:
      
      Year 1—Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life (based on John 14:6)
      Year 2—Love the Lord with all your heart (based on Matt. 22:37)
      Year 3—Shout for joy to the Lord (based on Psalm 100:1)

   b. In addition, responding to calls for more teaching helps, promotional aids and evangelistic focus, the new VBS curriculum includes numerous “accessory” items designed to augment the basic teaching.

4. Trinity Hymnal
   a. The revised edition of Trinity Hymnal was introduced in summer 1990 and over 80,000 copies had been sold by the end of 1994.
   b. The GCP Board has approved a reprint of the original Trinity Hymnal (blue binding). Churches will be notified in advance and the print run based on pre-publication orders received. No changes will be made in the contents of the hymnal.
   c. In addition, special versions of the original hymnal are being prepared for the Reformed Church in the United States and a coalition of Reformed Baptist churches.

B. Staff

1. GCP’s resident staff is housed in two locations. The administrative office in the Atlanta area consists of the Executive Director, the Rev. Thomas R. Patete, plus the Controller/Business Manager and three additional employees.
2. Six persons make up the editorial/production staff in the Philadelphia area. GCP has offices in the OPC administration building for two of these individuals; the remainder work out of their homes.

3. In addition, numerous writers, editors, artists and consultants are employed by GCP on a free-lance basis as needed.

4. The position of Theological Editor is being established "to conduct a pre-publication review of all new materials in order to ensure exegetical and theological integrity in keeping with the standards of Great Commission Publications and its two parent churches." This function previously has been covered by a different non-staff reviewer for each publication. At the time of the writing of this report, it appears certain that the new part-time, non-resident position will be filled by Committee member G. I. Williamson.

C. Finances

1. 1994 was a rebuilding year for Great Commission Publications. The joint-venture saw further inroads on the financial front, enabling reserves to be reestablished from depletion in previous years. This accumulation will be used, in part, to fund the purchase of a building to accommodate GCP's administrative offices and warehouse.

2. Sales now account for all but a very small portion (.3%) of income. No contributions were received in 1994. Income of $1,584,549 was recorded for the year, representing an increase of 6% over 1993. Expenditures as a whole were lower by 5%, totaling $1,274,210.

3. Distribution of the Bible-in-Perspective Sunday school curriculum varied by each departmental course. The greatest growth came in Junior High, the most recent revision introduced. Sales of all departments increased over the previous year. Churches using all or part of the curriculum totaled 1205 in fall '94—150 OPC, 611 PCA, and 444 from other denominations.

4. Sales of the revised Trinity Hymnal declined overall in 1994, yet a surge the last four months resulted in an increase over the same period the year before. Distribution currently is slightly more than 10,000 copies per year. Some 132 OPC churches have purchased the new hymnal.

III REFERRAL OF THE MINORITY REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2 OF THE 61ST GA

A. Introductory

The Minority Report of Advisory Committee 2 of the 61st GA recommended that the 61st GA "withdraw the OPC from the GCP joint venture." This recommendation was not adopted, but was instead referred to the CCE. The CCE at its meeting of Oct. 4-5, 1994 appointed a subcommittee to "evaluate" the said Minority Report. This subcommittee has met briefly, with Messrs. Thomas Patete and Thomas Tyson, and considered the recommendation and the grounds adduced to support it.

B. Action of the Committee

The Committee, at its meeting on March 15, 1995, acting on the recommendation of the subcommittee, directed that the following be reported to the 62nd General Assembly:

1. The report of the minority of Advisory Committee 2 was as follows:

That the 61st General Assembly withdraw The Orthodox Presbyterian Church from the Great Commission Publications joint venture.
Appendix

Grounds:

(1) Editorial control is at best two steps removed from assembly control.

(2) Editorial control cannot be improved without giving one side a veto over the materials published, and there does not seem to be any means to avoid forcing one group to submit always to the will of the other.

(3) Because of the above any response to a theological challenge to the content of the material becomes diluted to the point that it has no power.

(4) It appears that it is impossible for the joint venture to be self-supporting and to keep in print the materials which are desired by the minority, due to financial constraints.

2. The Committee considers the recommendation to be inappropriate at the present time, for the following reasons:

a. It is true that "editorial control is at least two steps removed from Assembly control" [Ground (1)], but we have confidence in the judgment of the Executive Director who is now reviewing all materials for theological content before publication. Also, it is expected that a competent person is to be appointed as Theological Editor for GCP, who will review all manuscripts before publication (see II.B.4. above).

b. The veto power of either denomination's representatives is rarely, if ever, exercised, but it exists if either group believes an item ought not to be published. A problem has been that the representatives have not been acquainted with the texts until after publication. However, there has been favorable response when specific doctrinal problems have been pointed out to the Executive Director after publication. Most recently (Jan. 26, 1995) Mr. Patete reported to a concerned critic that his criticisms of the Spring 1992 Junior curriculum had been incorporated into the very next reprinting of this material (for Spring 1995), and that the leftover copies of the Spring 1992 curriculum had been destroyed. Similar responses and actions had been made to earlier criticisms by others.

c. GCP is a valuable tool for the OPC if its work is properly directed, and the committee believes that steps are now being taken to make its work more satisfactory. Further, it would not be likely that the OPC could produce alone the publications that it needs.

IV BUDGET

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V RECOMMENDATION

That the Assembly approve the request of the Committee on the Historian, endorsed by CCE, for $2,000 to carry on the audio history project, and that CCE turn the audio tape project over to the Committee on the Historian.

VI 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 and office, if any:

1. Ministers
   a. Calvin R. Malcor—Magazine/Fellowship
   b. George C. Miladin—Evangelism/Worship/GCP
   c. Larry E. Wilson—Equipping Ordained Officers/Worship/GCP; vice-pres.

2. Ruling elders
   a. James Gidley—Christian Schools/Equipping Ordained Officers/Ministerial Training/OPC History/Executive Committee
   b. David Winslow—Ministerial Training/Diaconal Service/Youth Ministry/Equipped Ordained Officers

B. The Standing Rules of the General Assembly require three ministers and two ruling elders for each class of 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. Since there is only one elder in the classes of 1996 and 1997 currently on the Ministerial Training Subcommittee, the Assembly must elect at least one elder to the class of 1998.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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I INTRODUCTION

God is powerfully at work enlarging and changing the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Psalm 127:1 reminds us “unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” These famous words of Solomon have often been quoted as reminders of God’s sovereignty and warnings against an undue emphasis on church growth. They are warnings which the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE) takes seriously. But these are times to rejoice in the sovereign hand of a gracious God who has caused growth beyond all that we had asked or imagined. The Lord is building our house and it is marvelous in our eyes.

By the end of 1994 it had become apparent that the work of church planting had changed dramatically in the OPC. In previous years, presbyteries looked for contact locations where new churches could be planted, and regional home missionaries spent long months developing groups. By the early part of 1994, however, groups of families began to request the help of our presbyteries to begin new churches in such number that those re-
gional bodies found it difficult to follow-up on the inquiries. In addition, God richly blessed in the establishment of strong and sizable groups through the efforts of our RHMs. By the end of calendar year 1994 our presbyteries had enrolled 16 new mission works in one twelve month period.

The "partnership" concept is valued highly by the Committee because it accurately expresses the way in which CHMCE's denominational church planting responsibilities are now carried out. In its desire to be of service to, and in support of the presbyteries of the OPC, the Committee tested and refined a Manual for Presbytery / CHMCE Partnership during the year. In December it released a final draft of that document for publication in early 1995, with the hope that it will assist presbyters in the work of establishing, receiving, overseeing and organizing mission works into the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

As effective partnerships have been forged between CHMCE and each of the twelve presbyteries of the OPC and as mutual plans have been laid for the establishment of new churches, God has blessed those plans beyond measure. Indeed, if there was fault in laying plans for establishing new churches, that fault lay in the littleness of our faith in the presence of a God who has chosen to bless mightily.

II FIELD SUPPORT IN 1994

A. Fields Supported

The following mission works were provided with financial assistance in 1994 (listed by presbytery):

- Dakotas: Denver, Colo. (Jack K. Unangst)
- Mid-Atlantic: Bowie, Md. (Gerald S. Taylor), Lenoir, N.C. (Robert Y. Eckardt)
- New Jersey: Phillipsburg, N.J. (William O. Slack, II)
- New York & New England: Syracuse, N.Y. (Gerald P. Malkus), Brunswick, Maine (Roger A. Ramsey)
- Northwest: Kent, Wash. (Randall A. Bergquist)
- South: Columbia, Tenn. (James M. Garretson), Key West, Fla. (William V. Welzien), Lake Worth, Fla. (Arthur J. Steltzer, Jr.), Maryville, Tenn. (Robert A. Berry)
- So. California: Santa Maria, Cal. (Nicholas T. S. Ganas)
- Southwest: Dallas, Tex. (Michael D. Pasarilla)

B. New Fields

Seven new mission works began receiving financial assistance in 1994: Brunswick, Maine; Columbia, Tennessee; Lenoir, North Carolina; Madison, Wisconsin; Rockford, Michigan; Santa Maria, California; and Syracuse, New York.

C. Field Support Policy

The Committee reminds the church that the following financial support policies
are being followed:

1. Aid for new mission works
   a. The Committee will provide financial assistance for a mission work up to 50% of its total budget and only if the presbytery and/or the mission work cannot fully support the labors of a full-time evangelist for that work. This support will be for no more than four years on a quarterly declining scale after the first year, contingent upon the renewed yearly recommendation of the presbytery and with the understanding that the Committee will be consulted in the selection of the missionary.
   
   b. Before receiving initial support, the presbytery will submit to the Committee an historical sketch of the mission work, including guidelines and provisions for oversight and evaluation, and a plan for developing it into a self-governing and self-supporting congregation, including adequate provision in its budget for the labors of the evangelist on a full-time basis.
   
   c. Before receiving continued support for the second, third or fourth years, the presbytery will submit by November 15 a request for such renewal, together with a written annual evaluation of the mission work, including an indication that provision has been made in its budget for the continued labors of the evangelist on a full-time basis and for benevolent giving to presbytery and denominational causes.

   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 also placed on the importance of every mission work identifying itself with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and including support of denominational budgets in the early ordering of its finances.

   Monthly and quarterly reports are presented by church planters to the Committee as well as the home missions committee of their presbytery. These include financial matters as well as attendance figures and 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.

2. Support for Non-aid Receiving Mission Works

   Financial support is not the only kind of aid provided for the development of mission works. The coordination of prayer support makes the whole church aware of the needs of its mission works and encourages church planters and young congregations. For the third year, such prayer support has been coordinated by the Committee according to the following policy: The Committee will provide the same prayer support normally rendered to aid-receiving mission works to non-aid-receiving mission works upon request of the presbytery with the following stipulations:

   a. Non-aid-receiving mission works will make a commitment to report monthly on the challenges and blessings of the ministry for use in prayer support.
   
   b. Services and assistance provided by the Committee will include prayer listings in New Horizons and PHONE HOME, in addition to those services which the Committee makes available to all congregations of the OPC.
   
   c. Such requests from a presbytery will be on a yearly basis with renewal up to four years.

D. Support Concluded

During 1994 three fields concluded their support relationship with the Committee with total financial aid as indicated: Allentown, Pennsylvania ($60,000); Kent, Washington ($60,000); Kentwood, Michigan ($60,000). The Committee notes that financial assistance was suspended for Covenant Community OPC in Columbia, Tennessee at the
loss of their pastor. Financial assistance was also suspended for Gwynedd Valley Presbyterian Church, Gwynedd, Pennsylvania until such time that they find an organizing pastor.

III REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES

In setting before the church its goals for this decade to the 55th General Assembly (1988), the Committee indicated its desire to help each presbytery to secure a regional home missionary (RHM) by 1995. In the intervening years the Committee has realized that this goal is unrealistic and is working to revise its plans while still keeping before the presbyteries the challenge of the services provided by a regional home missionary. During 1994 the Committee provided financial assistance to four presbyteries for RHMs who serve in full-time capacities.

Ruling Elder James A. Heemstra continued his ministry for the Presbytery of the South, laboring in Cumming, Georgia to help them in the search for an organizing pastor. Later in the year he also worked to help in Columbia, Tennessee seeking to help them find a pastor. In the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic he visited and provided advice and assistance for their mission work in Lenoir, North Carolina in a cooperative arrangement between presbyteries until the Rev. Robert Y. Eckardt was called as organizing pastor of Providence OPC.

The Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse continued his ministry for the Presbytery of Philadelphia and labored during the year primarily in Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. The group there is still looking for an organizing pastor. Another group in Perkasie, Pennsylvania voted to join the OPC. He has been ministering to that church each week.

The Rev. James L. Bosgraf continued his ministry for the Presbytery of the Midwest working with the mission works in Palos Heights, Illinois, Madison, Wisconsin and Springfield, Illinois. He also assisted in the expansion of a Bible study in Batavia, Illinois and contacts were made for possible new works in New Lenox, Illinois and Norwalk, Iowa.

Early in 1994 the Rev. L. Anthony Curto was called to serve full-time as RHM for the Presbytery of Southern California and began to receive financial assistance from the Committee. He has labored with a Bible study in the El Toto/ Rancho Santa Margarita area. He has also assisted the Rev. Nicholas T. S. Ganas in the development of the mission work in Santa Maria and has been working toward the development of a mission work in the Phoenix, Arizona area.

The Committee gives thanks for all of these dedicated and mature men and their effective labors as church planters and church planting coordinators in their presbyteries.

IV URBAN MINISTRIES

The Committee remains committed to the difficult task of focusing special attention on the cities and urban areas of our nation. Plans are being laid to identify several cities throughout the country where the OPC has proximity and where the regional church has or could develop a desire to make a Reformed and Presbyterian impact.

As part of its urban focus the Committee continues its membership in the Sponsoring Association of the Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS). Dr. William C. Krispin was succeeded as Executive Director of CUTS on July 1, 1994 by Dr. Verley Sangster. Dr. Krispin, who is now Director of Mission Advancement at CUTS, has graciously consented to serve the Committee as a consultant when needed. The Committee is in the process of reviewing and potentially reassessing its financial commitment to CUTS and has a Septem-
ber 1995 meeting scheduled with Dr. Sangster for that purpose.

V EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Committee views its ministry as one of service to presbyteries and congregations of the OPC. Ruling Elder William J. Vermeulen continues to serve the Committee as director of evangelism and church development from his home in Ada, Michigan. Through Mr. Vermeulen's efforts CHMCE assists church planters in their outreach and offers evangelism education and training seminars to OP congregations as well as mission works. The Committee believes that his labors are valuable to the church in promoting a strong evangelism focus for the OPC. In addition to serving 13 mission works during the year, he also served 11 existing congregations in their evangelism efforts.

VI TRAINING AND PROMOTION

The Committee seeks to provide encouragement, training and tangible assistance to its home missions personnel. One of these efforts is the bringing together of CHMCE-supported home mission pastors for an Annual Home Missions Training Conference held in the spring at Camp Geneva in Holland, Michigan. The conference theme for 1994 was "Developing a Healthy Church." Dr. Donald J. Mac Nair was the featured speaker. Dr. Joel Nederhood preached at both worship services on the Lord's Day. This year the wives of the church planters were invited to the conference. Mrs. Thea Van Halsema led separate sessions for the women for two days of the conference.

The Committee also brings together all regional home missionaries and representatives from the home missions committees of the presbyteries for discussions and planning in the fall of each year. In 1994 the gathering was hosted by Fellowship OPC in Lake Worth, Florida to whom the Committee expresses grateful appreciation.

The Committee staff also offered "Readiness for Church Planting Evaluation Seminars" on the campuses of Westminster Theological Seminary in California and Philadelphia and Knox Seminary in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. These seminars are designed to identify and provide training for young men who show interest and aptitude for church planting in the OPC.

Because of the need for a large number of organizing pastors for new missions works, two special conferences were hosted by the Committee to interview and evaluate licentiates and ministers, many from outside the OPC, concerning their readiness to serve as Orthodox Presbyterian church planters. The first conference was held in April in Newark, New Jersey; the second was held in December at Bethel OPC in Wheaton, Illinois. The names of participants were forwarded to supervising sessions of mission works and presbytery home missions committees.

In an attempt to keep the churches updated on developments in the mission works, PHONE HOME was produced twice monthly. Current items of praise and petition, gleaned from reports from the fields, are made available by recorded message and mailed transcript. The transcripts continue to be sent to every OPC congregation along with Foreign Missions TELENEWS.

Two pages of copy are provided for each issue of New Horizons to keep the church informed of God's working in our mission fields.
VII FINANCES

The Committee is grateful to the Lord that it enjoyed his favor along with the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee on Foreign Missions in receiving gifts for 1994 which provided 104% of its Worldwide Outreach budget. It rejoices in thankful appreciation for the gifts of God’s people for the support of home missions in the OPC. With gratitude to God the Committee also notes that its portion of the special 1994 New Ministries Offering for its ministry was $18,576.

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IX OPC LOAN FUND/ CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

As reported to the 61st GA, the Committee has not received new investments into the Church Extension Fund since March 18, 1993. Investors in the Fund continue to receive interest payments (or have them compounded) on their investments according to the original terms. As they have opportunity to do so, they may elect to withdraw their investment prematurely without penalty in order to purchase a Note(s) in the new Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund (OPCLF).

Members of the Board of Directors of the OPCLF are elected by CHMCE. The Board is comprised of the following:

Class of 1997: Messrs. Richard A. Barker, Kenneth L. Bosgraf

The following men serve as officers of the Board: president, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; vice president, Kenneth L. Bosgraf; secretary, Richard A. Barker; treasurer, Richard E. Sackett; assistant secretary, Ross W. Graham; assistant treasurer, David E. Haney. Both Messrs. Graham and Haney are ex officio members of the Board.

At the close of 1994 Notes in the OPCLF were offered in the following states (with others pending): Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, S. Dakota, Tennessee and Texas. Rigid regulations make it very difficult for us to
offer Notes in some states. Notes are currently offered at the following fixed rates: 1-year, 5.0%; 3-year, 5.5%; 5-year, 6.0%; 10-year, 7.0%.

During the year the Board granted a loan to Providence OPC, Glassboro, New Jersey for the purchase of an existing building. Two loans previously granted from the Church Extension Fund to Faith OPC, Lincoln, Nebraska were refinanced from the OPCLF. The loan granted in 1993 to River of Life OPC, Phillipsburg, New Jersey (reported to the 61st GA) was not consummated. While loans to churches are now ordinarily from the OPCLF, the listing of balances due on all loans below are from the old Church Extension Fund with the exception of those with an asterisk indicating that they were granted from the new Fund.

The balances due on all loans from the Church Extension Fund and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund as of December 31, 1994 are as follows:

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*OPC Loan Fund
The Church Extension Fund has the following equity in real estate as of December 31, 1994:

Lake Worth, Fla. - Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church $265,833

X CONTINGENT FUND

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.

The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 1994 are as follows:

Bellmawr, N.J. - Immanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church $10,141

Gettysburg, Pa. - Living Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church 22,442

Hattboro, Pa. - Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church 24,997

Janesville, Wis. - Christ Orthodox Presbyterian Church 38,460

Kalamazoo, Mich. - Community Presbyterian Church 15,237

Key West, Fla. - Keys Chapel (OPC) 89,801

Marlton, N.J. - The Rev. Ross W. Graham 74,146

Phoenix, Ariz. - Calvin Presbyterian Church 19,335

Presbytery of the Midwest, OPC - Living Hope OPC, Ionia, Michigan 36,335

Presbytery of New York and New England, OPC 15,761

Zoar, Wis. - Menominee Orthodox Presbyterian Church 9,091

TOTAL $355,746

The Congregational Investigation of the Roswell OPC, Roswell, New Mexico conveyed to CHMCE 2 1/2 acres of land adjacent to the home of the pastor and the property on which the church building is located in the course of the year. At the time, the indebtedness of the congregation to the Contingent Fund in the amount of $14,515 was completely satisfied. Subsequently the vacant land, now an asset of the Committee, was placed on the market for sale.

The balance due as of December 31, 1994 on a loan from the Special Projects Fund to the Presbytery of the Midwest was $18,904.

XI AUXILIARY MINISTRIES

A. Questionnaire for Ministers/Licentiates and Vacant Pulpits List

The GA 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. At the end of the year, fifteen questionnaires were on file. All churches requesting this information are sent
copies. An updated list of vacant pulpits is also maintained in conjunction with the stated clerk and sent to those requesting such information.

B. Salary Scale Guidelines

The salary scale, effective January 1, 1995, as adopted by the CHMCE, 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:

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The minimum base salary for those men not covered by the scale will be $31,063.

Further Provisions:

1. Salary. The salary scale does not apply to men 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 missionary rents his house, a supplement for rent paid is suggested.
   b. If a missionary 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 missionary meet this expense. At the least, the Committee suggests that auto expenses be reimbursed at the rate of 26 cents per mile.
C. Committee intentions regarding Salary Scale Guidelines
   At the September 1994 meeting of the Committee it was determined to inform
   the 62nd GA that it intends, unless otherwise instructed, no longer to provide Salary Scale
   information after 1995, but to assist individual presbyteries and mission works in determin-
   ing adequate pastoral compensation by providing resource materials, such information to
   be provided by the controller.

XII GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) MATTERS

   The Committee appointed the Rev. Ross W. Graham, general secretary, the Rev. John
   R. Hilbelink, Committee president and Mr. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, chairman of the Finance
   Subcommittee and president of the OPC Loan Fund Board of Directors as representatives to
   the 62nd GA.

XIII ADMINISTRATION

   A. Committee Members and Officers
      Class of 1997
      Ministers: John R. Hilbelink, Lawrence Semel, William Shishko
      Ruling Elders: Richard A. Barker, Garret A. Hoogerhyde
      Class of 1996
      Ministers: Richard R. Gerber, David J. O’Leary, William E. Warren
      Ruling Elders: Richard L. Hake, Jack H. Julien, D.D.S.
      Class of 1995
      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, Mark R. Brown
      Secretary, David J. O’Leary
      Treasurer, Robert A. Kramm

   B. Executive Committee: Messrs. Barker, Gerber, Hoogerhyde, O’Leary and the
      president

   C. Committee Representative to COC: Mr. Hoogerhyde

   D. Subcommittees
      Finance: Messrs. Barker, Hoogerhyde (Chairman), Julien, Kramm, Semel
      General Ministries: Messrs. Brown, Hake, O’Leary, Solis, Warren (Chairman)
      Special Ministries: Messrs. Gerber (Chairman), Hilbelink, Schmurr, Shishko,
   Taylor

   E. Ministry Staff
      General Secretary, Ross W. Graham
      Director of Evangelism and Church Development, William J. Vermeulen
F. Officestaff
Secretary, Lisl M. Gaffin

XIV ELECTIONS
The terms of the above named class of 1995 expire at this assembly.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

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1994 ended on a positive and exciting note! A large gift received during December brought 1994 Worldwide Outreach receipts up to 102% of our budget goal of $1,450,000. This enabled our three program committees to each receive slightly in excess of their budget goal for the year, for the second year in a row. We are grateful to the Lord and to the individuals who gave so generously.

This outpouring of support gave our program committees the financial resources to respond to many of the opportunities being put before us. In the dynamic area of Home Missions, 16 new mission works were established in 1994, more than in any other year in the history of the OPC. Five Regional Home missionaries are currently helping young churches and interested groups. Overseas, calls for help were investigated and responses organized which enabled five new missionaries to go to their fields in 1994. In the Christian Education area, in 1994, our intern training program aided 19 young men in receiving “on the job” experience with older mentors, and 11 issues of our New Horizons magazine were published.

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.
The 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 1995
         (1) The Rev. Roger L. Gibbons
         (2) Ruling Elder Russell W. Copeland, Jr.
      b. Class of 1996
         (1) The Rev. Jonathan D. Male
         (2) Ruling Elder Gordon H. Singer
      c. Class of 1997
         (1) The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips
         (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 D. Williams
      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. Donald Phillips
   2. Vice-Chairman - The Rev. Stephen L. Phillips
   3. Secretary - Ruling Elder Gordon H. Singer
   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. Male 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. S. Phillips, Copeland, Gibbons and Williams, 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. General Assembly Operation Fund Oversight
   This subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Williams and S. Phillips, was established in 1994 to oversee the General Assembly Operation Fund.

5. The Chairman serves ex officio on all standing subcommittees.

D. Meetings
   As required by the Instruments of the General Assembly, the committee met four times since the last Assembly: June 11, 1994; November 14, 1994; February 2, 1995 (by conference call); and March 31, 1995.

III ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program
   In 1994, the Church experienced a 7.0% increase in giving to Worldwide Outreach, with total Worldwide Outreach receipts for the year increasing from $1,388,128 in 1993 to $1,484,904 in 1994. These receipts were 2.4% greater than the approved 1994 budget of $1,450,000. The Committee on Coordination and the New Horizons magazine once again did not require their full budgeted amounts, so the three program committees received an average of 104% of their budgeted amounts.

   In light of these events, and after prayerful consideration, the committee is recommending a total Worldwide Outreach program for 1996 of $1,660,000, which represents a 7.4% increase over the approved 1995 budget (see Recommendation 1 below).

B. Coordinated Promotional Efforts
   1. Spring 1994 special New Ministries offering for the three program committees
   2. 1994 Thank offering

C. Administrative
   Each year the committee must specify a date upon which to close the books for the year. For 1994, the committee determined that checks dated on or before December 31, 1994 and received by January 6, 1995 would be credited towards the 1994 budget. All other checks received after December 31, 1994 would be credited towards the 1995 budget.

IV 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 November, 1992 meeting, The committee endorsed the fund rais-
ing activities for the support of the Rev. Donald H. Taws in Eritrea for three years.
At its regular January, 1993 meeting, the committee endorsed the fund raising activities of the Rev. Charles Telfer in Eritrea for three years.
At its regular March, 1993 meeting, the committee endorsed the fund raising activities of the Rev. Hailu Mekonnen in Ethiopia for three years.
At its regular November, 1993 meeting, the committee endorsed the fund raising activities of Dr. Brian T. Wingard in Kenya for three years.
At its regular November, 1994 meeting, the committee endorsed the fund raising activities of Rev. Steven F. Miller in Eritrea for three years.
At its regular March, 1995 meeting, the committee endorsed the fund raising activities of Rev. L. Anthony Curto in Uganda for three years.

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.
At its regular March, 1992 meeting, the committee concurred with the Committee on Foreign Missions in approaching individual congregations, groups of congregations or regional churches with a view toward undertaking special relationships with new foreign missions works in Eritrea, Guyana, Manchuria, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Uganda.
At its regular November, 1992 meeting, similar concurrence was given for the Committee on Foreign Missions to seek special relationships with a planned new work in Bulgaria.
At its regular March, 1993 meeting, similar concurrence was given for the Committee on Foreign Missions to seek special relationships with planned new works in Ethiopia and Kenya.

V 1996 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

The committee's 1994 budget, actual expenses for 1994, current budget for 1995 and proposed budget for 1996 are set forth below:

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Revenues anticipated in 1996 are $146,000 from Worldwide Outreach, $7,500 from interest and $8,000 for administering the Church Loan Fund and $500 miscellaneous. Copies of the 1994 annual auditor's review are available upon request.

VI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND (GAOF)

The 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §179, Recommendation 5) mandated that the GAOF be converted from its present fiscal year structure to a calendar-year format as of August 1, 1995. In response to this mandate, the following Budget Worksheet is presented:

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Miscellaneous

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Total Expenses

|                  | 94,100                 | 108,674               | 121,473                 | 117,725                 | 50,296                  | 127,000           |

Ending Balance

|                  | 76,785                 | 64,929                | 40,103                  | 40,103                  | 40,103                  | 40,103            |

VII RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 1996 (see III.A. above):

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New Horizons

| Coordination       | 171,350      | 165,000    |
| Coordination       | 146,000      | 140,000    |

Total 1996 Worldwide Outreach $1,716,216 $1,660,000

2. That the General Assembly approve the General Assembly Operation Fund budgets of $50,296 for the period August 1 through December 31, 1995 and $127,000 for 1996 (see VI above).

3. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that the Standing Rules be amended as follows:
Chapter X.2. - insert a new sentence as the second sentence as follows: “Each shall carry out its duties as defined by and in accord with its bylaws/policies, and shall report to the Assembly annually.”

Chapter X.4. - delete entire section (it reappears, adapted, in Instrument H.) and renumber sections 5-7.

Chapter XII - amend to read as follows:

Chapter XII. OF FINANCES

1. The funds of each Standing Committee and Special Committee, except for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries and the Committee on Pensions (which shall be administered separately by its own officers), shall be administered by the Committee on Coordination.

2. The finances of the three program committees (Committee on Christian Education, Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension) shall be administered in accord with Instrument E.

3. There shall be established the following General Assembly funds:
   a. The General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) which shall finance the office of the Stated Clerk, and the work of the General Assembly other than the three program committees, the Committees on Diaconal Ministries and on Pensions.
   b. The General Assembly Travel Fund (GATF) which shall finance the expenses of commissioners incurred in attending General Assemblies (which may include travel, food, and lodging).

4. The finances of the GAOF shall be administered in accord with III.B.5.j. and Instrument H.

5. The finances of the GATF shall be administered as approved by the Assembly, and with the following provisions:
   a. Ordinarily, travel compensation shall not be given to commissioners to the General Assembly unless (1) they attend every business session of the Assembly, or (2) they submit written requests to be excused from a portion of the business sessions of the Assembly necessitated by circumstances beyond their control, to the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel, no later than the formation of the roll, or upon their arrival, whichever occurs last, and such requests are granted. The committee shall present its recommendations on the requests at the next session of the Assembly. Men who are allowed to leave by later Assembly action shall receive not more than half the amount they would otherwise be entitled to, except those who are excused because of unforeseen emergency.
   b. Commissioners who incur a loss of regular income in order to attend the General Assembly shall be given full travel compensation if they are in attendance on any five full days of Assembly business. Men in this category who attend for less than five full days shall lose travel compensation at the rate of 25% per day.

Chapter XIII- amend by adding “h. Guidelines for the General Assembly Operation Fund”.
Appendix

Ground: This recommendation is in response to a mandate from the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 4).

4. That the 62nd General Assembly amend the Instruments of the General Assembly as follows, to take effect if and when the changes to the Standing Rules proposed in Recommendation 3 above are adopted:

   Add the following to the Instruments:

   H. GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION FUND

   1. Those making contributions for the attainment of the approved budgets of the General Assembly Operation Fund (GAOF) are encouraged to make their checks payable to the “The Orthodox Presbyterian Church” and to note “GAOF” thereon.

   2. Standing or special committees that draw upon the GAOF for their expenses shall limit their expenses to the amounts set by the Assembly when it adopts the budget for the GAOF, except as follows:

      a. The Stated Clerk may authorize such a committee to spend up to 10% over its budget, upon request of the committee submitted prior to the incurring of the expense, if in his judgment the expense will be offset by a corresponding under-expenditure elsewhere in the GAOF.

      b. In situations in which the Stated Clerk and the Executive Committee of the Committee on Coordination jointly determine to be of overriding importance to the Church, they may (if there are sufficient funds on hand in the GAOF) authorize an expenditure in excess of that allowed in a. above, and they shall report their decision (together with the reasons therefore) to the next General Assembly.

      c. Gifts designated for projects/purposes included in approved budgets shall not increase the total amount budgeted for that committee/cause unless the GAOF has met its budgeted receipts.

      d. Gifts designated for projects/purposes not included in approved budgets may be accepted only upon approval by the Stated Clerk (after consulting with the appropriate committee), who shall determine whether such gifts shall or shall not be reckoned in fulfillment of the approved budget.

      e. Gifts received by bequest or from sources outside The Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall not be reckoned as contributing to the fulfillment of the approved budget.

Ground: This recommendation is in response to a mandate from the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 4).

5. That the 62nd General Assembly reinstate the policy for distributing minutes that existed prior to the action of the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §176, Recommendation 2), except that each copy of the minutes include a request to contribute $15.00 per copy to cover the cost of printing.

6. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that Chapter X.2.i. of the Standing Rules be amended by adding “...and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly...” in the second sentence, after the phrase “The General Secretaries of the three program committees...”
Ground: This places the Stated Clerk of the Assembly in the same capacity as the three General Secretaries, i.e. an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee on Coordination (COC) which seems appropriate, since the GAOF has been placed under the COC.

7. That the 62nd General Assembly amend the Instruments of the General Assembly by adding to Instrument E.2.(c) the words "...and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly..." after the phrase "...the General Secretaries of the three program committees...", to take effect if and when the changes to the Standing Rules proposed in Recommendation 6 above are adopted.

Ground: Same as Ground for Recommendation 6 above.

8. That the 62nd General Assembly propose to the 63rd General Assembly that Chapter X.2.i. of the Standing Rules be amended by deleting from the last sentence the word "voting" and adding after the word "member" the phrase "...elected by the General Assembly..."

Ground: This proposed change would allow the three program committees to elect their preferred representative to the COC as they choose, without the "seven years and out" provision ruling out their choice.

9. That the 62nd General Assembly amend Instrument E of the Instruments of the General Assembly by deleting paragraphs E.4.o. and E.4.p. in their entirety and replacing them with a new paragraph E.4.o. to read as follows:

o. The purpose of this paragraph is to provide flexibility in the funding of support for new missionaries being sent to new foreign missions works, to promote closer ties of such missionaries with existing congregations, and to foster greater interest in the pursuit of foreign missions within the church as a whole.

1) The Committee on Foreign Missions may, with the approval of the Committee on Coordination, undertake a special relationship with one or more session(s) or presbytery(s) ("the participant") with respect to a man being sent to labor as a missionary evangelist in a new foreign missions work.

2) The contemplated special relationship includes:
   a) A commitment for an initial period of not less than two years to provide the financial support (or portion thereof) for the missionary from sources that are over and above the participant's regular giving to the Worldwide Outreach combined budget;
   b) The establishment of a committee by the participant to actively promote the work (and the "over and above" support therefor) of the missionary, to serve as the liaison between the participant and the Committee on Foreign Missions, and to be available for consultation and encouragement as major decisions are taken regarding that work;
   c) An intention for the missionary to concentrate his activities for up to one-half of each furlough period among those with whom the Committee on Foreign Missions has undertaken a special relationship(s) with respect to his work; and
   d) A review of each special relationship every five years by the Committee on Coordination to ascertain whether it is then possible to include
support for the missionary within the Worldwide Outreach combined budget (which is the desired objective).

(3) The following rules shall apply:

(a) Prior to seeking the approval of the Committee on Coordination under (1) above, the Committee on Foreign Missions shall certify that its current financial position is such that additional funding (beyond its portion of the Worldwide Outreach combined budget) must be developed in order to support the missionary through his first term of service;

(b) The term, "new foreign missions work," refers to a foreign mission field to which the Committee on Foreign Missions has been sending (without interruption) missionary evangelists for ten or fewer years;

(c) To be eligible under this paragraph, the man shall have been a member in good standing of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the preceding two years and at least two years shall have elapsed since the date the man was licensed to preach the gospel;

(d) Discussions regarding the undertaking of a special relationship may be initiated by either the Committee on Foreign Missions or by one or more sessions or presbyteries;

(e) Funds received for the support of missionaries approved under (1) above shall not be reckoned as contributing to the fulfillment of the responsibility of The Orthodox Presbyterian churches for the approved budgets of the program committees;

(f) After its approval by the Committee on Coordination, the special relationship shall commence at a mutually agreeable date; and

(g) All special relationships under this paragraph shall be reported to the General Assembly annually.

Grounds:

(1) The current version of paragraphs E.4.o. and E.4.p. was added to the Instruments of the General Assembly in 1987 (Minutes, 54th GA, §117-121, pp. 36-39) to: provide a means whereby men in the denomination with a vision to labor in a particular field may do so within the denomination; provide flexibility in the funding of new foreign missions works; promote closer ties of such works with existing congregations; and foster greater interest in the pursuit of foreign missions within the church as a whole. To those who have periodically worked with these paragraphs for a number of years, it has become apparent that the whole process needs to be both simplified and clarified. Not a few presbyters have found them, at least in some of the provisions, to be confusing. The proposed amendment presents what is believed to be a more workable framework for promoting the cause of foreign missions within the church as a whole.

(2) The proposed amendment clarifies the parties involved in a special relationship and more clearly sets forth their responsibilities thereunder.

(3) The proposed amendment stresses the importance of working through the appropriate courts of the church in developing the special relationships and removes the individual missionary deputation aspects of the current version of paragraph E.4.o. from the Instrument (see the Report of Advisory Committee 1 Minority, Minutes, 54th GA, §60, p. 17).

(4) The proposed amendment stresses the "over and above" character (in relation to the participant's regular giving to the Worldwide Outreach combined budget) of the financial support sought to be developed through the special relationship.
(5) The proposed amendment codifies what has become the anticipated practice regarding the use of the missionary's furlough.

(6) The proposed amendment codifies the understanding that new works, begun with "over and above" funding through special relationships, should eventually be brought within the Worldwide Outreach combined budget, and periodically makes that issue a specific docket item for the Committee on Coordination.

(7) The proposed amendment provides a definition of a "new foreign missions work."

10. That the 62nd General Assembly amend Instrument E of the Instruments of the General Assembly as follows (words lined through are to be deleted, words underlined are to be added):

E. COORDINATING THE PROGRAMS OF WITNESS AND EDIFICATION

1. PURPOSE

There shall be a Committee on Coordination to assist the Church, as a whole, and as congregations making up the whole, unitedly and separately, in its world-wide calling of witness to the world and edification of the church. The whose primary purposes of the committee shall be to recommend to the General Assembly a combined budget coordinate the strategic planning of for the three program committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension) and provide oversight of the General Assembly Operation Funds for the succeeding year 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, and to provide oversight of the General Assembly Operation Funds.

2. STRUCTURE

The committee shall consist of (a) one member each of the three worldwide outreach program committees above, elected by his representative committee; (b) six members at large, elected by the General Assembly (see Standing Rule W X.2.): and (c) the General Secretaries of the three program committees as ex officio members without vote.

3. FUNCTIONS

The committee shall seek to develop the financial support needed to achieve both short- and long-range goals for the Church's program as a denomination and shall recommend to the General Assembly priorities for the achievement of the both short- and long-range goals set by the these program committees of the denomination, including the financial support needed.

To this end its functions shall include:

a. reviewing the program (including budgets) desired by each program committee each year;

b. recommending a combined budget approving a program (including budgets) for each of the program committees for submission annually to the
General Assembly for its commendation and approval, and to the sessions and churches for their commendation and support;

c. arranging for the orderly receiving and accounting of funds for the program committees;

d. approving guidelines for promotion of the work and for development of support;

e. developing and preparing programs to encourage the practices of good stewardship;

f. acting as fiscal agent for the General Assembly in receiving, disbursing, and keeping account of receipts and disbursements of the General Assembly Operation Funds and shall make the accounts accessible to the Stated Clerk.

4. OPERATION

The method of operation to carry out the functions of the committee shall be these or similar activities:

a. Elect its officers annually.

b. Meet at least two four times a year.

c. Review, early in each year, the programs (including budgets) desired by each program committee for the ensuing year.

d. Obtain and review, early in the year, the programs (including budgets) conducted by the congregations and presbyteries that have the effect of supplementing the programs of the program committees separately from those programs.

e. Approve a program for each of the program committees that will take into account the desires of the program committees and the supplementary programs of the congregations and presbyteries.

f. Recommend to the next General Assembly a combined budget for the succeeding year reflecting the committee's judgment as to the most desirable apportionment of the anticipated resources of the church.

g. Consider, and if possible implement, a means of seeking annually from each session and/or congregation a statement of a goal for the support of the work of the program committees.

h. Report annually to the General Assembly. The report shall include (1) information concerning the committee's work (including the costs of the operation of the committee, and the share of those costs borne by each of the program committees); (2) recommendations for a combined budget coordinated program for the program committees, together with budgets, for the Assembly's approval and commendation to the churches for their support; (3) a projection of the desired goals of the program committees for the following year; and (4)(3) Submit a recommended budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for the Assembly's approval.

h. through n. (no change)

o. and p. (see Recommendation 9 above)

q. (no change)

5. STAFF (no change)
Notes:
(1) These proposed changes to Instrument E. narrow the mandate for the Committee on Coordination to budgetary matters only.
(2) The proposed wording of E.1., E.3.f., and E.4.g., in italics, incorporates changes approved by the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, §174, Recommendation 2) with slight wording modifications to be consistent with the rest of the instrument.

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., neither are eligible for re-election. Under the same rules, this Assembly must elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 1998.
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

**Total Budgets and Receipts: 1980 - 1994**

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**Averages**

- Receipts: $47,285 4.9%
- Budget: $52,969 4.7%
- Total: 93.9%

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**WWO: Receipts and Budgets**

1980-1994
**WWO: 1994 Sources of Funds**

- (92.2%) OPC
- (14.9%) Reserves
- (1.5%) OPC

**WWO: 1994 Use of Funds**

(Program Services by Committee)

- (38.2%) CFM
- (16.0%) CHMCE
- (3.9%) CE
- (8.2%) NH
- (33.7%) Sppt.Serv.
WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Sources of Funds

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![Graph of WWO: Sources of Funds 1994 - 1996](image)
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

### Use of Funds

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### WWO: Use of Funds 1994 - 1996

- **CE** (Christian Education)
- **CFM** (Foreign Missions)
- **CHMCE** (Home Missions & Ch. Ext.)
- **NH** (New Horizons)
- **Sppt.Serv.** (Supporting Services)
- **Reserves**

### Graph

The graph shows the use of funds over the years 1994 to 1996, with bars indicating the actual, approved, and requested amounts for each year. The amounts are categorized into Christian Education (CE), Foreign Missions (CFM), Home Missions & Ch. Ext. (CHMCE), New Horizons (NH), Supporting Services (Sppt.Serv.), and Reserves.
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH PROGRAM COMMITTEE FUND BALANCES

Source: 1989-1994 balance sheets prepared by Auditor

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### WWO: Committees' Fund Balances

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**Millions**

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**WORLDWIDE OUTREACH**

Combined General Funds: Revenues and Expenses

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**

|                      |             |               |               |
| From (to) CCE cash reserves | ($6,280)  | $11,043      | $17,000       |
| From (to) CFM cash reserves | 302,552 | 160,245       | 188,407       |
| From (to) CHMCE cash reserves | (24,213) | 59,139       | 60,000        |
| From (to) NH cash reserves | 2          | 0            | 0             |
| From (to) COC cash reserves | (2,281) | 0            | 0             |
| **Deficit (Surplus) funded** | $269,780 | $230,427      | $265,407      |

**Notes:**

1994 "Actual": Based on Auditor's reports
1995 "Approved": Based on Committees' reports, allocated as near as possible in the same manner as the Auditor.
1996 "Requested": Based on amounts requested by the Committees in their annual reports, allocated as near as possible in the same manner as the Auditor.

**Supporting Services:** All salary and benefits for staff have now been allocated as Supporting Services. Prior year's reports distributed a portion of these expenses to Program Services. As a result of this reclassification you will note increased costs for Supporting Services even though there are no significant changes to the staffing of the programs.
### COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**General Fund: Revenue and Expenses**

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**Note:**

The salary and benefits paid to the General Secretary have been allocated as follows:
25.0% to New Horizons, 75% to Christian Education.
**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**General Fund: Revenues and Expenses**

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**Notes:**

The salary and benefits paid to all employees have been allocated to administration.

1994 revenues and expenses shown above do not reflect $41,402 receipts, nor $14,334 expenses for "Special Projects".

Missionary Support figures include funding of shortfalls and anticipated shortfalls in the Direct Missionary Support Fund. The shortfalls are $187,363 and $69,573 and $142,710 for 1994, 1995 and 1996 respectively.
### COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**
- Inter-fund transfers: $32,312
- Decrease (increase) in cash: (56,525) (861) 0
- Deficit (Surplus) funded: ($24,213) $59,139 $60,000

**Note:**
The salary and benefits paid to all employees have been allocated entirely 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
- Deficit (Surplus) funded: $2

### COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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**Funding of Deficit (Surplus):**
- Decrease (increase) in cash: ($2,281)
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

**Percentage Distribution of Budgets Approved by the General Assembly**

1973 - 1995

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Average: 1973-1995 22.6% 42.8% 34.6%

**Budgets Approved by the GA: 1973-1995**

**Percent Distribution by Committee**

![Graph showing percentage distribution of budgets approved by the General Assembly from 1973 to 1995, with CE, CFM, and CHMCE categories.]
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Percent of Approved Budget Funded: By Committee 1983-1994

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1983-1994 Average: 87.5 100.3 90.6

### Percent of Budget Funded: By Committee 1983 - 1994

#### Diagram
- CE
- CFM
- CHMCE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES
TO THE 62ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:4-18

I THE 1994 MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

We urge the church to read the **annual auditor's report**. This report shows the variety of ministries the committee carries out in your behalf.

The table reproduced below indicates how the Lord's money was spent this year. Again this year there is a slight drop in the percentage of monies spent on administration costs. Expenditures to foreign causes increased over what was expended in 1993. The increase of a little over $4,000 would have been somewhat more (perhaps $6,500 more) if the situation in East Kenya had been stable. However, during the year we learned of some irregularities in the church situation there. This was reported to us by Mr. Bube, and upon his recommendation we suspended temporarily sending all funds to the Reformed Church of East Africa. The amount spent on ministry USA went up by $9,000. The increase was due primarily to what was given to pay hospital premiums. (It is the policy of this committee to pay the hospitalization premiums for those serving in ministry for the OPC as payer of last resort.) A similar increase appears in the AIMWOF (Aged and Infirm Ministers, Their Widows and Their Orphans Fund). The increase resulted from increases in pension help to the aged.

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<td>$15,214 (7%)</td>
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<td>AIM</td>
<td>77,634 (37.6%)</td>
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Most of the activities of this committee may be included under the headings of what we did, what we helped others to do, and what we would like to do.

II WHAT WE DID

Again in 1994 we helped one of our congregations located in a depressed area of our nation. The help went to restore a few families in the congregation to financial solvency. Thankfully, the economy of the region has been improving and the aid was merely a one time expenditure. We should note that the local congregation, although small, had very sacrificially helped their fellow members before the session appealed through the presbytery diaconal committee to us.
One presbytery diaconal committee had been contacted by a session regarding a widow in their midst who was disabled but due to some very unusual circumstances was not eligible for any governmental aid. The local church was unable to help any further because they had exhausted their funds in meeting this and other diaconal needs. We were very happy to be able to help this dear widow extending to her a small pension stipend sufficient, with the help of the local church, to meet her needs.

We are very glad to report that the situation in the Reformed Church of East Africa has improved sufficiently that we were able to resume helping that church in their dire need. The aid goes to students. As before we do not give them aid because they are students. Their financial need would be pressing whether or not they were in seminary. Their nation continues to be oppressed with inter-tribal warfare and famine.

The committee continued to work with the Rev. Roger Ramsey during the year 1994. He continues to be classified as totally disabled. However, he has concluded that since he might die at any time from his chronic heart problems, he might as well put his time to good use. Consequently, he is serving as a home missionary in the presbytery of New York New England. His total support for his personal and family needs comes from this committee. The mission work is doing what it can to contribute to this cost by sending donations to the committee. Roger’s medical expenses continue to be high. He must carry high risk insurance and frequently finds himself hospitalized for his heart disease. Thankfully, he does not have to hire a nurse due to the loving care by his wife. The financial report specifies the total amount given to support Roger. Roger and his wife live on less than half the amount he receives from us.

One of the policies of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is that sometimes diaconal loans are made to needy persons provided their sessions and presbyteries request and approve of the loan. In order not to unduly burden recipients of such loans it is also our policy to cancel the loan after seven years, if they are unable to pay it off sooner. This year we canceled one such loan, but we are pleased to report that since then the recipient has paid the entire loan amount to this committee. Another loan recipient has also resumed paying off the money we extended to help him and his family in their time of need.

The committee continues to work closely with presbytery diaconal committees and the Committee on Foreign Missions seeking to make certain the needs coming before us are genuine and that the money does what it was intended to do.

We are sorry to report that we have received almost no communications from our agents on foreign fields detailing how the diaconal funds sent to them have been used. We did receive one report but it told us little beyond general matters.

III WHAT WE HELPED OTHERS TO DO

From time to time we are contacted by or about OPC ministers who are in serious financial need. We direct the callers to their presbytery diaconal committees. Those committees usually are able to raise the needed funds.

In 1994 we received a few such pleas. In one instance we worked together with the caller’s presbytery diaconal committee. As a result, he has received considerable financial counsel and the whole matter is now being dealt with by his session.

In another case, we referred the caller to his presbytery committee. As a result that committee has seen to all his needs sufficiently.
IV  THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO

A new item appears in the 1996 budget. We would like to budget $3500 to be used in Eritrea for relief of the needs of the church there. As always the money would be managed by the OPC missionaries on the field. This item has been suggested to us by the Committee on Foreign Missions.

V  ADMINISTRATION

In 1994, the committee met in Denver on Feb. 25-26, and by telephone on Oct. 21. All committee members were present at both meetings except elder Mark Moody.

The officers of the committee are: the Rev. David King, President, Janesville, WI; deacon Roy Ingelse, Vice-President, Oostburg, WI; the Rev. Leonard Coppes, Th.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Denver, CO. Between meetings, business was conducted by majority vote of the executive committee consisting of all the elected officers. Regular monthly financial reports keep all members informed.

VI  ELECTIONS

Terms which expire with this Assembly: minister, Donald J. Duff; deacon, J. Mark Moody. During the year Messrs. Nightengale and Moody submitted their resignations to the committee and they were accepted.

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.

Currently the committee consists of:

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*Elected originally as a deacon

VII  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, and to make certain that the call includes a provision for the payment of hospitalization, surgical, and major medical insurance.

3. We recommend that the General Assembly approve a 1996 budget of $169,800 for the General Fund and $91,000 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for a total budget of $260,800.
4. We recommend that for the year 1995 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this committee at the suggested rate of $19.00 per communicant member for the General Fund and $7.00 for the Aged and Infirm Ministers’ Fund.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1996

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AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

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George M. Vogler
Certified Public Accountant
Certified Management Accountant
MSBA

13 February 1995

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries
of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
c/o the Rev. Leonard Coppes
9161 Vine St.
Thornton, CO 80229

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities and equity of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church as of 31 December 1993 and 1994 along with the related statements of revenues and expenses (cash basis), statement of changes to fund balance and statement of sources and uses of funds for the year ended 31 December 1994, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute 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 no attempt was made to confirm income from contributions as it would be prohibitively difficult.

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 the cash basis of accounting.

Respectfully,
George Vogler
### DIACONAL MINISTRIES OF THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Comparative Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity - cash basis (Unaudited)**

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**Statement of Changes to Fund Balance - cash basis (Unaudited)**

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#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/94 (Unaudited)

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<th>Min. For. (Sch. 2)</th>
<th>Min. USA (Sch. 3)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15,214</td>
<td>39,180</td>
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**STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/94 (Unaudited)

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## Supporting schedules (Sch. 1-4)

### 1. Administrative Expenses

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*Korean Detail

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<td>Fam. H</td>
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Appendix

Fam. I 2,450
Fam. J 4,850
Fam. K 4,250
Fam. L 3,450
Total 40,900

Infirm Aid
Fam. I 41,510
Total $82,410

Notes

A. 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.

B. Reporting entity: these statements represent the financial position and activity of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The committee receives funds primarily from Orthodox Presbyterian Churches to support various domestic and foreign ministries and various retired ministers as directed by the committee.

C. Cash on Hand:

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D. Loans Receivable

(Original)

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

SYNOPSIS

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Anyone familiar with benefit plans knows that the operation and administration of such plans involves myriad duties and responsibilities. Collecting contributions, developing and revising plans of benefits, making payments to beneficiaries, and investing plan assets are only a few of the many integral parts of plan administration. The increase in government regulations also plays an important part in these areas. The committee continues to wrestle with all of these issues with varying degrees of success.

I PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

A. Investment Policies
   1. The major portion of the investments of the Retirement Equity Fund continues to be managed by the firm of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania under guidelines established by the committee. Those guidelines state in part that the investment manager is to invest for capital appreciation as well as continuing to be cognizant of the need for income, with the restriction of not exceeding 60% in equity investments.
2. At its December, 1994 meeting, the committee determined to liquidate one million dollars of the mutual fund investments and place it under the management of a second manager, the Beacon Trust Company of Chatham, New Jersey, under guidelines established by the committee, similar to those for W.H. Newbold's Son & Co. The transfer of these funds took place in January, 1995.

3. At the end of 1994 the investments of the fund were allocated as follows:

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<td>US Governments and Agencies</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
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B. Investment Results

1. The net assets of the Fund at the end of the year amounted to $6,958,011. There was a net loss of $2,134 (.03%) for the year 1994 due to the decline in market values experienced throughout the investment community. The growth of the Fund over the years is shown in the following:

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2. At the end of 1994, each participant's account was credited with 5.00% income and charged with 5.03% in decreased market value, amounting to a total charge of .03%. The investment results over specific periods is shown in the following:

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<td>12.27%</td>
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</table>

C. 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 was $124.00.

D. Eligibility and Participation

1. During the year 1994, six persons enrolled in the plan and four withdrew from the plan for a net increase of two.

2. At the end of 1994, the participants in the plan consisted of the following:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Participants Making Contributions</td>
<td>122</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Participants Not Making Contributions</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired - Drawing Pension</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surviving Spouses - Drawing Pension</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired - Receiving Annuity</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>208</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3. During the year 1994, the following retirement payments were made:
   Annuity payments – insurance companies $ 7,243
   Pension payments – Committee 198,220

   The average pension payment by the committee was $344.

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 last 65 years of age prior to January 1, 1988, and are receiving regular pension payments. At the end of 1994, there were 20 ministers and 15 surviving spouses receiving payments.

B. Contributions From Churches
   For a period of five years (1989-1994) the committee had not requested contributions from the churches for this fund. However, as a result of the decrease in earnings in the fund, combined with the projected cost-of-living increases, the committee requested the 1994 Assembly to permit the committee to ask for a $1 per member contribution for the year 1995. To enable the fund to continue to its eventual liquidation based on actuarial projections, the committee is again recommending to the Assembly that the same request be made for 1996 (see recommendation below).

C. Benefits
   1. During the year 1994, payments made to eligible participants were increased to $125 per month, with the exception of 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, they receive $135 per month.
   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.

D. Summary Financial Report
   1. Income and expense
      The summary financial report of the Fund for the year 1994 is as follows:

      | Description                  | Amount  |
      |-------------------------------|---------|
      | Balance – January 1, 1994     | $357,655.02 |
      | Receipts                      |         |
      | Contributions                 | $20,286.00 |
      | Investment income             | 26,141.77 |
      | Total Receipts                | 46,427.77 |
      |                               | 404,082.79 |
Disbursements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pension supplements</td>
<td>55,165.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expenses</td>
<td>92.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Disbursements</strong></td>
<td><strong>55,257.63</strong></td>
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</table>

**Balance – December 31, 1994**

$348,825.16

2. **Investments**

The assets of this Fund are invested primarily in money market funds and various government securities, in order to preserve liquidity for payments to retirees.

III VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE INSURANCE

A. **Premiums and Eligibility**

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 of $1.50 per month for all children in a family.

B. **Coverage**

The individual coverage available is as follows:

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<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Participant</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spouse</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Children</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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C. **Enrollment**

The enrollment in the plan has been substantially below expectations, and at the end of 1994 had only 36 participants. Total insurance in force is as follows:

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<tr>
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<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Participants</td>
<td>$1,647,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spouses</td>
<td>300,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Children</td>
<td>110,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

IV HOSPITALIZATION

A. **Description of the Plan**

1. The plan is primarily designed to provide medical benefits to participants and their families, including hospitalization and prescription drug costs. There is a $250 annual deductible per person with a maximum of $750 annually per family. Of the first $2,000 of charges over the deductible, 80% is reimbursable to the individual. 100% is reimbursable over $2,000. Maximum lifetime benefits under the plan at the end of the year were $1,000,000. A prescription drug card program is also part of the plan.

2. The plan is structured as a self-funded plan with stop-loss insurance policies carried with an insurance company. The plan is equivalent to what might be considered a medical diaconal fund. All of the participants contribute their quarterly payments, and from these funds the committee pays a third-party administrator to process, evaluate, and pay the claims submitted. In addition, premiums are paid to an insurance company to insure the fund for all individual claims that exceed $90,000 and for total claims in a year that
exceed $717,000. All the remaining funds are used to pay claims. In effect, the claims experience of the participants determines the level of premiums that need to be charged to the individuals in the plan.

B. Eligibility and Participation
1. Those eligible for inclusion in the plan are ministers, ruling elders, deacons, licentiates of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and full-time (an average of 30 hours per week) employees of the churches and denominational agencies. Also eligible are full-time teachers in Christian schools that are associated with The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
2. Participants and their dependents who enroll within 30 days after becoming eligible will be entitled to immediate coverage. Those who do not enroll within the 30-day eligibility period will be required to submit a statement of health with their application, and may be required to wait 12 months before existing conditions are covered. The 30-day eligibility period begins from the date of employment licensure, ordination, or installation in a position or office which would entitle a person to participate in the Plan.
3. At the end of 1994, the enrollment in the Plan was as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Ministers</th>
<th>Deacons</th>
<th>Employees</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single Individuals</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Family Group</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Surviving Spouses</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td></td>
<td>143</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>6</td>
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C. Financial Summary
1. The year 1994 was a continuation of the experience of the prior year—claims costs increasing faster than the increase in premiums collected. Both health care costs and plan utilization by participants continue to increase in excess of the rate of inflation. During the past year, the plan again experienced some very large claims which significantly affected the total for the year.
2. The third-party administration of claims payments continues to be provided by National Employee Benefit Administrators of Moorestown, New Jersey.
3. In an attempt to increase revenue without creating heavy financial pressures which would tempt individuals to withdraw from the plan, the committee, at its meeting in February, 1995, approved the following rates, effective May 1, 1995:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Monthly Premium</th>
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<td>Single Individual</td>
<td>$205.00</td>
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<td>Family Group</td>
<td>465.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special 65 – Single</td>
<td>155.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special 65 – Husband and Wife</td>
<td>255.00</td>
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</table>

D. Benefits of Participation in the Plan
The committee regularly receives requests for information about the plan from those seeking medical coverage. In most cases, the decision about participation is made largely on the current cost factor. The committee is convinced that there are important benefits to be considered other than cost.
1. Mobility of Ministers. A very important and beneficial feature of our plan
is that ministers in the plan, unlike those in a local or regional plan, can move from one part of the country to another 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. The committee has had two such situations occur this past year, working hardship on the individuals.

2. Many policies, particularly those issued on an individual basis, are cost-rated based on age of the participant. The denominational plan maintains the same premium cost regardless of the age of the participant.

3. As more individuals enroll in the plan, particularly younger men, the rates and the benefits in the plan will show more stability because of the nature of the plan itself.

4. As participants in the plan reach retirement, they are able to continue the same benefits they have enjoyed, with a reduced rate, under Special-65 coverage, including the prescription drug card. This is not available to anyone who has not been covered by the Plan prior to retirement.

E. Contributions from Churches
One of the difficulties under which the plan has been functioning is the continuing deficit incurred over the years. To help alleviate the burden, the last five 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 1996 (See recommendation below).

V ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members
   Class of 1997
   Minister: William E. Laverty
   Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse, Jerry Drake
   Class of 1996
   Minister: John P. Galbraith
   Ruling Elders: Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Robert M. Meeker
   Class of 1995
   Ministers: William E. Warren, Douglas A. Watson
   Ruling Elder: Gordon H. Singer

B. Officers
   President: Garret A. Hoogerhyde
   Vice President: Roger W. Huibregtse
   Secretary: Gordon H. Singer
   Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Executive Committee: Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Chairman), Roger W. Huibregtse, Gordon H. Singer, and John P. Galbraith

D. Staff: Administrative Assistant – Kathleen Kline
VI RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommends that the 62nd General Assembly request a contribution of $8.00 per communicant member from the churches in 1996 to be allocated as follows:

- Pension Supplement Fund (see II.B above) $1.00
- Hospitalization supplement (see IV.E above) 7.00

VII ELECTIONS

The terms of the above named class of 1995 expire with this Assembly. The Standing Rules of the Assembly provide that each class of the committee shall include at least one minister and at least one ruling elder.

VIII AUDIT REPORTS

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, 1994 and 1993 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, 1994 and 1993 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 for the years ended December 31, 1994 and 1993, 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.

April 25, 1995
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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<th>Assets</th>
<th>12-31-94</th>
<th>12-31-93</th>
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<td>Investments at fair value (Note 3):</td>
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<td>Mutual Funds</td>
<td>$1,120,351</td>
<td>$1,242,791</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corporate bonds and debentures</td>
<td>9,450</td>
<td>10,287</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
<td>3,799,494</td>
<td>3,829,773</td>
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<tr>
<td>US Government securities</td>
<td>1,970,946</td>
<td>1,747,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total investment</td>
<td>6,900,241</td>
<td>6,830,751</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued investment income</td>
<td>20,401</td>
<td>15,482</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exchange</td>
<td>553</td>
<td>155</td>
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<td>Equipment</td>
<td>2,255</td>
<td>-0-</td>
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<td>Cash in interest-bearing accounts</td>
<td>34,647</td>
<td>164,900</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
<td>6,958,097</td>
<td>7,011,288</td>
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<th>Liabilities</th>
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<td>Federal withholding tax payable</td>
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<td>-0-</td>
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<td>Exchange</td>
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<td>1,712</td>
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<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>1,712</td>
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Net assets available for plan benefits $6,958,011 $7,009,576

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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<td>Investment income</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments (Note 3)</td>
<td>$(387,297)</td>
<td>$159,634</td>
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<td>Realized gain on sale of investments</td>
<td>36,855</td>
<td>65,950</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>133,948</td>
<td>132,785</td>
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<td>Dividend</td>
<td>236,163</td>
<td>206,673</td>
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<td>Investment expenses</td>
<td>630</td>
<td>729</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
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<td>564,313</td>
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<th>Contributions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Employer</td>
<td>261,748</td>
<td>245,294</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employees</td>
<td>14,865</td>
<td>8,436</td>
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<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>276,613</td>
<td>253,730</td>
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Other additions:
Transfer from supplemental fund 55,165 53,760
Total additions 350,817 871,303

Deductions
Premiums on life insurance 18,371 19,147
Pension distributions 198,220 181,155
Supplemental pension 55,165 53,760
Lump sum withdrawals 104,200 27,856
General and administrative expenses 26,426 24,439
Total deductions 402,382 306,357

Net income (51,565) 565,446
Net assets available for plan benefits –
beginning of year 7,009,576 6,444,130
Net assets available for plan benefits –
end of year $6,958,011 $7,009,576

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1994

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 ben-
efit 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%. Contributions are generally made by the participating churches, and allowance is given to individuals to make voluntary contributions of their own.

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>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>5-7</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>8-9</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<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:

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<td>Market</td>
<td>Value</td>
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<td>Dreyfus Liquid Asset Fund</td>
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<td>Cortland Trust</td>
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<td>US Government Fund</td>
<td>17,831</td>
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<tr>
<td>W.H. Newbold's Son and Company:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bonds</td>
<td>9,738</td>
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<td>2,326,514</td>
<td>3,799,494</td>
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<td>US Government securities</td>
<td>2,025,748</td>
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<td>Total Newbold</td>
<td>4,362,000</td>
<td>5,779,890</td>
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Mutual funds $1,202,337 $1,028,432 $1,073,903 $1,045,567

Totals $5,656,256 $6,900,241 $5,137,803 $6,830,751

b. During 1994 and 1993, the Plan’s investment securities appreciated or (depreciated) in value as follows:

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<td>Corporate bonds</td>
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<td>Common stock</td>
<td>(68,033)</td>
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<td>US Government securities</td>
<td>(172,857)</td>
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<td>(145,569)</td>
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<td>$(387,297)</td>
<td>$159,634</td>
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4. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has qualified under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, is not subject to tax under present income tax laws.

5. PARTY IN INTEREST

The accounting firm of Hoogerhyde and Baker, CPA’s received the following fees for the accounting administration of the pension fund:

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Mr. Hoogerhyde is a Director of the Plan.

Schedule I
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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<th>Year Ended</th>
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<td>$235,063</td>
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<td>Contributions received</td>
<td>276,163</td>
<td>253,730</td>
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<td>Receipts – trust accounts</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>160,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts – pension supplemental plan</td>
<td>55,165</td>
<td>53,760</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment income</td>
<td>145,986</td>
<td>144,709</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exchanges</td>
<td>36,207</td>
<td>54,213</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sale of investments *</td>
<td>4,109</td>
<td>10,738</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total cash receipts</td>
<td>607,630</td>
<td>677,150</td>
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</table>
Cash disbursements

- Purchase – investments: 65,465
- Payments – trust accounts: 230,000
- Premiums – life insurance: 18,371
- Pension payments: 198,220
- Withdrawals – vested interest: 104,114
- Exchanges: 37,867
- Equipment purchase: 2,255
- Payments pension supplemental plan: 55,165

Total cash disbursements: 711,457

Expenses – general fund

- Administration fees: 19,200
- Accounting: 1,800
- Insurance and bonding: -
- Meeting: 4,065
- Stationery and printing: 624
- Postage: 659
- Telephone: 78

Total expenses: 26,426

Total cash disbursements: 737,883

Cash balance – end of year: $34,647

*Net of amounts reinvested.

Schedule II
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT

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Total US Government Securities 2,025,748 1,970,946

2. Corporate Bonds

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3. Common Stocks

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Total Common Stocks: 2,326,514

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Total Mutual Funds: 1,202,337

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Total Liquid Asset Funds: 91,919

Total Investments: $5,656,257

Schedule III
ORTHODOX PRESbyterIAN CHURCH
PENSION FUND
PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS
December 31, 1994

Mr. Garret A. Hoogerhyde is a board member and treasurer for the Plan. He is also a partner in the firm of Hoogerhyde & Baker, CPA’s, which received $19,200 in fees for the accounting administration of the Pension Fund.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
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, 1994 and 1993 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, 1994 and 1993 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Trust will continue as a going concern.

As shown in the financial statements, the Trust experienced net revenue of only $4,751 for 1994 and has incurred substantial net losses in recent years. At December 31, 1994, total liabilities exceed total assets by $277,429. These factors, and others discussed in Note 5, indicate that the Trust may be unable to continue its existence. The financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded assets, or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary in the event the Trust cannot continue in existence.

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 for the years ended December 31, 1994 and 1993, 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.
April 25, 1995
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses 4,286 (24,974)

Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits at beginning of year (281,715) (256,741)

Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits at end of year $ (277,429) $ (281,715)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1994

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.

When material, investments are stated at fair market value using, where available, quoted market prices as determined by the last sales price on the last business day in December 1994 and 1993, as reported by The Wall Street Journal.

For comparability, certain amounts in the 1993 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the financial presentation used in 1994.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The Hospitalization Trust, which is administered by Trustees elected by the General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, was established as a funding vehicle for designated 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 Plan is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(9) of the US Internal Revenue Code as a voluntary employees' beneficiary association.

4. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1994

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Interest rates were renegotiated for 1994.

6. PARTY IN INTEREST

The accounting firm of Hoogerhyde & Baker, CPA's received the following fees for
the accounting administration of the Hospitalization Plan:

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Mr. Hoogerhyde is a Director of the Plan. In addition Mr. Hoogerhyde has a loan receivable
from the Plan (see Note 5).

7. GOING CONCERN

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with
generally accepted accounting principles, which contemplate continuation of the Plan as a go-
ing concern. However, the Plan has sustained losses in recent years; and at December 31,
1994, the Plan's liabilities exceeded its assets by $276,964.

In view of these matters, the Trust's ability to continue in existence depends on the
extent to which the sponsoring churches can contribute amounts necessary for the Trust to
meets its obligations. Management believes that actions presently being taken provide the
opportunity for the Trust to continue as a going concern.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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| **Cash disbursements** |          |          |
| Trust administration fees | 44,929   | 60,614   |
| Insurance premiums paid | 119,838  | 114,973  |
| Claims paid | 523,336  | 550,775  |
| Loan repayment | 28,000   | -0-      |
| Exchanges paid | 1,000    | 464,054  |
| General and administrative expenses |          |          |
| Supplies and postage | 1,769    | 898      |
| Telephone | 29       | 55       |
| Accounting fees | 800      | 750      |
| **Interest** | 13,600   | 13,600   |
| **Total cash disbursements** | 733,301  | 1,205,719 |

| **Decrease in cash balance** | (387) | (1,608) |
| **Cash balance – beginning of year** | 1,152 | 2,760 |
| **Cash balance – end of year** | $ 765 | $ 1,152 |
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY 
AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

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PERSPECTIVE

The Reformed church world around the globe grows closer together. Computers, fax, internet are found in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Kenya. The OPC faces unparalleled challenges. Churches are interested in what we stand for. Our witness for Christ, based squarely on his Word and expressed in the Reformed faith, is being heard and appreciated.

It is the task of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to see such opportunities as also an ecclesiastical responsibility for us to extend the bounds of our relationships with other churches. At the same time we are to keep the ties strong with old
friends and partners in the work of the gospel around the world. Our church's ecclesiastical task grows as we put into practice our belief in the unity of Christ's church.

The committee continues, on behalf of the church, to pursue and promote fellowship with churches approved by the General Assembly. This is accomplished through ecumenical organizations such as the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) and the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC). We also pursue contact and fellowship with churches through their committees on interchurch relations. As a result of the growth and importance of this part of our committee's ministry the committee's volume of work becomes more demanding on the committee members, particularly the chairman, and the committee can envision a need for assistance that will require additional funding. The committee has made no plans in that direction and will stave off that day as long as it is possible.

I THE COMMITTEE

A. Meetings
The committee has held two full meetings since the previous General Assembly. The first full meeting was October 31-November 6, 1994 in Philadelphia in conjunction with the meeting of NAPARC and the second full meeting was March 23-29, 1995 in Grand Rapids and in Philadelphia.

B. Officers
The officers of the committee are Jack J. Peterson, Chairman and John R. Hilbelink, Secretary.

C. Subcommittees/liaisons
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 contact persons with specific churches with which our church has fellowship and interest 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 - Barker
b. Theological Training Assistance Fund - Peterson, Tyson
c. External Relations
   (1) Africa (except South Africa) - Peterson, Bube
   (2) South Africa - Gaffin, Peterson
   (3) Europe - Hilbelink, Barker
   (4) Asia/Pacific - Tyson, Bube
   (5) South and Central America/Mexico - Williamson, Needham
d. Ecumenical Organizations
   (1) International ecumenical organizations (World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF), World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) - Galbraith
   (2) ICRC - Williamson

2. Liaisons
a. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) - Galbraith
b. Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) - Gaffin
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C. Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC) - Bube

d. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) - Hilbelink

e. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) - Barker

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i. Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA) - Peterson

j. Protestant Reformed Church of North America (PRCNA) - Williamson

k. Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly (RPCGA) - Hilbelink

l. Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) - Tyson

m. Orthodox Christian Reformed Church (OCRC) - Williamson

n. Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC) - Tyson

D. Minutes

The committee took the following action in response to an exception taken to its minutes by the 60th General Assembly (1993): Although the Wednesday, March 22, 1992 session reconvened at 8:45 am, opening devotions, including prayer, did not take place until 9:10 am at the start of a meeting with representatives of the Canadian Reformed Churches. It is noted in the CEIR Standing Committee Records, March 9-13, 1992, Appendix C, page 204, “The meeting began 9:10 am. Mr. Barker read Exodus 15:1-21 and led in prayer.” We regret our failure to include this item in its proper place on Page 194, §22, and plead that this will be a sufficient answer to the exception to our minutes.

II FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

A. Fraternal Delegates

1. In 1994 fraternal delegates were sent to the major assemblies of nine churches: George W. Hall, Jr. to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, John W. Mahaffy and Lendall H. Smith to the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Theodore Hard to the Korean American Presbyterian Church, William O. Wilson, Jr., to the Presbyterian Church in America, John R. Hilbelink to the Reformed Church in the U.S., Jack J. Peterson and G. I. Williamson to the Reformed Churches of Australia, Mark T. Bube to the Reformed Church in Japan and Richard A. Barker to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. Mr. Bube also was an observer to the Reformed Church of East Africa.

2. This year the committee plans to send fraternal delegates to the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Free Church of Scotland, the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Churches of New Zealand and the Reformed Church in the United States.

3. Our 61st (1994) General Assembly received fraternal delegates from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Church in the U.S., and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

B. Churches in “Ecclesiastical Fellowship”

1. Responses to Ecclesiastical Fellowship invitations [GA 1992]

The Reformed Churches of New Zealand [RCNZ] had requested clarification and expressed some puzzlement, feeling that we have been sister-churches since 1955. When Messrs. Williamson and Peterson visited New Zealand on behalf of the OPC, they
met with the Interchurch Relations Committee of the RCNZ and explained that the action of the OPC was to make official for the OPC what has been a de facto reality for almost 40 years.

2. One invitation is outstanding at the time of the writing of this report and that is to the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands.

3. Present roll of churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship:
   At present we are in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with 11 churches which are: the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Reformed Church in Japan, the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

III FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES IN NORTH AMERICA

Fellowship with several churches in North America is maintained largely by our membership in NAPARC, and we seek to meet with their delegations individually as well as through the plenary meetings of the Council. Our church also maintains fellowship with two churches that are not members of NAPARC, namely the Canadian Reformed Churches (CANREF) and the Reformed Church in the U. S. (RCUS).

A. Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)

1. 61st (1994 General Assembly

   a. The General Assembly instructed the committee as follows:

   That the General Assembly instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations carefully to confront representatives of the CRCNA with our concerns about what we perceive to be their church's (corporate) sinful conduct including but not limited to:

   a. Its toleration of the ordination of women to the office of elder contrary to the Scriptures and the Church Order of the CRCNA, and

   b. Its toleration of the unbiblical aspects of the CRCNA statements concerning homosexuality, e.g., (1) that some homosexuals "may...bear only a minimal responsibility" (Acts of Synod 1973, p. 631) for their condition (our underlining), and (2) that some who have this condition "cannot be healed" and "must accept permanent limitations of their homosexuality" (Ibid., p. 632) (our underlining), and

   c. Its failure to exercise church discipline in the case of those classes, consistories, or individuals who have clearly violated the principles of scripture and its confessions...

   b. The General Assembly also determined that

   If the CRCNA, having been so advised fails to exhibit, in the opinion of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, adequate evidence of repentance and the will to correct those corporate sins, the question of severing our fraternal relationship with the CRCNA be placed on the docket of the 1996 General Assembly, with the provision that should the 1994 Synod of the
CRCNA adopt any change in its confessional standards and/or Church Order that approves the ordination of women elders within the CRCNA, that the question of severing our fraternal relationship with the CRCNA will be placed on the docket of the 1995 General Assembly...

c. The General Assembly further instructed its fraternal delegate to the CRCNA Synod of 1994 to present the following message to the synod:

The 61st General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church sends greetings to you, Brothers in Christ, by way of this message which was approved by the General Assembly on June 13, 1994.

We want you to know we have been in much prayer for you in regard to our deep concern for your denomination. We want you to know how much we praised God for your faithful stand in the truth of the gospel in years past and the example you have been to us over the years. We have sent our children to your churches and you have sent your children to our churches, and we have rejoiced in the common cause that has united us over the years.

The General Assembly this year instructed our Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to meet with your representatives and discuss with them matters of great concern to the OPC. We sincerely request you to meet with them and listen to what we are saying to you through them.

The unity that has been so precious to us in the past is threatened. May it not be said of the OPC or the CRCNA many of those things Christ said to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3, except, perhaps the commendation given to the church at Smyrna, “be faithful even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.”

Your brothers in Christ,
61st General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

2. The 1994 Synod of the CRCNA, meeting just after the 61st (1994) General Assembly in June, took actions that bear directly on our General Assembly actions.

a. Synod decided not to ratify the change in the Church Order that had been approved by the 1993 Synod, to make all offices in the church open to women. It further declared that there is now no synodical decision in effect to allow women to serve in the offices of elder, minister, or evangelist and urged all church councils that have ordained women to these offices to release them from office by June 1, 1995 and not to ordain additional women to any of these offices (Acts of Synod 1994, pp. 513-16, 518, 520).

b. On overture from a classis Synod took action concerning the issue of homosexuality. The overture expressed the concern that the report submitted to the churches and the pastoral advice by Synod in 1973 contains a “serious flaw” because the controlling distinction in the report/advice between homosexuality (condition) and homosexualism (behavior) leaves homosexuals with “little or no moral responsibility” for their condition (Agenda, pp. 271-72). In response Synod acted to “reaffirm and encourage the churches to use” the pastoral advice adopted in 1973 and in doing so to note “the following specifics.” Among these specifics, (1) the distinction between homosexuality (the condition) and homosexualism (the practice) is maintained as “helpful.” (2) Homosexualism is called sin that must be resisted and repented of and includes thought and word as well as deed. (3) The pastoral advice that speaks of homosexuals bearing “only a minimal responsibility” for
their condition assumes a "general responsibility" for that condition, "owing to membership in the human race which lies in sin and is under the curse on sin," in distinction from the "particular responsibility" entailed in making a "willful contribution" to that condition. 

(4) The gospel of God's grace, as the basis for forgiveness, renewal, and strength, provides hope for "all sinful conditions and sin" (Acts of Synod 1994, p. 448).

3. Meeting with Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) of the CRCNA
   a. In order to carry out its mandate the committee requested a meeting with the Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) of the CRCNA to which the latter agreed. The following letter dated February 7, 1995 served as the basis for that meeting (note that the letter includes an explanation of a necessary modification, due to an error of the 1994 General Assembly, of point b. (See III.A.1.a.b. above) of our mandate as adopted by the General Assembly):

Brothers:

We begin by expressing our longtime high regard for the CRCNA and our gratitude for the immense benefits that we have received from you. As our fraternal delegate conveyed to your 1994 Synod, we want you to know how much we have praised God for your faithful stand for the gospel for so many years. It is in fact, this high regard and the benefits that we have received that contribute to serious concerns that we now have for you.

Those concerns are widespread in our church, and as a result our 1994 General Assembly instructed this committee "carefully to confront representatives of the CRCNA with our concerns about what we perceive to be their church's (corporate) sinful conduct including but not limited to:

   "a. Its toleration of the ordination of women to the office of elder contrary to the Scriptures and the Church Order of the CRCNA, and
   "b. Its toleration of the unbiblical aspects of CRCNA statements concerning homosexuality, e.g., (1) that some homosexuals "may...bear only a minimal responsibility" (Acts of Synod 1973, p. 632) for their condition (our emphases), and (2) that some who have this condition "cannot be healed" and "must accept permanent limitations of their homosexuality". (Ibid., p. 632) (our emphases), and
   "c. Its failure to exercise church discipline in the case of those classes, consistories, or individuals who have clearly violated the principles of scripture and its confessions."

We discharge this mandate with an awareness of our own frailty and imperfections, and, if our perceptions are not accurate, then we want you to correct us so that we may seek your forgiveness. As a matter of fact, you may have noted that our General Assembly, in expressing its concern about the CRCNA position on homosexuality (Advice, Synod 1973), used an example that, though contained in the underlying Report, was changed by the Synod. Our committee much regrets this lack of carefulness by the Assembly itself and by those who submitted this example to the Assembly. We refer specifically to example "(2)" in part "b." above. In this the Synod changed the phrases "cannot be healed" and "permanent limitations" to "are not healed" and "the limitations" respectively. (We have noted that the Synod changed a few other words or phrases also).

The committee seeks to clarify to your committee the three points mentioned above, which our General Assembly has identified as the source of our perception of sin as follows:
a. For many years women have been ordained as elders within the CRCNA, contrary to Scripture and the CRCNA Church Order.

b. In 1973 the Synod adopted pastoral advice on the homosexual question which, at certain points, is contrary to Scripture in that it obscures the sinfulness of homosexuality and minimizes the efficacy of the grace of God, and since that time subsequent Synods have failed to correct these doctrinal errors of that pastoral advice.

c. Over the years the CRCNA has failed to institute or sustain appropriate disciplinary action against those who have willfully violated both the Scripture and the CRCNA Church Order by ordaining women elders.

Cordially, in the service of Christ,

b. The meeting, moderated by Mr. Galbraith, was held for approximately three hours on the morning of March 24, 1995 at the denominational headquarters of the CRCNA in Grand Rapids. All nine members of our committee were present and eight of the nine members of their ICR, as well as its Executive Secretary and the denominational General Secretary.

c. The atmosphere of interchange at the meeting was informal and frank. We presented the concerns of the OPC on the three matters stipulated by the General Assembly, and various CRCNA representatives responded as individuals. The gist of their responses, expressed without dissent, is as follows:

- on a) ordination of women: Though both views (pro and con) on the ordination of women to the office of elder are held by representatives present at the meeting, the unanimous conviction expressed was that the CRCNA is proceeding in a responsible fashion, faithful to the Scriptures and its Confessions, in handling the issue of women’s ordination. They did, however, acknowledge an element of disorderliness not always having abided by their own Church Order. They consider the issue a difficult one exegetically and are apparently committed to working at it together until an eventual consensus is reached in the CRCNA.

- on b) homosexuality: CRCNA representatives defended, without concession, the biblical and confessional fidelity of the church’s position on homosexuality, including the points of pastoral advice adopted by Synod in 1973 and reaffirmed (with the additional clarifying specifics noted above) by Synod in 1994. According to that reaffirmation, we were told, “minimal responsibility” for a homosexual condition should be understood as “general responsibility”. Further, it was maintained that their position as a whole is not in conflict but fully compatible with the statements on human depravity and original sin in answers 7 and 10 of the Heidelberg Catechism and in article 15 of the Belgic Confession. They questioned whether we really understand their report on homosexuality and appreciate its pastoral emphasis, and they challenged us as a denomination to prepare a report of our own.

- on c) exercise of discipline: The CRCNA representatives stressed the differences in discipline procedures between churches like the CRCNA in the Continental Reformed tradition and British-American churches like the OPC. They maintained that in Continental Reformed polity the broader church assemblies advise, and the binding commitment is to heed that advice. The strongest action a general synod can take with classes and congregations dissenting from its decisions regarding church order matters is, as Synod 1994 has done,
to “urge” compliance, rather than to “instruct” which in their view is equivalent to the mere granting of permission. They pointed out that Synod 1994 has in fact exercised discipline against those who have ordained women elders by urging all councils that have women elders to release them by June 1, 1995. The issue of disregard of this advice is to be dealt with by Synod 1995.

4. The committee judges that, with the exception of the concession of an element of disorderliness in not having always followed their own Church Order, there was no evidence of repentance or acknowledgment of sin on the matters about which we were instructed to confront the CRCNA. To the contrary, their representatives were deeply offended that the General Assembly expressed its perception of their corporate conduct as “sinful” and used language like “contrary to the Scriptures,” “clearly violated the principles of scripture,” “unbiblical aspects,” without having first made the effort to communicate and discuss our concerns with them. Toward the close of the meeting one of the CRCNA representatives, likely speaking for others present, stated that the OPC should seek the forgiveness of the CRCNA for characterizing their positions as sinful.

5. See Recommendation 1 below

B. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

1. The 22nd GA of the PCA was held in Atlanta, GA, June 6-10, 1994, with 1,293 commissioners attending. At the end of 1993 statistics showed 54 presbyteries, 1,114 churches, 142 missions, 2,333 ministers, and 248,218 members.

2. The 22nd GA adopted the ICR recommendation as its answer to a letter from the 60th (1993) OPC GA (“to consider with us the possibility of an avenue other than its J & R method”) by reaffirming its commitment to the J & R method, by a vote of 412 to 308, as follows:

That the 22nd General Assembly respond to Communication #1 from The Orthodox Presbyterian Church by referring to the action taken on the matter of union with the OPC by the 20th General Assembly, that

The best way that the PCA can understand the desire of the OPC for union is for the OPC to take their necessary constitutional steps requesting to be received into the PCA, and that the Interchurch Relations Committee continue to be available to the OPC Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for discussion of matters relating to the joining and receiving process

noting our own happy experience with the joining and receiving method of union when the PCA and the RPCES became one church in 1982.

3. The 22nd GA adopted, by a vote of 384 to 267, the ICR recommendation “that the GA instruct the ICR to present any formal agreements to the Assembly for ratification which would establish a member role for the PCA in WPRF (World Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship).” Further, the GA paused to pray “that God would use this fellowship to strengthen the Reformed Churches around the world and to further the evangelization of the world, to the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.” The official formation of this fellowship is planned for the next WEF GA in 1996 in England.

4. The GA adopted, by a vote of 549 to 329 (with 78 negative votes recorded), that “should the CRC finalize the process to open the offices of ruling and teaching elder (ministerial and elder) to women, the ICR is instructed to bring to the next GA following a recommendation concerning the continuation of fraternal relations with the CRC.” Further
the GA sent a plea to the CRCNA 1994 Synod to reverse the steps taken “to open the offices of minister and elder to women.”

5. The GA asked the ICR to “present to the next GA their recommendations, with grounds, as to whether or not the Assembly should enter into fraternal relations with the RCUS.”

6. The matter of a legal audit, which had become a major issue, was apparently explained satisfactorily to the Assembly. In connection with this the GA adopted, with several amendments and without requested negative dissent, an 11-page position paper from the Administrative Committee of the GA entitled “The Relationship of Agencies to the GA, PCA.”

C. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)

Contact with the RPCNA in 1994 was limited to the exchange of fraternal delegates (GA/Synod) and a meeting between a few members of CEIR with a few members of their Interchurch Committee at the annual NAPARC meeting in November.

This report is restricted to a few of the issues in the RPCNA that may be of greatest interest to the OPC.

1. The 1994 Synod dealt with two matters relevant to the “women’s issue.” The first was an outgrowth of a paper that came to their 1993 Synod from their San Diego session, requesting several revisions to the RPCNA Testimony related to the women’s issue. The debate was good, and showed the Synod’s desire not to let the Testimony become unbalanced in its treatment of issues.

2. The second women’s matter concerned the Report of the Judicial Committee to Study the Issues Raised in Paper 93-10. This matter revealed more about the state of the “women’s” issue in the RPCNA than the earlier matter. (Note: Paper 93-10 appears to have been a communication from a presbytery to the 1993 Synod concerning Cornerstones, an unofficial periodical devoted largely to women’s issues.) The 1992 Synod had appointed a “committee to attend the Cornerstones II Seminar on Headship, presented by Kathryn Stegall, at the Carleton Conference, and ‘to make appropriate comments.’” The committee appointed in 1992 reported in 1993. Its report contains the following: “The basic thrust of (Kathryn Stegall’s) presentation was to argue that the biblical teaching on headship does not involve ‘authority over’.” The committee met following the Kathryn Stegall presentation with Mrs. Faith Martin, who is associated with Cornerstones. Its report says “...Faith Martin stated that the term ‘headship’ is undefined, implying that the church’s understanding of this term is tenuous.” The committee then insisted that The Report of the Committee on the Role and Service of Women (presented to the 1990 Synod) was clear enough that headship does involve authority, and that the Synod approved the report.

In 1993, the Synod erected a Judicial Committee to determine “whether the teachings that have been promoted by the editorial staff of Cornerstones are generally in harmony with Scriptural truth and order,” and also to consider two statements contained in the report of the Committee to Attend the Cornerstones II Seminar on Headship, etc.

The Judicial Committee’s report said “The writings of Cornerstones are generally framed within a Christian world view.” But the report then faulted Cornerstones for its “promotion of the ordination of women to the office of elder” and for “the sometimes subtle but often explicit underlying hermeneutic assumption that vernacular translation and ecclesial (sic) confessions are flawed because of androcentrism, or ‘male bias’.” The report concludes that the editorial staff of Cornerstones is guilty of error, but not of heresy, and it rejects the charge of androcentrism and reiterates the hermeneutical assumptions implicit in the Westminster Standards.
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In re the two statements from the earlier committee’s report (which had to do with how matters contrary to the church’s standards may be pursued, the Judicial Committee suggested that sessions ought to be more diligent in counseling persons advocating positions openly contradictory to the church’s stated position, and that the church ought to provide forums in which positions contrary to the church’s could be aired.

3. The most emotionally charged issue at the 1994 Synod concerned Dr. John H. White’s celebrated involvement in the statement “Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium.” (Dr. White is President of Geneva College and a past President of the NAE.) The matter came to the floor of Synod via the report of the Corporators of Geneva College. The Corporators said “...we have appreciated his [Dr. White’s] clarification of his involvement with this document and we have expressed to him our concern over its lack of theological clarity. We especially appreciate the clarification statement drafted by Michael Horton and edited by J. I. Packer, which Dr. White has enthusiastically signed. We would encourage the publication and distribution of this clarification statement as widely as possible. We would express our caution to Dr. White that he seek counsel from the boards of Geneva College before signing any such potentially controversial statements in the future.”

Many in the Synod wanted to deal with Dr. White more sharply than the Corporators had. Dr. White said he did not believe he had sinned, but admitted to having been “unwise” and “rash.” This did not satisfy the Synod, which erected a “...committee to meet with Dr. White and discuss the issues raised by his signing of the document, Evangelicals...(etc.).”

When the committee reported, its recommendation was immediately set aside to take up the following substitute: That the R. P. Synod of 1994 direct John H. White, President of Geneva College, to remove his signature from the document, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium. This was debated briefly and Synod recessed for supper. When Synod reconvened the pending motion was set aside to consider a statement by Dr. White in which, after defending his action in four respects, he withdrew his signature from the controversial document.

The Synod then adopted a motion recognizing some common elements between Catholics and Evangelicals but nevertheless faulting the declaration as “misleading and inadequate in that it glosses over a fundamental disagreement on the doctrine of justification...”

4. The results of an action of the 1993 Synod proposing a change in “ordination query #8” were reported to the 1994 Synod. This is RP shorthand for their total abstinence vow. The change would have substituted a vow “not to be addicted to wine” for the existing vow of total abstinence. Such changes, in the RPCNA, are voted on by sessions. Forty sessions favored it, four were tied, and twenty opposed it. Since a two thirds favorable vote was required, the change was not adopted. The Synod subsequently determined to resubmit the matter to the sessions, with the words “addicted to wine” changed to “given to much wine.”

D. Canadian Reformed Churches (CANREF)

1. Little has taken place in our contacts with the CANREF during the past year. As we reported to the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, p. 211), an impasse has developed because of what we perceive to be the different standard the CANREF is applying with regard to their relationship with the OPC and other churches: they are holding back from a relationship of full ecclesiastical fellowship with us—because we do not require assent to the Westminster Standards for communicant membership and because of what they judge to
be our inadequate fencing of the Lord’s table—yet they have entered into such a relationship with two other churches (the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in Korea, Kosin) whose practice on these issues is more or less identical to ours.

On September 27, 1994, a special ad hoc subcommittee (Peterson, Tyson) met with their Committee on Contact with the OPC specifically to discuss this impasse. They continue to maintain that they are not applying a double standard in their dealings with us and introduced documentation to show that the position of the Free Church of Scotland on the above issues is not that of the OPC and is close to that of the CANREF (to our knowledge they do not deny that the position of the PCK, Kosin is like ours). Subsequently, we have made further inquiry concerning the Free Church of Scotland and are satisfied, on competent authority, that their position and ours is substantially the same.

2. The next triennial General Synod of the CANREF is scheduled to meet in May 1995. At that time the issue of their relationship to us will be on the agenda. Our hope is that the outcome of their deliberations will enable us to move forward together toward a closer working relationship as churches which share a common Reformed commitment.

E. Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
1. The 1994 Synod of the RCUS took this action: “That the Permanent Interchurch Relations Committee of the Synod of the RCUS request a joint meeting with the OPC’s Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the purpose of opening discussions which might lead to organic union.”

2. The 61st (1994) General Assembly expressed to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States “its deep appreciation for the action of the Synod, namely, ‘that the Permanent Interchurch Relations Committee of the Synod of the RCUS request a joint meeting with the OPC’s Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the purpose of opening discussions which might lead to organic union, and instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to respond affirmatively to a request for a ‘joint meeting’ when it is received from the RCUS Committee’.”

3. In response to this action a subcommittee of the committee met with the PCIR/RCUS and agreed to work toward organic union by preparing a possible plan of union, including a plan of use of the RCUS and OPC subordinate standards and a presbyterian and Reformed book of church order. A further meeting is scheduled for the fall.

4. NAPARC did respond affirmatively to last year’s request of the RCUS for membership in NAPARC (See V.B.8. below).

5. See Recommendation 2 below

F. Bible Presbyterian Church General Synod (BPC/GS)
1. Kevin Backus, Clerk of the BPC/GS, addressed the 61st GA and spoke of the desire of the BPC/GS to be reconciled to the OPC and to grow closer together.

2. Messrs. Peterson and Tyson in September met with Mr. Backus to plan for a meeting with representatives of the BPC/GS at the time of NAPARC. We were informed that: a. Western Reformed Seminary, the Seminary of the BPC/GS, teaches the historic premillenarian position and no dispensational pre-mil position; b. the church holds to eschatological liberty; c. the church does officially require abstinence from tobacco and drink; d. in 1984 Carl McIntire left the BPC/GS with probably four churches plus the Collingswood church; and e. he also reported that they are trying to get the two Kenya churches, the Independent Presbyterian Church and the African Evangelical Presbyterian Church, together.

3. At the time of NAPARC the committee met with two representatives of the BPC/GS. Together we drew up a document called “Common Affirmations.” It was deter-
minded to recommend (see Recommendation 3 below) that the following statement be adopted by the respective General Assembly and Synod as warrant for establishing a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship between and OPC and the BPC/GS:

**Common Affirmations**

Whereas on several occasions in recent years the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and representatives of the Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod) have had the opportunity and privilege of acquainting each other of matters relative to each of their churches, and

Whereas on Tuesday, November 1, 1994, the Committee of Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (OPC) and Interchurch Relations Committee (BPC/GS) representatives met for an extended period, and cordially exchanged comments, questions and answers concerning perceived differences between our two denominations, and

Whereas the OPC and BPC/GS presbyters agreed that on the basis of the Westminster Standards (Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism) the doctrine, Christian life, and ecclesiology of both churches are so in accord with each other as to require us to seek fraternal relationship between our respective denominations, and

Whereas both our Churches endeavor to proclaim the Word of God faithfully, to rightly administer the sacraments, and to enact discipline to ensure, as much as possible, the purity of the church, and

Whereas we recognize each other as true Churches of Christ, more or less pure (WCF XXV.4.), in which the marks of the true church are found, and

Whereas we declare our willingness to hold appropriate fellowship with other churches of Christ; and though no one can undo 50 years of divergent history between our two denominations, we are encouraged to believe that God has begun to chart a different course for the future of our Churches,

Therefore, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to give expression to this reality by establishing a relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship.

4. The committee intends to send an observer to the 1995 Synod meeting of the BPC/GS

G. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)

The ARPC, having withdrawn from membership in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council, has applied for membership in the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC). The committee had urged them to do so, and they sent an observer to the ICRC meeting in 1993 in the Netherlands. The committee is recommending that this General Assembly recommend the ARPC to the ICRC for membership in that body. See Recommendation 4 below.

The 1994 Synod dealt with the question of gender language in reference to God raised by a professor at its Erskine Seminary. The Synod responded in two ways:

1. Adopted the following statement, possibly unanimously but at least without dissent: "Language used to address God is not a matter of personal preference, cultural norms, or arbitrary choice. The nature of Biblical revelation requires that God’s own language about Himself as revealed in Scripture is normative for our form of address and our way of thinking about God. Making reference to God with feminine norms or pronouns is contrary to God’s
self-revelation in Jesus Christ and in Scripture...(and) both the use of feminine language for God, and the avoidance of masculine references to God by the use of gender-neutral or non-gender specific language, (is) contrary to the Scriptures and the Westminster Standards.”

2. Requested the Board of the Seminary appoint a committee to ascertain that all members of the faculty conform to the standards of the Church in the matter.

The church has been expanding its foreign missions outreach and now includes Germany, Mexico, the Middle East, Pakistan, and Russia. Missionaries and candidates for mission service now total 58.

The committee takes the opportunity of the annual NAPARC meeting to meet with ARPC representatives to that meeting. We continue to exchange fraternal delegates with the ARPC each church sending a representative to the other in alternate years.

H. Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly (RPCGA)

The committee met with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly on March 28, 1995. Organized in 1991, the RPCGA sought to establish ecclesiastical relations with the OPC at their first GA. The CEIR responded by urging representatives to meet with our committee.

The RPCGA has roots in the PCA. They left the PCA in 1981 because of what they considered too strong a centralized control in church government. They organized as the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States. In 1991 three presbyteries of that church left because they reported resistance to exercising discipline on a minister who was said to be a member of the Masonic Lodge. At their first General Assembly they took the name Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly.

The RPCGA consists of one presbytery with three mission presbyteries. There are 19 ministers, nine churches with a total attendance of about 400, and two mission works, one in California and one in Canada. There are two “associate churches” in which the pastors are members of the RPCGA but not the congregations. Both are in New Hampshire.

They hold to the original version of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, do not receive into full membership congregations which are incorporated, express an aversion to centralism in church government, do not agree with a church, like ours, which allows for liberty in such matters as exclusive psalmody and creation, do not allow for the ordination of women to office. The members of the OPC Suriname Mission teach on a volunteer basis at the school administered by missionaries of the RPCGA.

The CEIR will continue to be in contact with the RPCGA.

I. Other churches

The committee is seeking to have contact with several other North American churches by means of our liaisons: the Free Reformed Churches of North America, the Protestant Reformed Church of North America, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Orthodox Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Reformed Church.

IV FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD

A. The Churches

The committee seeks to maintain an active fellowship with churches abroad. These include the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Free Church of Scotland,
the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Reformed Churches of Australia, the Reformed Church in Japan, the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, the Reformed Churches of Sri Lanka.

B. Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)
   1. The committee determined to include in its 1996 budget provision for sending a Fraternal Delegate to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformed Church in Japan. The committee has asked the Rev. John P. Galbraith to represent The Orthodox Presbyterian Church on this auspicious occasion.
   2. The earthquake in Kobe caused great devastation. Although about 2,700 members of the RCJ live in the Kobe area, no lives were lost in the quake. Three church buildings were damaged. The Seminary of the RCJ is in Kobe and was not damaged. The seminary building as well as other RCJ church buildings became refuge centers. Many of the refugees attended services that were held on the Lord’s day. The RCJ was happy for the opportunity to serve the broader community and for the exposure that resulted. The homes of several of the professors were severely damaged.

C. Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA)
   1. The Rev. Dr. Brian Wingard is serving as missionary/teacher for the RCEA under the Committee on Foreign Missions.
   2. Ruling Elder Mark T. Bube attended the 31st (1994) synod of the RCEA as our observer. He reported that: (1) he was very graciously received and shown much warm and friendly hospitality; (2) there is a genuine desire among the presbyters to reach the lost with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ; (3) that in a matter of discipline, while the process employed in the conduct of the two trials left much to be desired, he could not conclude that the final verdicts themselves were sinfully wrong; and (4) there is a critical need for sound biblical instruction and counsel from brothers who may have a more developed understanding of the Reformed faith and presbyterian polity.
   3. The RCEA is a committed Reformed church standing firm in the faith and proclaiming the gospel in their country.
   4. Because of the situation described in 2.(3) above the recommendation to enter into ecclesiastical fellowship with them which was referred back to the committee by the 61st (1994) GA will not be presented to this Assembly by the committee.

D. Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)
   1. The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson has been delegated by the committee to attend the synod of the RCNZ as our fraternal delegate. This will be the first time that a fraternal delegate from the OPC has attended a synod of this church which has been so close to us in our international labors.
   2. They have requested help in studying the problem of members who withdraw themselves from church membership. The committee is preparing a response.
   3. The Rev. Messrs. Jack J. Peterson and G. I. Williamson were sent as fraternal delegates to the 1994 Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia (RCA). They also visited several of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ) and also met with the Interchurch Relations Committee on the RCNZ.
   
   There has been a close relationship between the OPC and RCNZ since the early 1960s when the RCNZ sought and called ministers from the OPC. For several years nearly half of the ministers in the RCNZ were from the OPC. The close ties continued through the years of struggle within the Reformed Ecumenical Synod (now called the Reformed Ecumenical Council) which culminated in the departure of both of our denomina-
tions from this ecumenical organization in 1988 because of its inability, or unwillingness, to exercise discipline against the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands/Synodical (which openly tolerates the homosexual life-style even among its ministerial members!). When, in 1993, the OPC became a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) meeting in Zволле, the Netherlands, the RCNZ was represented by two observers. We understand that these observers will be giving a favorable recommendation at the Synod meeting this year. The Reformed Churches in New Zealand and Australia meet only every third year.

The delegates visited most of the major centers in the North Island, where a majority of the churches are located. Mr. Peterson also visited the churches in Christchurch in the South Island. They were warmly received. There are 17 congregations, with 3,000 members, in the RCNZ. The church is well situated in most of the major population centers and is active in home mission work in seeking to reach new areas. Their confessional standards are the three forms of unity (the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordt, and the Heidelberg Catechism) and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The Synod of the RCNZ will be held in 1995. It is the plan of the OPC as noted above to send the Rev. Thomas E. Tyson as a fraternal delegate to this Synod.

E. Reformed Churches of Australia (RCAus)

1. The Rev. Messrs. Jack J. Peterson and G. I. Williamson were sent as fraternal delegates to the 1994 Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia (RCAus). They also visited several of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ).

The 1994 Synod of the Reformed Churches of Australia was held in Perth, Western Australia. Other churches sending fraternal delegates were: the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, the Netherlands Reformed Churches, the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and the Reformed Church in South Africa (Synod Soutpansberg).

One of the overtures to the Synod asked for the RCAus to terminate their membership in the REC. One of two delegates to REC 1994 Athens argued in favor of severing membership. The other delegate, who is also the president of the REC, argued for staying in. The Synod decided to continue membership.

Another decision of importance as we saw it was the decision to replace several church committees with what we could only see as a new super-committee called ROAD. It was difficult to see how this committee could take over so many functions which had before been handled by various smaller committees, without the result being a concentration of power in the hands of a few.

Another major decision of concern had to do with the many petitions and overtures to have the synod overturn a 1991 Synodical decision which, in effect, left the door open to new revelations. This has been of acute concern to conservatives in the church. The 1991 report holds open the possibility of continuing revelation by way of inspired prophecy, which they said is non-authoritative! The efforts to get the Synod to affirm the clear teaching of the Westminster Confession of Faith proved of no avail. The Westminster Confession, as we understand the situation, is a confessional document of the RCAus, but where it differs with the three forms of unity, the WCF is of lesser authority.

The RCAus are a seriously divided federation and it is not clear what lies ahead. But it appears that there will be increasing tension between the RCAus and the RCNZ. This became clear when the fraternal delegate from New Zealand expressed concern about the contractual agreement between the RCNZ and the Reformed Theological College (RTC). Although the RCAus has never adopted the full Westminster Confession of Faith as an authoritative creed, the RTC has promised by signed contract that its teaching
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will be faithful to this Confession. Yet at the Synod one of the faculty of the RTC, Professor Steven Voorwinde, clearly spoke for continuing revelation. It will be interesting to see, therefore, what will happen to the contractual relationship between the RCNZ and the RTC. Clearly, something will have to give.

The committee is working on a communication to the RCAus which would express concerns regarding their recent Synod meeting.

2. Other contacts. During the visit to Australia your representatives also had ecumenical contact with the Free Reformed Churches of Australia, a solidly Reformed federation related to the liberated Reformed churches and with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia. Both of these churches are member churches of the ICRC.

The delegates also met, for the first time, with representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. This church emerged, a few years ago, when its people decided not to enter the Uniting Church of Australia. And while it was born with some very serious problems (including the already present reality of women elders, and one or two women pastors) it is a noteworthy fact that some firm steps have been taken on the road back to Reformed standards. Recently this church removed a liberal minister from office on grounds of heresy. It has determined that in the future no women can be ordained to the ministerial office. There is still much ground to be reclaimed, but it is encouraging to report these advances. The denomination has three theological colleges all of which now have teachers who are faithful to the Reformed Confessions.

V INTERCHURCH BODIES

A. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC)

Messrs. Gaffin and Bube have been asked to speak at the 1997 ICRC with all their expenses borne by the ICRC. This will enable us to consider sending more delegates to the 1997 ICRC meeting in Seoul. We are allowed four voting delegates to the ICRC. See Recommendation 5 below.

B. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)

1. The meeting of NAPARC was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 2, 1994

2. All member churches were represented as well as observers from the Presbyterian Reformed Church and the RCUS

3. OPC delegates were Messrs. Barker, Duff, Peterson and Tyson

4. The officers of NAPARC are: Chairman, Myung Doh Kim (KAPC); Vice-Chairman, David H. Engelhard (CRC); Secretary, Donald J. Duff (OPC); and Treasurer, Robert A. Henning (RPCNA)

5. The recommendation of the 61st (1994) GA that churches pay equally to the treasury of NAPARC was adopted. A budget for 1995 was set at $2,400. The OPC share for 1995 is $400. See Recommendation 7 below.

6. NAPARC expressed "to the Christian Reformed Church in North America its deep thanks to God for the decision to which he led the CRC Synod 1994 to disapprove the ordination of women to ruling and teaching office in the church and to express the devout hope that that position will not change." The vote was by church delegations and showed: yes ARPC, KAPC, OPC, RPCNA; no CRC, PCA

7. The proposal to institute weighted voting (larger churches would get more votes) was defeated.

8. Relative to membership of the RCUS in NAPARC, their application was
approved and recommended to the member churches for their concurrence. The vote was yes ARPC, KAPC, OPC, RPCNA; no CRCNA; abstain PCA. See Recommendation 2 below.

The following substitute had been defeated: “That the application of the RCUS to join NAPARC be postponed so that they may bring to NAPARC a statement from their denomination that they disavow involvement in and support of the Alliance of Reformed Churches and that they intend to fellowship with the NAPARC churches in a sensitive, respectful and supportive manner in keeping with the chief mark of a true church expressed in John 13:35, “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another.” Following prayer a vote was taken by unit vote on the substitute as follows: yes CRC, PCA; no ARPC, KAPC, OPC, RPCNA.

The Interim Committee was “authorized to proceed with a consultation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as they requested in their communication of November 2” relative to their eligibility for membership in NAPARC.

10. The OPC is to host the next meeting of the Council and to arrange for a keynote speaker for the dinner to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The dates of the meeting will be decided by the officers of NAPARC choosing either Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28-29, 1995 if this fits with the Foreign Missions Consultation and possible airline blackout dates on tickets, or otherwise Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31-November 1, 1995.

See Recommendation 6 below.

VI THEOLOGICAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE FUND

A. The committee continues to seek to build up a fund for scholarships for theological students or pastors to study outside their home areas and to send instructors to theological schools abroad. An amount for this is included in the committee's budget. Conversations are being held about the possibility and feasibility of sending one of our professors to the Reformed Theological College of the RCEA in Kenya for a month’s lectureship. The Subcommittee is also investigating the possibility of sponsoring a student from abroad for theological study in the states.

B. The Adopt-a-Pastor program continues to bless both giver and receiver.

VII Budget

The committee submits the following budget requests

1. Committee expense
   Meetings and general expenses $15,000.00
   Theological Training Assistance Fund 3,000.00
   total 18,000.00

2. Delegates
   Fraternal Delegates (from and to other churches) 2,500.00
   Fraternal delegates/Japan 2,000.00
   2 delegates to ICRC 1997 2,000.00
   total $6,500.00
VIII RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the General Assembly communicate the following to the Synod of the CRCNA:

That in the light of the actions of the 61st (1994) General Assembly pertaining to the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) (Minutes, 61st GA, §125, p. 35) and in the light of the joint meeting of the interchurch relations committees of our two churches on March 24, 1995 this Assembly

1. Express its thanks to the CRCNA (1) for the willingness of its representatives to meet with the OPC’s Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to discuss these matters of great concern to the OPC; and (2) for their gracious hosting of the March 24th meeting of our respective committees in their denominational office building in Grand Rapids;

2. Affirm that the ordination and/or installation of women to the office of elder is contrary to the Scriptures (I Timothy 2:11,12; I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6);

3. Affirm that homosexual inclination, and all homosexual thoughts or desires, as well as deeds, is sin (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism 139);

4. Reaffirm that those who have erotic attractions for members of the same sex but ‘who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally: [that] the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and that they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces to the practice of true holiness (cf. Westminster Confession of Faith XIII.1.);

5. Express its sincere regret to the CRCNA for the error of the 61st (1994) General Assembly for mistakenly quoting from the pastoral advice proposed in Report 42 to Synod, 1973, namely the phrases, ‘Cannot be healed’ and ‘permanent limitations’, rather than correctly quoting from the adopted Acts of Synod 1973, namely the phrases, ‘are not healed’ and ‘the limitations’, respectively (Acts of Synod 1973, §53.C.3.f, p. 52);

6. That the General Assembly declare to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America its regret that the terms of our relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship have not been followed by either of our churches in relation to each other in that neither has sought consultation with the other on matters affecting our relationship. This fact was brought home to us through the joint meeting held in Grand Rapids on March 24, 1995, where our divergence on the matters discussed was clear and painful. It is true that the questions of women in ecclesiastical office and homosexuality had been discussed in several meetings of the then Reformed Ecumenical Synod when the OPC was a member of that body and that our churches thereby knew much about our respective views on those matters. Yet the fact remains that we did not consult each other concerning them. The result is that our two churches have followed different routes, and have come to very different conclusions, on these ques-
tions, thereby allowing them to become sources of severe friction and alienation between us. These difficulties have been further exacerbated by apparently differing views of church discipline. The General Assembly believes that our churches ought to make serious endeavor to resolve these problems.

The OPC suggests that our churches should even now, late though it may be, make serious effort to restore a fellowship that was so close for many years. The General Assembly therefore offers to consult with the CRCNA on these three matters to examine their merits with regard to both Scripture and the creeds, and appeals to the Synod of the CRCNA to agree to such consultations and to take such steps as may be necessary to institute them with the OPC (See III.A. above).

2. That the General Assembly concur in the recommendation of NAPARC that the Reformed Church in the United States be received into the membership of NAPARC (See III.E. and VB.8. above).

3. That the General Assembly together with the General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church adopt the following:

Common Affirmations

Whereas on several occasions in recent years the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and representatives of the Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod) have had the opportunity and privilege of acquainting each other of matters relative to each of their Churches, and

Whereas on Tuesday, November 1, 1994, the Committee of Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (OPC) and Interchurch Relations Committee (BPC/GS) representatives met for an extended period, and cordially exchanged comments, questions and answers concerning perceived differences between our two denominations, and

Whereas the OPC and BPC/GS presbyters agreed that on the basis of the Westminster Standards (Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism) the doctrine, Christian life, and ecclesiology of both churches are so in accord with each other as to require us to seek fraternal relationship between our respective denominations, and

Whereas both our Churches endeavor to proclaim the Word of God faithfully, to rightly administer the sacraments, and to enact discipline to ensure, as much as possible, the purity of the church, and

Whereas we recognize each other as true Churches of Christ, more or less pure (WCF XXV.4.), in which the marks of the true church are found, and

Whereas we declare our willingness to hold appropriate fellowship with other churches of Christ; and though no one can undo 50 years of divergent history between our two denominations, we are encouraged to believe that God has begun to chart a different course for the future of our Churches,

Therefore, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to give expression to this reality by establishing a relationship of ecclesiastical fellowship.

4. That The Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommend to the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) that the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church be received into the membership of the ICRC (See III.G. above).
Our church was asked by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to provide a recommendation to the International Conference of Reformed Churches for membership in that body.

The ARPC is one of the oldest churches in the United States, having been founded in 1782. Through those years it has faced many changes in our nation and its religion, and has sought to maintain its faithfulness to the Word of God. In recent years the Church was faced with decisions about Scripture itself relative to its college and theological seminary (Erskine), and established the principle for those institutions that Scripture “is without error in all that it teaches.” The ordination vows of its ministers, ruling elders, and deacons require them to

affirm that “the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments are the Word of the living God, the only perfect rule of faith and practice, to which nothing is to be added and from which nothing is to be taken at any time or upon any pretext.”

and to “accept the doctrines of this Church, contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, as founded on the Word of God and as the expression of your own faith, and (to) resolve to adhere thereto.”

The ARPC has also displayed a growing determination to seek to be faithful to the Scriptures with regard to its fellowship with other churches, which has been exhibited in its withdrawal from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council, and, now, by its desire to join the ICRC.

The church conducts mission work in Germany, Mexico, the Middle East, Pakistan, and Russia.

5. That the General Assembly instruct the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations to appoint Messrs. Gaffin and Bube, whose expenses will be paid by the ICRC, and two other delegates to the 1997 ICRC meeting in Seoul (See V.A. above).

6. That the General Assembly propose to NAPARC that Article V, section 3 of the Constitution of the NAPARC be amended as follows: (See V.B. above).

Admission to, suspension from, restoration to (after suspension), and termination of membership shall be proposed by recommendation of the Council to the member churches by two thirds of the ballots cast; and this proposal recommendation must then be approved adopted within three years by the approval of two thirds of the major assemblies of the member churches. A proposal to suspend or terminate the membership of a member church may be initiated only by a major assembly of a member church. A suspended church may send delegates to meetings of the Council but they shall not vote nor may that church be represented on the Interim Committee.

Grounds:

(I) The only avenue open for the exercise of oversight within NAPARC when a member-church finds itself in disagreement with the purpose and basis of the Constitution is that of the termination of membership. There needs to be a less radical and less final avenue open with which to deal with such churches. The avenue of suspension is such an avenue.
(2) Suspension of membership allows NAPARC and the church in question opportunity to deal with and resolve the situation which caused the disagreement with the purpose and basis of the Constitution.

(3) Suspension of membership should require the involvement of all the churches and their major/broader assemblies. It is a serious step and must not be undertaken precipitously.

7. That the General Assembly pay the NAPARC dues of $400 (See V.B.5. above).

VIII ELECTIONS

The terms of the following members expire at this Assembly:
Richard A. Barker, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., 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 APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

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I THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION AND WORK

The Sixty-first General Assembly (1994) augmented the committee with an alternate. This action was taken to guarantee three available committee members should a case arise in which a committee member belongs to a presbytery which is party to an appeal or complaint (thereby excusing him from participation in such a case). Four such cases arose at the end of 1994 and the beginning of 1995. These cases consisted of four complaints brought forward on appeal from decisions taken by the Presbytery of New Jersey (PNJ).

The committee, due to its decreased budget and the greater geographic separation of its members, attempted to limit face-to-face meetings. Messrs. Jones and Strange met on March 8 and Messrs. Jones and Eckardt met on March 24, 1995. These meetings were preceded by mail and phone contacts. Mr. Eckardt served as acting Chairman for New Jersey cases. Mr. Jones served as secretary.

The first complaint deals with the decision of a session not to transfer membership of an individual to another Orthodox Presbyterian congregation upon the session receiving of a request for transfer from that individual. The second and third complaints are essentially one complaint asking the Presbytery of New Jersey to reinstitute charges against a minister, which charges were dismissed by presbytery for putative lack of evidence. The second complaint argues that the decision to dismiss charges was in error. The third complaint argues, in effect, that not enough attention was given by presbytery to a letter urging reconsideration of the decision to not proceed with a trial. Thus, complaints two and three can be read as asking for the same basic amend, viz. that charges be reinstituted, with the additional request that the letter be considered in order in the case.

The fourth complaint is related to the first to some degree and arises from the decision of Cherry Hill OPC to issue a citation to Mr. Springer to appear before the session concerning charges to be brought against him. Mr. Springer is not bringing a judicial appeal, per se, but is complaining against the citation itself. The complaint can be regarded as a preemptive measure seeking to prevent judicial process. Under such an interpretation, the complaint might be considered not subject to the constraints of BD VII.2. (reserving the appeal of judgments in judicial session to assigned grounds for one appeal of the final judgment).

The committee has requested that the documents for these cases be left out of the initial General Assembly agenda until such time as necessity requires their dissemination. One major reason for this request is to prevent unwarranted injury to parties named in the case documents.
II  COMPLAINT I—FROM MR. SPRINGER

A.  CHRONOLOGY OF COMPLAINT I

1.  On September 7, 1993 Mr. Ernest Springer, III, requests the session (hereinafter "the session") of Cherry Hill OPC to transfer his membership (his wife making the same request) to the congregation of Immanuel OPC in West Collingswood, New Jersey. Mr. Mumma makes a similar request on September 18, 1993.
2.  On September 21, 1993 Mr. Salmon visits Mr. Springer to confront him.
3.  The session met on September 23, 1993.
4.  On October 8, 1993 Mr. Springer speaks with elder John Beauchamp, II by phone. Mr. Springer infers from this conversation that the session has refused the requests for transfer.
5.  A complaint is brought by Messrs. Springer and Mumma, dated October 8, 1993 regarding a purported denial of said requests for membership transfer. This complaint is denied (no minutes were provided indicating session action, but the verdict is clear).
6.  On November 1, 1993 Mr. Salmon makes a second visit.
8.  The PNJ meets on December 7, 1993 and elects a committee of three to deal with the complaint as well as several other complaints brought forward on appeal (cf. copies of minutes received by Appeals and Complaints Committee prior to 61st General Assembly).
9.  At the February 26, 1994 meeting of the PNJ, the elected committee recommended that the complaint (designated as complaint #9) "be denied, on the ground that the session had legitimate reasons for delaying the transfers." (also taken from minute extracts sent prior to the 61st General Assembly). The recommendation was adopted.
10.  On June 8-14, 1994 the 61st General Assembly sits in session.
11.  Mr. Springer brings the complaint forward on appeal on August 1, 1994.

B.  RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMPLAINT I

RECOMMENDATION

1.  That the complaint be found out of order by the General Assembly.
   Ground: The complaint brought forward from presbytery on appeal to the General Assembly is not essentially the same as that brought forward to presbytery on appeal (contrary to BD IX.3.).

C.  OBSERVATIONS

1.  Form of the Complaint before General Assembly
   The form of the appeal (complaint instrument) brought before the 62nd General Assembly is a nine page document with three specifications of error cited within. These specifications are not clearly separated from argumentation. The amend being sought must be inferred from the last sentence, i.e. "I therefore petition the General Assembly to consider the above specifications of error and to reverse the judgment of the Presbytery of New Jersey."

   A fair summary of the complaint instrument would be to list the following as specifications of error:
   a.  Presbytery received inaccurate information from its committee prejudicing the case of complainants.
b. Presbytery wrongly interpreted the significance of church membership.

c. Presbytery tolerated wrong information from its committee (basically the same as #1).

The amend being sought could be summarized as, “require presbytery to require the session to dismiss Mr. Springer to the Immanuel OPC.” An underlying issue which would be affected by granting such an amend, depending on what date such a transfer is granted, is whether disciplinary actions taken against the complainant earlier would be currently valid. The complainant has not spelled out the amend sought sufficiently clearly (with respect to effective dates of transfer and jurisdiction) to give indication of how the amend sought affects other issues concerning him.

The very form of the complaint before the Assembly makes it difficult to compare with the form before the PNJ and the session of Cherry Hill OPC. A complaint brought forward on appeal may note errors of an appellate judicatory (BD IX.5.). However, the complaint must still be the same complaint originated against the session. Five “specific errors” were alleged in the complaint against the session. The appeal brought to the PNJ simply encloses the earlier complaint and therefore could be considered in order by the PNJ with a minimum of interpretation. The clearest point of continuity between the original complaint and that before the General Assembly seems to be an assertion of the complainant(s) that the rights and significance of church membership has not been adequately understood and acted upon by the session or the presbytery.

2. The time factor

An original complaint must commence soon after an alleged delinquency “and always within three months, unless it is shown that it could not have been presented within that time.” (BD IX.2.). A complaint brought forward on appeal “shall be entered at the earliest possible time.” (BD IX.3.). Mr. Springer evidently waited to file the appeal under consideration here until after the time that the 61st General Assembly met, even though there appears to have been ample time for him to have this matter considered in 1994. It may be noted that Mr. Springer was named in a judicial appeal that he was part to and which came before the 61st General Assembly. This time lapse may also constitute a ground for finding the complaint out of order.

III COMPLAINTS 2 & 3—FROM MESSRS. MUMMA, ROCKHILL, AND SPRINGER

A. CHRONOLOGY OF COMPLAINTS 2 AND 3

A summary of events relating to the complaints was before the 61st General Assembly (Minutes, p. 24). On that occasion, the case being considered was appeal of a judicial censure brought under the terms of BD III.6. While appeal of the judicial censure was before the General Assembly, a simultaneous complaint was pending before the PNJ for dismissing charges brought against a minister of that presbytery.

1. A minister (the accused) preaches sermons from May 6, 1990 to March 21, 1993 which are alleged to plagiarize the sermons of Charles Spurgeon.

2. A meeting is held on November 2, 1992 to confront the minister. Four individuals plus the minister and two other session members were present.

3. On December 8, 1992 a second such meeting is held with the same members present. The minister is said by one party to admit to heavy use of others’ work in past
sermons, but that he was not currently doing so nor would he do so in the future. The minister (as another party) allegedly admits heavy use of Spurgeon. He states his intention to broaden his sources.

4. On April 5, 1993 two of the accusers meet with a third individual to discuss possible plagiarism by the minister after December 8, 1992.

5. On or about April 25, 1993 the minister makes five written sermons available for inspection. They are said to demonstrate less dependence on Spurgeon, but to use Matthew Henry extensively.

6. Messrs. Mumma, Rockhill, and Springer (accusers) bring charges, dated September 15, 1993 before the Presbytery of New Jersey and are duly warned at that meeting, on September 25, 1993 in accordance with BD III.6.

7. A committee of the PNJ reports at the stated meeting of December 7, 1993 and based on this report, it was determined that the charge did not warrant a trial. The committee report identified three allegations in the charge: (1) lying; (2) plagiarism; and (3) failure of gifts.

8. At the Stated meeting of February 26, 1994, presbytery received a communication dated December 15, 1993 from Mr. Mumma asking for reconsideration of the evidence. Presbytery minutes (2-26-94) indicate that “On motion this communication was noted.”

At the same meeting it was moved to rebuke the accusers per BD III.6. At this point presbytery entered executive session and the accusers left the room (and the meeting). Subsequently, presbytery voted rebuke the accusers in accord with BD III.6. Consequently they heard neither the grounds nor the text of the rebuke.

A special meeting for March 19, 1994 was scheduled for the purpose of pronouncing the censure of rebuke. The meeting was not held (because of the appeal, see #10).

9. On February 28, 1994, the accusers were informed of the text of the rebuke. This same day the accusers filed two complaints with the PNJ. One complaint (signed by all three), asks that charges be reinstated. The second complaint (signed by all three) was against the decision “not to review or act upon” on the December 15, 1993 letter.

10. On March 7, 1994 appeal was filed to the General Assembly against the censure of rebuke.

11. On June 8-14, 1994 the 61st General Assembly met. It decided to remit both the decision of PNJ to rebuke the accusers and the appeal to the PNJ “with instructions that if the presbytery wishes to censure for intemperate and disrespectful language, it must not do so on the basis of BD III.6., but it should seek censure through the court of original jurisdiction (cf. BD II.B.1.).” (cf. pp. 27-28, Minutes).

12. On September 24, 1994 the presbytery denied complaint two (disposition of charges) and complaint three (disposition of letter). Appeals of these complaints were drafted (both dated September 26, 1994).

B. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMPLAINTS 2 AND 3

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The committee recommends that Complaint 2 (disposition of charge) be found in order and properly before the General Assembly.

3. The committee recommends that Complaint 3 (December letter status) be found in order and properly before the General Assembly.

Qualification regarding this recommendation: The December 15 letter is asking for reconsideration of a presbytery decision based on "erroneous preliminary conclusions"
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arrived at by presbytery. There seems to be no procedural basis for the complaint brought on appeal. At the risk of touching the substance of the complaint, the committee feels constrained to note there is no constitutional or parliamentary right to demand reconsideration of a decision once made. The right to "move reconsideration" by qualified members exists, but not the right to insist that such a motion carry.

C. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPLAINTS 2 AND 3

PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the two complaints be ruled as essentially one in seeking one of the following two amends:
   a. that General Assembly direct the Presbytery of New Jersey to institute judicial process per the original charges brought against a ministerial member of said presbytery; or
   b. that General Assembly direct the Presbytery of New Jersey to conduct another preliminary investigation of the charges brought by Messrs. Mumma, Rockhill, and Springer with due consideration for the information presented in the December 15 letter; and with a view to determining if a trial is warranted.

2. That the General Assembly rule out of order all arguments and evidence respecting alleged culpability of the minister originally charged, and that said minister's name not be made part of the debate or record of this twofold complaint.

   Grounds:
   (1) It is improper to put an individual and his reputation on trial before the highest court of the church before the case has been considered by the court of original jurisdiction. To admit evidence or arguments that impugn the individual is to place him de facto on trial.
   (2) The Presbytery of New Jersey, where original jurisdiction in the case resides, has already determined that the charges do not warrant a trial. The General Assembly may properly judge where corrupt process or errors of interpreting the constitution in such a case may be relevant. The Assembly is at a distinct disadvantage in any role where it makes itself a trier of fact.
   (3) The case before us is a complaint and not a judicial appeal. The only parties under our current standards who may appeal a judicial case are those who are accused and found guilty or those judicatories whose judgments are overturned (BD VII. 1.). Though older presbyterian discipline allowed a private accuser the right of appeal, that is not the case with current OPC discipline. This being the case, a complaint may not become a back door vehicle for judicial appeals by accusers who fail to make their case at a lower level. Complaints, if legitimate at all in such cases, must be confined to questions of procedural irregularity or errors of constitutional interpretation.

3. That debate on the twofold complaint be confined to the following questions taken from the grounds of the complaints originally filed:
   a. Did the failure of a presbytery committee to submit a chronology of the case constitute an error; if so, was this error significant to the case and does this error require granting of the amends sought?
   b. Did the failure of presbytery to provide copies of the charge to all presbyters constitute an error; if so, was this error significant to the case and does this error require granting of the amends sought?
   c. Was the presbytery obligated to "review or act upon" a letter sent by one or more complainants to the members of presbytery? If so, was failure to "review or act upon"
said letter an error significant to the case and does this error require granting the amends sought?

IV COMPLAINT 4—FROM MR. SPRINGER

A. CHRONOLOGY OF COMPLAINT 4

Consult items 1 through 8 in the chronology of complaint one (not repeated here). The chronology of Complaint 4 will begin with new item 9:

9. On January 22, 1994 the session requests a meeting with Mr. Springer by letter to discuss matters related to his transfer request, etc.

10. In a letter dated January 31, 1994, Mr. Springer declines the request to appear with reasons given (said reasons not involving schedule conflict or illness).

11. In February of 1994 a series of letters are exchanged. One is a summons from session to Mr. Springer to meet with them. A subsequent letter from Mr. Springer indicates his intention to attend, though under protest.

12. The session sends a “pastoral letter” dated April 16, 1994 urging Mr. Springer to keep his membership vow (i.e. to submit in the Lord to the government of this church...) and addressing other concerns. It is evident from the letter that Mr. Springer attended the session meeting in question. The letter indicates the belief of session that Mr. Springer did not discuss his complaints with the gathered session, though he promised to do so (p. 2, ¶3).

13. In a letter dated May 24, 1994, Mr. Springer states that he is innocent of claims made against him and indicates he does not intend to appear before session to discuss these matters further.

14. In June-July of 1994 further letters are exchanged in which the session calls for a personal meeting with Mr. Springer and Mr. Springer refuses for various reasons.

15. The session, in a document dated November 5, 1994, cites Mr. Springer to appear to hear and receive charges against him on November 17, 1994.

16. In a document dated November 14, 1994, Mr. Springer brings a complaint against the session for its citation and provides a letter of explanation.

17. Mr. Springer responds with a letter dated November 27, 1994 indicating reasons why he did not appear.

18. A second citation dated November 22, 1994 is issued for a meeting scheduled on December 3, 1994.

19. The session decides against the complaint (see #16) at a meeting on November 22, 1994 (no official minutes received, but the fact is evident from the documents of the notice of intention to appeal, etc.).


21. The presbytery denies the complaint brought forward on appeal on December 6, 1994 (no official minutes received, but the fact is evident from the documents of the notice of intention to appeal, etc.).

22. The complaint is brought forward to General Assembly in a document dated January 9, 1995.

B. OBSERVATIONS

1. The Original Complaint

The amend being sought in the original complaint brought to session is to "ask the session to reconsider their action, rescind their citation, and cease their pursuit of an unrighteous cause."
Grounds: Five grounds are given in the original complaint brought to session. These can be summarized as follows:

1. The citation was defective (being by certified mail and not in person).
2. Session's jurisdiction is questionable since a request for transfer allegedly came prior to disciplinary actions.
3. Certain actions of the session are out of order regarding the citation, the order for a closed trial and restrictions on sharing document information with others.
4. The citation is questioned because it is signed by a trial moderator not connected to the Cherry Hill Session.
5. The purpose of discipline contemplated is questioned since allegations are made that no pastoral interest exists in reclaiming the alleged offender. Lengthy accusations follow this ground.

2. The Complaint on Appeal

The complaint as brought before presbytery consists of a single page which simply contests the decision of presbytery. The complaint as brought before the General Assembly seeks as its amend that it “reverse the judgment of the Presbytery of New Jersey.” In support of this, seven specifications of error are given. Most of these specifications may be summarized as alleging presbytery error or neglect in addressing the grounds and responses given in the original complaint. Though a committee drafted responses to the complainants and their grounds, it is not clear that the presbytery adopted those grounds as formal reasons for denying the complaint (minute extracts are not yet in the hands of the committee).

The form of the instrument carrying the complaint to General Assembly makes it difficult to ascertain whether the same complaint is before the Assembly as had originated with the session and brought to PNJ. It is proper to note errors of an appellate judicatory in bringing a complaint further forward on appeal, but it still must be the same complaint. Because the appeal document lodged with PNJ consisted of a single page, simply stating an appeal of the session’s decision, it can be assumed that the same complaint was before the PNJ without embellishment (e.g. appending additional procedural errors in the adjudication process). It is interesting in this connection that the appeal as brought before the Assembly argues that presbytery erred by failing to address the session’s response to the legality of the complaint. It is not clear that the complainant addressed this issue in bringing his appeal before PNJ.

Though minute extracts are currently lacking, it seems the following question was in dispute: Should the resolution of alleged errors raised concerning a citation (involving judicial disciplinary proceedings) be confined to appeal under the judicial appeal provided for in the Book of Discipline, or is it allowable to complain against a citation?

It would appear the session believed that all disputes surrounding the citation should be dealt with in terms of a single judicial appeal. The BD VII.2. might seem to point in this direction. A possible argument against this position, however, is that a citation (though of judicial character) does not take place during the course of a trial and so the judicatory issuing such a citation also is not yet constituted a “trial judicatory.” It is obviously better for all questionable rulings in a single judicial context to be dealt with as a group. Failure to observe such a method could potentially create endless complaints. At the same time, if errors are made prior to an actual trial setting, it is hard to see where the Book of Discipline forbids the right to bring a complaint.

The first specification of error in the complaint as before the Assembly, asserts that the PNJ did not address the session’s response to the legality of the complaint. Evidently the PNJ did not choose to deal with the issue of whether the complaint was in order. If the presbytery did not share the position of the session on this issue, it still remains
to be seen how the complainant is harmed. The fact that complainant did not see fit (as far as can be determined from the documents in possession) to specifically include this alleged error of session's judgment in the complaint before PNJ, makes it curious that this should appear now in the complaint before General Assembly.

In general, no purely procedural or constitutional irregularities are set forth in the by the complainant regarding the action taken by PNJ. The complaint before the Assembly essentially constitutes a disagreement over the judgment the PNJ rendered in the facts of the case. Most of the argumentation comes against grounds listed in a report of a committee of presbytery.

3. The Core Issue of the Complaint

At bottom, the committee believes the issue must turn on whether the citation was valid (as distinct from whether the citation might ultimately prove to have been warranted). For example, one may not argue that a citation is not valid because the merits of a case yet to be presented would vindicate the accused. Only questions that address the validity of the citation are germane. If some other error in procedure has occurred, such as a failure to follow Matthew 18, this should be a separate issue (either a separate complaint or a ground for judicial appeal). The Assembly must decide if the five grounds in the original complaint are germane. Even if the truth of each ground is established, does it support the contention that the citation is not valid?

4. The Jurisdiction Issue and the First Complaint

Since the committee has already recommended that the first complaint be considered out of order, a question in the reasoning of complainant may still need to be addressed. Is the complainant entitled to delay judicial process by filing a complaint questioning the jurisdiction of Cherry Hill OPC? If so, under whose jurisdiction is he and what entitles him to bring any complaint if he is not under the jurisdiction of Cherry Hill OPC? Further, if the Assembly finds the first complaint out of order, must a further delay be allowed? One of the marks of the church is discipline. If legal games such as have dominated our secular culture are allowed to prevent the exercise of discipline, then the basic integrity of the church is at risk.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMPLAINT

4. That the complaint be found in order.

5. That consideration of grounds two (2), three (3), and five (5) be ruled out of order in disposing of this issue, since they are not germane to the validity of the citation.

6. That should the complaint be sustained, the amend be edited to the effect that the citation be either rescinded or properly issued.

NOTE: Though these recommendations (particularly the second) touch on substantial issues, the committee is not recommending for or against the sustaining of the complaint per se, since that is beyond the committee mandate.

V BUDGET NOTE

The committee respects the serious financial constraints the church is under and the priority that should be placed on outreach. It is our fondest hope and prayer that litigation might lessen and meetings of the committee be rendered less needful. There is a danger that if the committee is under-funded inability to meet may result in many wasted man-hours at
General Assembly. In the civil realm, people who are litigious must pay attorney fees and court costs. Perhaps some policy should be adopted whereby those who initiate frequent complaints or charges should demonstrate their esteem for the church's justice system by enclosing an appropriate filing fee with their paper work.

The committee estimates its need to be $1000.

VI ELECTIONS

The term of Mr. Strange expires at this Assembly. Messrs. Jones ('96) and R.W. Eckardt ('97) are continuing members. Mr. Wisdom ('97) is the alternate.

VII ADDENDUM TO REPORT - COMPLAINTS 5, 6, & 7—APPEAL OF MESSRS. MUMMA AND SPRINGER

Following submission of the committee's report to the Stated Clerk, an appeal of three complaints was forwarded to the clerk and received on March 23, 1995 by him. Though the appeal concerns three separate complaint documents, the three may be conveniently considered one. These complaints came to the clerk more than a year since their disposition by the PNJ, and though they raise a significant concern, they fly in the face of BD IX.1. (a complaint charges a judicatory with delinquency or error.)

A. Chronology

1. A congregational meeting of Cherry Hill OPC is held on February 17, 1993. The moderator of the meeting (i.e. the pastor) makes a ruling from the chair which appears to violate the church by-laws.
2. Complaints are brought against the moderator to the session on February 22, 1993.
3. The session evidently (according to documents of complainants) found the complaints, in effect, out of order (c. March 23, 1993).
4. Complainants appealed to the PNJ. Presbytery erected a committee to investigate (April 27, 1993—PNJ minutes; p. 277, item 12; Note: the complaints are not described here.)
5. The committee erected recommended that the complaints be found out of order (September 25, 1993). Action to adopt the recommendation was postponed. The complaints were remanded to the session.
6. Another committee of presbytery was elected to investigate appeals of the complaints (December 7, 1993).
7. The committee recommended on February 26, 1994 that the three complaints be found out of order because they did not complain against the action of a judicatory. On separate motions the three complaints were found out of order.
8. The decision of the PNJ was appealed to General Assembly (March 21, 1995).

B. RECOMMENDATION

7. That the complaints be found out of order.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

SYNOPSIS
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II THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE
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The members of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship are the Rev. Messrs. George R. Cottenden, John P. Galbraith, Robert D. Knudsen, Moisés Silva, and Bernard J. Stonehouse. Ruling Elder John Kinnaird is the alternate. Messrs. Knudsen and Silva were added by action of the 61st (1994) General Assembly to aid the committee in addressing its enlarged mandate.

I THE MANDATE

In addition to the basic task of revising the Directory for Public Worship, past General Assemblies have referred to the committee several overtures relating to worship. Most of these either have already been reported on to previous Assemblies or will be addressed in the course of the revision itself. In the latter category is Overture 10 to the 56th (1989) General Assembly. It sought to make specific provision for testimonies in public worship and for the saying of the "amen" by members of the congregation. That Assembly also gave a threefold mandate to the committee:

1. The committee was "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 (1990) 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)." The first and third parts of that mandate are still being addressed.

The 60th (1993) General Assembly added to the mandate by referring to the committee the issues raised in Complaint 4 by Dr. and Mrs. B. Manring (concerning "special music" in worship) and requesting a report to the 61st (1994) General Assembly. In part as a result of this task, involving the need to study again, in greater depth, the meaning and application of the regulative principle of worship, the last Assembly expanded the committee to its present size.

The 60th Assembly also enlarged the mandate of the committee to include authority to propose amendments to other portions of the Book of Church Order where these are necessary to bring the three portions into substantive and linguistic harmony.
II  THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Since the 61st (1994) Assembly the committee held half-day to full-day meetings approximately once a month, from September through May. Pursuant to the mandate of the last Assembly, most of the committee’s time and attention were devoted to the matter of the regulative principle. Committee members have read both traditional and contemporary discussions of the principle. They have prepared papers for discussion on the biblical foundations of our confessional position and such matters as the distinction between element and circumstance in worship.

Comments and suggestions for amendments were received from eight ministers and one session. Careful consideration was given to all suggestions for changes to the draft revision. At several points the committee concurred in the suggestions and made the requested changes. None of these involved a major change in the direction of the work done so far. Because the work of revision did not progress beyond the point reported last year, and changes to the work already done do not constitute a redirection, the committee is not including its provisional changes in this report.

At the request of the Committee on Christian Education, the committee gave advice to it concerning the content and format of God’s Words for Worship, a manual of worship aids being prepared for publication. One meeting was held between the chairman of the committee, the Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, and the chairman of the worship subcommittee of the Committee on Christian Education.

III  PLANS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TASK

Last year the committee presented a draft outline of a revised Directory for Public Worship and a draft revision of Chapters I, II, and III, B with a view to soliciting response from the Church. The committee will consider further responses as they are received. However, before full attention can be directed again to the work of revision, the committee needs to make further progress on the meaning and application of the regulative principle. In addition it must address again the relationship of office to the matter of roles in worship. Nevertheless, the committee will attempt to finish revising the section on the sacraments in the coming year.

IV  BUDGET

The committee requests a budget for 1995-96 of:

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REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

I The Past Year

During the past year I gave the bulk of my time as Historian to two projects. First, I served as the general editor for the book presented at this assembly, *Fighting the Good Fight: A Brief History of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church* by D. G. Hart and John Muether. This is the eighth major production from the Committee for the Historian since 1986. All of these productions remain available to the church. However, it should be noted that less than 90 copies remain of the semicentennial book *The Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 1936-1986*. This book will not be reprinted.

The second project has been the publication of three Mid-American Seminary lectures, the first of which has now appeared in the *Mid-America Journal of Theology* under the title “Tragedy, Hope, and Ambivalence: The History of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1936-1962.” These lectures have demanded extensive revision for publication, and the third, which deals with Peniel and the question of “spirituality” in the OPC, is still in need of final edits.

I am happy to report on how well these efforts and materials have been received. For example, *Pressing Toward the Mark*, among our first volumes, has been called “the best book of its kind” by one of the leading evangelical historians of our day. *Lest We Forget* continues to delight informed and inquiring readers alike. Presently, over 7000 copies have been printed with 5800 sold and distributed by the Committee for the Historian. As the sales figures in the committee’s report demonstrate, more and more people are discovering *The Presbyterian Conflict*. The second printing is selling well.

Also, the video has received the highest marks for its aesthetic and technical excellence. However, some viewers have questioned whether people in pictures have been adequately identified and whether certain information is sufficient for easy, or even correct, grasp of its significance. Two things have been done to help viewers: (1) I have produced a log of the pictures and music used in the video that serves as an outline of the script and is available upon request from the Committee on Christian Education; (2) the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee for the Historian present to this assembly *Fighting the Good Fight* by Hart and Muether which is meant to provide background for the film. Our hope is that the book will lead to deeper appreciation of the video, opening up for it more and varied uses.

One of the great joys of the last year was traveling to Portland, Oregon in August in connection with the fiftieth anniversary celebration of First OPC of that city. I presented a series of lectures on OPC history to those gathered from the Presbytery of the Northwest for a family conference. The church should be aware of the Historian’s availability for presentations on OP history.

II Coming Years

As to plans for the future, the most immediate is the upcoming sixtieth anniversary celebration at next year’s assembly. The anniversary will be marked by a banquet on June 11 with the Rev. Tom Tyson as speaker. Three lectures are also planned in a pre-assembly format with Dr. Darryl Hart, John Muether, and myself speaking. The Committee for the Historian is producing a mug for distribution at the celebration. Also, it is hoped that *The Ministerial Register: 1936-1996* will be available by the assembly next year. Regarding this
last item, please cooperate with James Dennison as he completes this project. He will be contacting you for updates for the entries under your name.

Future plans also include publication of an index of the general assembly minutes, an OPC reader (containing important articles, GA reports, and other documents helpful for understanding the church), and a denomination directory with information on churches throughout the world with which the OPC has contact. I will be continuing with the audio project, provided the funds are available.

III Our Heritage

It seems appropriate to close by noting the 100th anniversary of Cornelius Van Til's birth. He was born May 3, 1895 and grew up, in the providence of God, to be a great blessing to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and to the Christian world. His contributions to the life of the church were many, but he will be most remembered for his helpful and striking approach to apologetics.

In this regard, Van Til did not see the task of apologetics as that of establishing the validity of first principles upon the basis of neutral reason and in the interests of a natural theology. For Van Til apologetics is the defense of the faith, not the defense of the possibility of faith. He concluded that apologetics presupposes the truth of the biblical revelation about the ontological Trinity and about the Bible's own redemptive-historical center, the self-attesting Christ. But further, the faith Van Til sought to defend is that of the Reformed churches, expressed in their creeds. Therefore, Van Til's apologetics is self-consciously biblical, theological, and ecclesiastical.

The comprehensiveness of Van Til's apologetic is seen in its deliberate encounter with the world of philosophy and its own presentation of a Reformed worldview. Particularly, Van Til exposed the Greek roots of classical Catholic and Protestant thinking and the Enlightenment roots of the modern Christian establishment. He pursued this perspective rigorously and with a consistency that allowed Reformed and evangelical believers no room for a compromising position. At the same time, his biblical militancy was always tempered with a wonderful humility and graciousness, even to the most severe of critics. A short presentation of his approach appears in "My Credo," Jerusalem and Athens: Critical Discussions on the Theology and Apologetics of Cornelius Van Til, ed. E. R. Geelhan (1971), 3-21. Also helpful is William White's biography Van Til: Defender of the Faith, a book which the Committee for the Historian has now added to its list of offerings.

May the Lord of the church give her many more Van Tils.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles G. Dennison
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

I. COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND DECISIONS

A. Composition
The committee is currently composed of four members, including the historian. They are Messrs. James F. Alexander, David K. Thompson, Charles G. Dennison (Historian), and Danny Olinger. Mr. Olinger has been temporarily appointed by the committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Brian O'Leary from the committee.

B. Meetings
The committee met three times since the last general assembly: November 12, 1994, February 18, 1995, and April 22, 1995. Two of these meetings (November 12, and February 18) were held in conjunction with meetings of the ad-hoc History Project Committee, formed to oversee the production of the video and the Muether/Hart narrative on OP History.

C. Book Sales
We continue to distribute and sell the six books published by the committee. These include The History of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: An Annotated Bibliography, Lest We Forget, The Ministerial Register, Pressing Toward the Mark, The Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 1936-1986, and The Presbyterian Conflict. As God continues to bless our endeavors, we have seen a consistent volume of books sold. We are pleased to report the following totals:

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*The figures listed here reflect total sales (including complimentary copies), distributed since the reporting date March 3, 1994, provided in our last year's report.

D. Reprints
Because of "sell-outs" of first printings, the committee approved the reprinting of two titles during the 1994-95 period. The committee revised and updated the Annotated Bibliography, and ran a second printing of 200 just before last year's general assembly. Additionally, it was necessary to reprint The Presbyterian Conflict during the fall of 1994. Our second printing of this title added 1,003 Conflicts to almost depleted first print inventory.

E. Distribution and Marketing
In order to increase awareness of our offerings, and to more effectively present our materials to interested readers, the committee approved, designed, and produced an annotated pamphlet, detailing our six titles. This pamphlet, available to the '94 general assembly, included a "tear-out" order form, and has assisted the committee significantly in marketing books.

F. Joint Efforts
Joint efforts with the Committee on Christian Education, under the auspices of
the History Project Committee, continued throughout 1994-95. The joint committee continued to work on a popular history of the OPC. While the joint committee served as an editorial board, Darryl Hart and John Muether jointly authored the book, which has been titled *Fighting the Good Fight*. It will be added to the list of titles available from the Committee for the Historian in May/June, 1995.

G. 1995-96 Plans

On the immediate horizon, the bulk of our activities will be focused on *Fighting the Good Fight*. This title will become the focus of our marketing efforts. Plans include mailings to seminary and college libraries, campus bookstores, and sister denominations. Additionally, we hope to advertising in denominational publications like *New Horizons*, as well as popular Christian magazines with a broader appeal such as *World*. Our budget contemplates an aggressive advertising campaign for this long overdue popular study of OP history.

Several other projects will continue to require our attention next year. Significantly, we are in the process of funding an update to the *Ministerial Register*, which is scheduled to be completed by the 1996 general assembly. This is consistent with our objective of revising that significant document every fifth year, beginning in 1986. Although the immense labors associated with this endeavor are costly, it is well worth the expense, as the *Register* is the only comprehensive guide providing biographical detail on the OP clergy. Another time consuming but worthwhile project is the continued accumulation of OP oral history. We are annotating our current audio library, with the hope of providing a meaningful tape bibliography available to the church. Several key interviews still need to be recorded, and our budget includes the funds needed to document the priceless recollections of those making OP history. It is important to move ahead with this project before opportunities are lost.

We have also begun work on a compilation of a short directory of sister denominations, both within the US and abroad. The format and size will follow the OP's directory, providing brief descriptions of the significant contributions of denominations such as ours to the Church visible. It is our hope that we can produce a meaningful tool for the OP.

Plans for 1996 include a 60th anniversary banquet run in conjunction with general assembly, and a pre-assembly conference on the history of the OP! The speakers for this conference will be Charles Dennison, Darryl Hart, and John Muether.

Please pray that our God of grace and hope will continue to bless our efforts throughout the 1995-96 working year.

II STATUS OF BOOK SALES ACCOUNTS (as of April 22, 1995)

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V RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Historian be paid an honorarium of $5,500 for the fiscal year 1995-96. The additional honorarium takes into account the increasing demands placed on the time of the Historian.
2. That the name of Danny Olinger be approved as a member of the Committee for the Historian for a term of one year.
3. That the proposed budget of the Committee for the Historian, as itemized in section IV, above, be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,
David K. Thompson, Chairman
The OPC Commission met once during the year in conjunction with the meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJCC or the Joint Commission). All three of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church representatives were present. The meeting was held on 9 December, 1994 at the Sheraton Inn Hartsfield West, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Warren was elected as Vice Chairman of the Joint Commission.

We currently have eight OPC chaplains serving on active duty, six serving in the active reserves, five retired, one serving as an endorsed hospital chaplain, and one serving as a part time chaplain with the Veterans Administration. The names of our various chaplains are included at the end of the report as Appendix 1.

I  JOINT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The PRJCC agreed to hire a new Executive Director to commence his duties in July, 1995. Bill Leonard will continue in his present capacity as Executive Director until July, 1995, at which time he will assume the duties as Assistant Director. This will allow Mr. Leonard more time to care for his ailing spouse, and will enable him to serve the Body of Christ in a less demanding role until his retirement in December, 1996.

The new Executive Director will be Chaplain (COL) David Peterson. Chaplain Peterson has served with distinction in the U.S. Army for many years, recently as the Command Chaplain deployed with forces in Operation Desert Storm and most recently as Command Chaplain for FORCES Command in Atlanta. He will retire from Active Duty on 30 June 1995 and immediately assume his new duties with the PRJCC.

The PRJCC has also recommended that Chaplain Peterson have the additional job responsibility as Coordinator of Chaplain Ministries with the Mission to North America (MNA) of the PCA. MNA will continue to provide administrative support for the Executive Director and will manage fund raising efforts for the Executive Director and his Assistant.

II  OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

A. There was brief discussion considering the request of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to become a member of the PRJCC.

B. Lt. William A. Miller, Jr. retired from Active Duty in the Chaplains Corps of the U.S. Navy this year. He is currently serving as pastor in our OPC congregation in Caney, Kansas.

C. Presbyteries and sessions are asked to remember our Active Duty Chaplains in prayer, along with other OPC home and foreign missionaries, and to involve them in presbytery activities whenever possible.

D. Several items which are of concern to the Joint Commission continue in sub-
committees for further study. These included the following items:

1. There is presently no vehicle whereby urgent business may be conducted between annual meetings of the Joint Commission. A sub-committee was established with Mr. Needham as the OPC member responsible for developing a proposal to establish this mechanism to be added to the By-laws of the Joint Commission.

2. Correspondence between Chaplain Wisdom and Mr. Needham demonstrated a need to develop a policy for guidance to chaplains concerning their relationship to issues of pluralism that they face in carrying out their duties. The particular issue involved the disbursement of funds to various programs within the chaplaincy that are heretical or which did not conform to Scripture. The question of conscience about providing funding to promote such programs as Islam or Mormonism was at the heart of the question. Mr. Needham was appointed to work with Chaplain (LTC) Leonard to develop a Point Paper to address this important subject.

III BUDGET

Recommendation: that a budget of $2000 be approved to provide travel for the three OPC members of the PRJCC annual meeting in Atlanta.

IV RECOMMENDATION

That General Assembly instruct its Active Duty and Reserve Chaplains to contribute personally a recommended sum to the PRJCC, based on their active duty or reserve rank, not to exceed what would be 50% of a tithe of their military income.

Grounds:

(1) The OPC has always faithfully paid the PRJCC its annual assessment based on the number of OPC chaplains endorsed by the PRJCC. However, that does not begin to cover the percentage of PRJCC administrative support given our chaplains. For the past 30+ years during which Bill Leonard served in the capacity of PRJCC Executive Director/Endorsing Agent at a very low salary, partly because he could do so by using his NAVY retirement pay as part of his salary, and partly because of his deep commitment to serve the PRJCC chaplains in that capacity. OPC commission members have long agreed with the conclusion that he served on an inadequate salary, and that eventually that situation would need to be changed.

(2) In sum, we need to address the fact that in the past some of our chaplains have been willing to accept the considerable benefits of PRJCC endorsement without any personal contribution whatsoever, perhaps believing our denominational contribution was entirely sufficient. That is simply not the case. The biblical principles here we must decide to either support, to “talk around,” or to repudiate are:

i. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

ii. That it is not acceptable for our OPC chaplains to accept, without payment, the real administrative services of the Executive Director interacting with the Chaplains Departments of the Uniformed Services of the United States Government—in other words, to withhold any kind of just compensation for services rendered and received.

iii. That it is not legitimate to avoid such responsible payment for the benefits of labor received by calling such payment a “tax” and thus arguing that it is wrong to require God’s people to be “taxed.”

(3) The OPC Commission members remind the GA that the PRJCC suggests only a
reasonable percent of each chaplain’s tithe as that reasonable expectation for each active duty and reserve chaplain (not anyone else).

V ELECTION

Commission member Robert B. Needham, Minister, term expires.

APPENDIX

I ACTIVE DUTY CHAPLAINS

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APO AE 09111

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La Mesa, CA 91942

LCDR Lyman M. Smith CHC USN
PSC 79 Box 2632
APO AP 96364-6329

LCDR Bryan J. Weaver CHC USN
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Ramey, PR 00604

CH(CPT-P)Christopher H. Wisdom
USAR
62 Mariveles Road
Eatontown, NJ 07724

LTDouglas M. Withington CHC USNR
USS Dubuque (LPD 8)
FPO PA 967663-1711

II RESERVES

The Rev. William B. Acker
The Rev. Martin L. Dawson
The Rev. James W. Reber
The Rev. Earl W. Vanderhoff
The Rev. William E. Warren

III  RETIRED

The Rev. Thomas A. Foh
The Rev. Donald R. Miller
The Rev. William A. Miller, Jr
The Rev. Robert B. Needham
The Rev. Bernard J. Stonehouse

IV  HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

The Rev. William A. Hard

V  VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (Part Time)


VI  CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Rev. Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.

(Note: The addresses of non-active duty chaplains have been omitted as they are available in the directory. The active duty addresses are the most recently available.)
COMMITTEE ON RECONCILIATION

The committee consisting of Thomas E. Tyson, Chairman, and Jack J. Peterson, Secretary, has not met since the last General Assembly. The 61st (1994) General Assembly continued the committee "...for two more years...to stand ready to provide assistance to the presbytery (of the Dakotas) whenever the Park Hill Presbyterian Church should apply for readmission to the OPC, with a budget of $1,000 for that eventuality."

The committee has not been called on as of the date of the writing of this report. We assumed that the budget stands for the time until the 1996 Assembly.

Respectfully submitted
Jack J. Peterson
Thomas E. Tyson
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- R/F: reaffirmation of faith
- L/T: letter of transfer, received
- BAP: received by baptism, noncommunicants
- PAR: received with parents, noncommunicants
- DTH: death
- DML: dismissal (transfer)
- D&E: discipline or erasure
- MIN.: ministers
- R.E.: ruling elders on session
- DEA: deacons
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#### South Dakota

- **Bancroft, Burdock Memorial**
  - Main St.: 50 members, 15 officers
  - Edward A. Eppinger

- **Bridgewater, Trinity**
  - 2nd & Poplar Sts.: 59 members, 19 officers

- **Hamill, Westminster**
  - BC 89, Box 4: 67 members, 19 officers

- **Volga, Calvary**
  - 119 3rd St. at Astrachan Ave: 107 members, 30 officers
  - Joseph Auksela

- **Winner, Winner OPC**
  - E. 5th & Lincoln St.: 74 members, 22 officers
  - Stephen R. Hart

#### Wyoming

- **Cheyenne, Northwoods Community**
  - Withdrawn, 2/13/94: 62 members, 40 officers

- **Remaining members of former congregations, others (A)**
  - 7 members, 3 officers

- **TOTALS**
  - 857 members, 606 officers

### Notes:
- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Whole Church Statistics.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- (B) Under the oversight of session, Immanuel, Thornton, CO, but not included in their statistics.
- (C) Under the oversight of session, Trinity, Denver, CO, but not included in their statistics.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE DAKOTAS, Continued

Membership: 18 Ministers; 54 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: March (3rd Tuesday); September (4th Tuesday)

Clerk and Moderator: Edward A. Eppinger, Stated Clerk (3/96); Louis C. LaBriola, Moderator (3/95)

Total Congregations: 13 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations:
- HULL OPC, Hull, IA, was received as a particular church on 11/22/93 (not previously reported)
- HULL OPC, Hull, IA, changed its name to OPC of NORTHWEST IOWA
- NORTHWOODS COMMUNITY, withdrew to join the PCA, 2/13/94

Mission Works:
- Emmaus, Fort Collins, CO
- Park Hill, Denver, CO

Parent Church:
- TRINITY, Denver, CO
- IMMANUEL, Thornton, CO

Ordinations:
- None

Ministers Received:
- Richard J. Venema, from Sheldon Iowa CRC, 9/27/94
- William A. Miller, Jr., from Presbytery of Northern California, 11/6/94

Ministers Removed:
- Mark J. Larson, dismissed to the Presbytery of the Midwest, 4/15/94

Licensees Removed:
- None

Roll of Ministers:
- Archibald A. Allison
- Carl A. P. Durham
- Richard G. Hodgson
- V. Robert Wilson
- Gerald T. Williamson
- Sam M. Allison
- Edward A. Eppinger
- Jonathan D. Male
- Geoffrey C. Smith
- Richard Wynja
- Joseph Auksele
- Mark T. Harrington
- LeRoy E. Miller
- Jack K. Unangst, Jr.
- Leonard J. Coppes
- Stephen R. Hart
- William A. Miller, Jr.
- Richard J. Venema

Pastoral Relationships
- Dissolved: Mark J. Larson, pastor, WESTMINSTER, Hamill, SD, 1/9/94

Ministers Installed:
- William A. Miller, Jr., pastor, CANEY OPC, Caney, KS, 11/6/94
  Note: Mark T. Harrington was called by FAITH, Lincoln, NE in 1988 as an evangelist associated with Horizons International, but this was not indicated previously in the statistical reports.

Licenciates:
- Timothy B. Perkins, 9/28/94

Licentiates Received:
- Charles K. Carroll, from Presbytery of the Southwest, 4/2/94

Licentiates Removed:
- None

Roll of Licentiates:
- Charles K. Carroll
- Timothy B. Perkins
**REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MID-ATLANTIC**

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## Regional Church of the Mid-Atlantic, Continued

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### Notes:
- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Whole Church Statistics.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- Under the oversight of session, MATTHEWS OPC, Matthews, NC, but not included in their statistics.
- Under the oversight of session, GRACE, Lynchburg, VA, but not included in their statistics.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, Continued

Membership: 33 Ministers; 63 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 (9/96); Richard Kochendarfer, Moderator (9/95)

Total Congregations: 17 Churches; 3 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: None

Mission Works: Providence, Lenoir, NC
Providence, Glade Spring, VA
Grace, Rocky Mountain, VA

Parent Church: MATTHEWS OPC, Matthews, NC
the regional church
GRACE, Lynchburg, VA

Ordinations: None

Ministers Received: Robert Y. Eckardt, from Presbyterian Church of Ohio, 7/14/94
Delacy A. Andrews, Jr., from Abington Presbytery, PCUSA (no transfer), 10/7/94
G. Mark Sumpter, from Presbyterian Church of the Northwest, 10/16/94

Ministers Removed: None

Roll of Ministers: Delacy A. Andrews, Jr.
Robert Y. Eckardt
Stephen Green
George C. Hammond
Richard L. Horner
Robert M. Lucas
Robert L. Myers
G. Mark Sumpter
Edwin C. Urban

John Carrick
Richard N. Ellis
George E. Haney
Stuart R. Jones
Thomas A. Martin
Cromwell G. Roskamp
Gerald S. Taylor

Roy Davenport
Thomas T. Ellis
Stephen R. Hake
Edward L. Kellogg
Hailu Mekonnen
Hail Mekonnen

Elmer M. Dortzbach
Douglas A. Felch
George W. Hall, Jr.
Stephen G. Hohenberger
Richard E. Knodel, Jr.
David H. Moore
Leonard N. Stewart
Thomas E. Tyson

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Hailu Mekonnen, assistant pastor, GRACE, Vienna, VA, 12/1/93 (not recorded in 1993)
John Carrick, pastor, MATTHEWS OPC, Matthews, NC, 9/17/94

Ministers Installed: Hailu Mekonnen, foreign missionary, 12/15/93 (not recorded in 1993)
Robert Y. Eckardt, evangelist, Providence, Lenoir, NC, 7/14/94
Delacy A. Andrews, Jr., evangelist, Providence, Glade Spring, VA, 10/7/94
G. Mark Sumpter, associate pastor, COVENANT, Burtonsville, MD, 10/16/94
John Carrick, teacher, Greenville Theological Seminary, Greenville, SC, 12/20/94

Licensures: Robert Bjerkassa, 12/3/94

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed: Mark Hartszell, 4/23/94, no longer in the OPC

Roll of Licentiates: Robert Bjerkassa
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- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
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- (B) Under the oversight of session, BETHEL, Wheaton, IL, but not included in their statistics.
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- (D) Under the oversight of session, SPENCER MILLS, Gowen, MI, but not included in their statistics.
- (E) Members are on the roll of FALLS, Menomonee Falls, WI.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST

Membership: 39 Ministers; 159 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 (3/96); James L. Bosgraf, Moderator (3/96)

Total Congregations:
20 Churches; 8 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations:
Hope, Libertyville, IL, mission work terminated, 9/16/94
GRACE, Sheboygan, WI, organized as a new and separate church, 12/9/94

Mission Works:
Covenant, Palos Heights, IL
Covenant Reformed, Springfield, IL
New Hope Community, Decatur, MI
Grace Community, Holt (Lansing), MI
Living Hope Community, Ionia, MI
Meadow Springs Community, Kentwood, MI
Rockford Springs Community, Rockford, MI
Madison OPC, Madison, WI

Parent Church:
BETHEL, Wheaton, IL
GRACE, Hanover Park, IL
the regional church
SPENCER MILLS, Gowen, MI
the regional church
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FALLS, Menomonee Falls, WI

Ordinations:
Daryl A. Daniels, 5/20/94
Kenneth Dale Collison, 9/22/94
Norman DeJong, 10/2/94

Ministers Received:
Mark J. Larson, from Presbytery of the Dakotas, 4/15/94
Terry F. Thole, from Classis North Grand Rapids, RCA, 10/6/94
James E. Ferguson, from Palmetto Presbytery, PCA, 10/9/94
Robert J. West, from Mississippi Valley Presbytery, RCA, 10/16/94

Ministers Removed:
David L. Melvin, erased (joined Classis Chicago, RCA), 10/11/94
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE MIDWEST, Continued

ROLL OF MINISTERS:

William B. Acker III  Victor B. Atallah  Timothy L. Bero  James L. Bosgraf
Douglas B. Clawson  David W. Cole  Kenneth Dale Collison  Daryl A. Daniels
Norman DeJong  Ivan J. DeMaster  Dennis L. Disselkoen  Leslie A. Dunn
Abe W. Ediger  Lawrence R. Eyres  James E. Ferguson  Henry H. Fikkert
John N. Fikkert  Theocarhis Joannides  David W. King  Michael D. Knierim
Stephen A. Pribble  Jude J. Reardon  Ralph A. Rebandt II  Donald F. Ritsman
Craig R. Rowe  William O. Rudolph, Jr.  Kenneth A. Smith  Lendall H. Smith
Donald F. Stanton  Peter Stazen II  T. Jeffrey Taylor  John R. Wiers
Cornelius Tolsma  Robert J. West

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS DISSOLVED:

Jonathan F. Peters, pastor, NEW HOPE, Green Bay, WI, 2/13/94
Timothy L. Bero, associate pastor, COMMUNITY, Kalamazoo, MI, 5/20/94
Kenneth A. Smith, pastor, COMMUNITY, Kalamazoo, MI, 6/1/94
David L. Melvin, evangelist of presbytery, 10/94
Ivan J. DeMaster, assistant pastor, BETHEL, Owosso, MI, 12/9/94

MINISTERS INSTALLED:

Mark J. Larson, associate pastor, FALLS, Menomonee Falls, WI, 4/15/94
Daryl A. Daniels, pastor, MENNOMINEE, Zoor, WI, 5/20/94
Timothy L. Bero, organizing pastor, New Hope Community, Decatur, MI, 6/3/94
Kenneth A. Smith, teacher of the Word, Biblical Counselling Center, Jenison, MI, 6/17/94
Kenneth Dale Collison, associate pastor, COMMUNITY, Kalamazoo, MI, 9/22/94
Norman DeJong, associate pastor, BETHEL, Wheaton, IL, 10/2/94
Terry F. Thole, evangelist of presbytery, Living Hope Community, Ionia, MI, 10/6/94
James E. Ferguson, pastor, NEW HOPE, Green Bay, WI, 10/9/94
Robert J. West, evangelist of presbytery, Rockford Springs Community, Rockford, MI, 10/16/94
Ivan J. DeMaster, pastor, GRACE, Sheboygan, WI, 12/9/94

LICENSES:

Norman DeJong, 7/9/94
David Stevenson, 9/16/94
Dale Van Dyke, 9/17/94

LICENSED REMOVED:

K. Dale Collison, ordained 9/22/94
Norman DeJong, ordained 10/2/94

ROLL OF LICENSES:

William D. Dennison  David Stevenson  Dale Van Dyke
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**Notes:**
- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Whole Church Statistics.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- (B) GOOD SHEPHERD, Neptune, is inactive and in process of dissolution, and is not included in the count of churches.
### REGионаL CHURCH of NEW JERSEY, Continued

#### Membership:
32 Ministers; 69 Ruling Elders

#### Stated Meetings:
February (4th Saturday); April (4th Tuesday); September (4th Saturday); December (1st Tuesday)

#### Clerk and Moderator:
Richard A. Barker, Stated Clerk (9/95); Glenn P. Evans, Moderator (9/95)

#### Total Congregations:
18 Churches; 0 Unorganized Mission Works

#### Changes in Congregations:
CROSS KEYS FELLOWSHIP, Turnersville, moved to Glassboro, NJ and changed name to PROVIDENCE

#### Mission Works:
None

#### Ordinations:
None

#### Ministers Received:
None

#### Ministers Removed:
Gerald P. Malkus, dismissed to Presbytery of New York and New England, 9/18/94

#### Roll of Ministers:

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George S. Kostas, pastor, CALVARY, Wildwood, NJ, 8/15/94

#### Ministers Installed:
George S. Kostas, pastor, EMMANUEL, Whippany, NJ, 9/2/94

#### Licensures:
Frederick G. Reber, 9/24/94

#### Licentiates Received:
None

#### Licentiates Removed:
Eric J. Woody, dismissed to Presbytery of Northern California, 9/24/94

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- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- (B) Members are on the roll of SECOND PARISH, Portland, ME.
- (C) A minister on the roll of the regional church with ministerial credentials held in suspense per FG XXIII:18.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND, Continued

Membership: 42 Ministers; 104 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (normally 1st Friday, Saturday); October (normally 1st Monday, Tuesday)
- always call Stated Clerk to verify

Clerk and Moderator: Stephen L. Phillips, Stated Clerk (10/95); John R. Hilbelink, Moderator (10/95)

Total Congregations: 22 Churches; 3 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: None

Mission Works:
Hope, Syracuse, NY
Merrymeeting Bay, Topsham, ME
Peace, Boston, MA

Parent Church: the regional church
SECOND PARISH, Portland, ME
the regional church

Ordinations:
Neil H. Williams, 5/20/94

Ministers Received:
Jack W. Sawyer, from Reformed Churches of New Zealand, 9/10/94
Gerald P. Malkus, from Presbytery of New Jersey, 9/18/94

Ministers Removed: None

Roll of Ministers:

David G. Barker
Gordon H. Cook, Jr.
Robert W. Eckardt
Richard R. Gerber
Karl A. Hubenthal
Neil E. Williams
Robert G. Rienstra
William Shishko
Robert E. Tanzie
Charles M. Wingard

James W. Campbell
Richard M. Dickinson
Charles H. Ellis
Burton L. Goddard
William B. Kessler
John W. Mallin, III
Stephen L. Phillips
Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.
John D. Van Meerbek
Richard J. Wirth

Kenneth M. Campbell
Stephen D. Doe
Jonathan B. Falk
William J. Gorrell
Samuel T. Logan, Jr.
Donald R. Miller
Roger A. Ramsey
Jack W. Sawyer
Laurence W. Veinott

Raymond E. Commeret
Harold L. Dorman
Samuel N. Folta
John R. Hilbelink
Gary B. Magur
Randolph H. Patterson
Andrew B. Selle
Dennis W. Smith, Jr.
Neil H. Williams

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
Kenneth M. Campbell, pastor, COVENANT, Rochester, NY, 5/31/94
Samuel N. Folta, associate pastor, FIRST, Ipswich, MA, 7/8/94
Donald R. Miller, pastor, TRINITY, Lewiston, ME, 8/8/94
Gary B. Magur, associate pastor, TRINITY, Lewiston, ME, 8/8/94

Ministers Installed:
Neil H. Williams, pastor, Hope, Staten Island, NY, 5/20/94
Samuel N. Folta, missionary evangelist in Manchuria with the Committee on Foreign Missions, 7/8/94
Jack W. Sawyer, pastor, WESTCHESTER, Mt. Vernon, NY, 9/10/94
Gerald P. Malkus, missionary/organizing pastor, Hope, Syracuse, NY, 9/18/94

Licensures:
Geoffrey L. Willour, 4/26/94

Licentiates Received:
T. Nathan Trice, from Presbytery of the South, 10/11/94

Licentiates Removed:
Michael G. Fettus, license recalled, 4/26/94

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**Notes:**

- Heading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Whole Church Statistics.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- (B) Members are on the roll of COVENANT, Berkeley, CA.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, Continued

Membership: 12 Ministers; 39 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: March (3rd Friday and Saturday); September (4th Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Richard C. Miller, Stated Clerk (3/97); Robert B. Needham, Moderator (3/95)

Total Congregations: 11 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: WESTMINSTER, Santa Cruz, CA, changed its name to LIVING HOPE
CALVARY, Sonora, CA, changed its name to OAK HILL, 9/94
DELTA OAKS OPC, Antioch, CA, organized as a new and separate church, 10/7/94
Covenant, Eureka, CA, received into the OPC as an unorganized mission work, 10/4/94

Mission Works: Covenant, Eureka, CA
Grace, Battle Mountain, NV

Parent Church: the regional church COVENANT, Berkeley, CA

Ordinations:
P. Shaun Bryant, 1/15/94

Ministers Received:

Ministers Removed:
Brian H. Nicholson, dismissed to Central Georgia Presbytery, PCA, 5/15/94
Allen P. Moran, dismissed to Presbytery of Ohio, 10/21/94
William A. Miller, Jr., dismissed to Presbytery of the Dakotas, 11/6/94

Roll of Ministers:
Martin R. Ban
P. Shaun Bryant
Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
Carl E. Erickson
Peter A. Landis
Richard M. Lewis
Calvin D. Keller
Charles A. McIlhenny
Richard C. Miller
Robert B. Needham
Salvador M. Solis
John Vroegindewey

Pastoral Relationships
Dissolved:
Brian H. Nicholson, associate pastor, COVENANT, Berkeley, CA, 3/18/94
Allen P. Moran, associate pastor, FIRST, Sunnyvale, CA, 10/21/94

Ministers Installed:
P. Shaun Bryant, pastor, GRACE, Modesto, CA, 1/15/94
Allen P. Moran, associate pastor, FIRST, Sunnyvale, CA, 4/10/94 (but, see above)
Martin R. Ban, pastor, DELTA OAKS, Antioch, CA, 10/7/94

Licentiates:

Licentiates Received:
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- Members are on the roll of the regional church.
- Under the oversight of session, OAK HILL, Eugene, OR, but not included in their statistics.
- Members are on the roll of NEW LIFE, Bothell, WA.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE NORTHWEST, Continued

Membership: 22 Ministers; 42 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: April (4th Friday and Saturday); September (4th Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Patrick H. Morison, Stated Clerk (9/96); John R. Spain, Moderator (9/95)

Total Congregations: 13 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: SOVEREIGN REDEEMER FELLOWSHIP, Boise, ID, organized as a new and separate church, 10/30/94
NEW LIFE, Wasilla, AK, organized as a new and separate church, 12/11/94

Mission Works: Anchorage Faith, Anchorage, AK
Parent Church: the regional church
SOVEREIGN GRACE COVENANT, Oak Harbor, WA
NEW LIFE, Bothell, WA

Ordinations: None

Ministers Received: J. Peter Vosteen, from the Christian Reformed Church, 4/22/94

Ministers Removed: G. Mark Sumpter, dismissed to Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 10/16/94

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Pastoral Relationships

Dissolved: Donald M. Poundstone, pastor, FIRST, Portland, OR, 3/1/94
G. Mark Sumpter, evangelist, Wasilla, AK, 7/10/94

Ministers Installed: Donald M. Poundstone, evangelist with the OPC Committee on Foreign Missions in Cyprus, 3/1/94
J. Peter Vosteen, evangelist, Lynnwood, WA, 4/22/94

Licenses:

Andrew Elam, 9/25/94

Licentiates Received: None

Licentiates Removed: None

Roll of Licentiates:

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John Karas
### Regional Church of Ohio

#### Churches and Mission Works

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REGIONAL CHURCH OF OHIO, Continued

Membership:
22 Ministers; 51 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings:
April (3rd Friday and Saturday); October (3rd Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator:
Everett C. DeVelde, Stated Clerk (4/96); Larry E. Wilson, Moderator (4/96)

Total Congregations:
11 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations:
None

Mission Works:
Covenant, Mansfield, OH
Christ, Washington, PA

Parent Church:
GRACE, Columbus, OH
GRACE, Sewickley, PA

Ordinations:
None

Ministers Received:
Allen P. Moran, from Presbytery of Northern California, 10/21/94 (but installed later, see below)
Joseph Keller, from Bible Presbyterian Church, 10/21/94 (but installed later, see below)

Ministers Removed:
Robert Y. Eckardt, dismissed to Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, 7/14/94

Roll of Ministers:
Marvin O. Bowman
Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
Joseph Keller
Louis A. Ortega
Louis P. Wislocki
Mark R. Brown
Leo A. Fraley
R. Daniel Knox
Daniel G. Osborne
Louis P. Wislocki
Paul E. Copeland
Michael F. Frangipane
Stewart E. Lauer
Lawrence Semel
John W. Wilson
Joseph Keller, pastor, CALVARY, Harrisville, PA, 2/12/94
Robert Y. Eckardt, teacher, GRACE, Columbus, OH, 6/3/94

Licensures:
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Licentiates Received:
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- Reading abbreviations are defined in the Summary of Whole Church Statistics.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a value revised from the previous year's report.
- (A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA, Continued

Membership: 47 Ministers; 111 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: February (1st Saturday); May (1st Saturday); September (3rd Saturday); November (3rd Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Jack D. Kinneer, Stated Clerk (9/95); Donald J. Duff, Moderator (9/95)

Total Congregations: 23 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations:
- COVENANT, Madisonville, PA, dissolved, 5/7/94
- GRACE FELLOWSHIP, Mansfield, PA, organized as a new and separate church, 7/15/94
- NEW LIFE, Williamsport, PA, organized as a new and separate church, 11/13/94
- LIVING HOPE, Allentown, PA, organized as a new and separate church, 11/20/94

Mission Works:
- Gwynedd Valley, Gwynedd, PA
- Good News Chapel, Perkasie, PA

Ordinations:
- None

Ministers Received:
- None

Ministers Removed:
- None

Roll of Ministers:
- Lester R. Bachman
- Richard C. Craven
- Donald J. Duff
- Clinton S. Forsaker
- Theodore J. Georgian
- Robert F. Harting
- Robert D. Knudsen
- H. Jeffrey Lawson
- Steven F. Miller
- David J. O'Leary
- Albert W. Steaver, Jr.
- Brian T. Wingard
- John F. Bettler
- Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.
- W. Scott Enery
- Arthur J. Fox
- Jonathan C. Gibbs
- Mark W. Holler
- William C. Krispin
- Robert W. A. Letham
- Robert A. Minnig
- Jeffery A. Shealy
- Bernard J. Stonehouse
- Douglas C. Winward, Jr.
- Bruce A. Cole
- Wilson L. Cummings
- F. Clarke Evans
- Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
- A. LeRoy Greer
- Joel C. Kerchner
- Arthur W. Kuschke
- Robert C. Marsh
- John J. Mitchell
- Moises Silva
- Barry A. Traver

Pastoral Relationships

Dissolved:
- Steven F. Miller, pastor, CALVARY, Glenside, PA, 6/13/94
- Richard M. Craven, pastor, LIVING HOPE, Gettysburg, PA, 6/30/94
- Edward M. Gross, pastor, GRACE FELLOWSHIP, Philadelphia, PA, 7/1/94
- Theodore J. Georgian, organizing pastor, NEW LIFE, Williamsport, PA, 12/31/94

Ministers Installed:
- Arthur J. Fox, pastor, CALVARY, Middletown, PA, 2/12/94
- Steven F. Miller, missionary evangelist, Eritrea (with Committee on Foreign Missions), 6/13/94
- Joel C. Kerchner, pastor, GRACE FELLOWSHIP, Mansfield, PA, 10/2/94
- Tim W. Young, pastor, LIVING HOPE, Allentown, PA 11/20/94

Licensures:

Licentiates Received:
- Michael A. Johnson, from South Coast Presbytery of the PCA, 5/7/94

Licentiates Removed:
- Paul Archbald, removed, no longer a member of the OPC, 4/29/94
- Daryl A. Daniels, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 5/20/94

Roll of Licentiates:
- Douglas E. Bond
- Jesse R. Cowell
- Barry Hofstetter
- Michael A. Johnson
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- **Hoover, Hoover OPC**
  - Total: 21
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- **Terminated 4/16/94**
  - Total: 12
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#### FLORIDA

- **Hialeah, Iglesia Betel (B)**
  - Location: 17680 NW 78 Ave.
  - Total: 24
  - Added: 5
  - Removed: 0
  - Total: 29
  - Attendance: 55
  - Generals: 9,121
  - Total Offer.: 9,871
- **Key West, Keys Comm. Chapel (A)**
  - Location: 1000 Coppitt Rd.
  - Total: 10
  - Added: 4
  - Removed: 0
  - Total: 14
  - Attendance: 23
  - Generals: 25,144
  - Total Offer.: 27,131

#### Key West, Keys Comm. Chapel (A)

- Location: 1000 Coppitt Rd.
- Total: 10
- Added: 4
- Removed: 0
- Total: 14
- Attendance: 23
- Generals: 25,144
- Total Offer.: 27,131

#### Lake Worth, FELLOWSHIP

- Location: 5536 Hypoluxo Rd.
- Total: 39
- Added: 31
- Removed: 0
- Total: 60
- Attendance: 52
- Generals: 50,661
- Total Offer.: 66,839

#### Lauderdale, BETHEL

- Location: 1551 NW 47th Ave.
- Total: 114
- Added: 93
- Removed: 0
- Total: 114
- Attendance: 75
- Generals: 51,356
- Total Offer.: 53,866

#### Melbourne, COASTAL

- Location: 1653 Guava Ave. (no mail)
- Total: 46
- Added: 41
- Removed: 0
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- Attendance: 47
- Generals: 46,604
- Total Offer.: 61,513

#### Niceville, GRACE

- Location: 2865 Edgewater Dr.
- Total: 37
- Added: 23
- Removed: 0
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- Attendance: 35
- Generals: 30,824
- Total Offer.: 58,294

#### Ocala, FAITH

- Location: 600 SE 58th Ave.
- Total: 39
- Added: 36
- Removed: 0
- Total: 39
- Attendance: 44
- Generals: 46,751
- Total Offer.: 56,506

#### Orlando, LAKE SHERWOOD

- Location: 8200 Balboa Dr.
- Total: 298
- Added: 194
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- Attendance: 297
- Generals: 146,256
- Total Offer.: 197,360

#### Tallahassee, CALVARY

- Location: 814 N. Gadsden St.
- Total: 76
- Added: 56
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- (C) Under the oversight of session, REDEEMER, Atlanta, GA, but not included in their statistics.
REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTH, Continued

Membership:
22 Ministers; 47 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings:
Spring (2nd Friday and Saturday after Easter); October (4th Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator:
Ted F. Gray, Stated Clerk (10/95); Donald M. Parker, Moderator (10/95)

Total Congregations:
11 Churches; 5 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations:
Hoover OPC, Hoover, AL, unorganized mission work terminated, 4/16/94

Mission Works:
- Iglesia Betel, Hialeah, FL
- Keys Community Chapel, Key West, FL
- Immanuel, Cumming, GA
- Covenant Community, Columbia, TN
- Sandy Springs, Maryville, TN

Parent Church:
- Iglesia Betel, Hialeah, FL
- Keys Community Chapel, Key West, FL
- Immanuel, Cumming, GA
- Covenant Community, Columbia, TN
- Sandy Springs, Maryville, TN

Ordinances:
- A. Boyd Miller, IV, 4/15/94

Ministers Received:
None

Ministers Removed:
Timothy J. Power, dismissed to the Presbytery of Southern California, 5/6/94
James M. Garretson, dismissed to the Presbytery of Northern California, PCA, 10/27/94

Roll of Ministers:
- Robert A. Berry
- W. Ralph English
- Hendrick Krabbendam
- Martin A. Novak
- Arthur J. Steltzer
- Robert L. Vining

- Ted F. Gray
- R. Heber McIlwaine
- Donald M. Parker
- Harold E. Thomas
- William V. Welzien

- Thomas S. Champness, Jr.
- Allen D. Curry
- Robert D. Haehl
- William M. Hobbs
- A. Boyd Miller, IV
- Larry G. Mininger
- Jon D. Smith
- John B. Thompson, Jr.
- Jose Vera

Pastoral Relationships
Dissolved:
- James M. Garretson, pastor, COVENANT, Columbia, TN, 5/21/94

Ministers Installed:
- A. Boyd Miller, IV, pastor, COVENANT, La Grange, GA, 5/22/94

Licenures:
- Nathan Trice, 4/15/94
- Mark Smith, 4/16/94

Licenistrates Received:
None

Licenistrates Removed:
Nathan Trice, dismissed to the Presbytery of New York and New England, 10/11/94

Roll of Licenistrates:
- Mark Smith
## Regional Church of Southern California

### Regional Church of Southern California

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- (C) Under the oversight of session, NEW LIFE, San Diego, but not included in their statistics.
- (D) Members are on the roll of GARDEN GROVE OPC, Garden Grove.
- (E) Under the oversight of session, CALVARY, La Mirada, but not included in their statistics.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Membership: 34 Ministers; 73 Ruling Elders

Stated Meetings: February (1st Friday and Saturday); May (1st Friday and Saturday); October (3rd Friday and Saturday)

Clerk and Moderator: Robert M. Coie, Stated Clerk (12/96); William E. Warren, Moderator (12/95)

Total Congregations: 13 Churches; 4 Unorganized Mission Works

Changes in Congregations: CALVIN, Phoenix, AZ, received as a particular church (former PCA), 6/26/94

Mission Works: Harvest, San Marcos, CA (formerly San Marcos OPC) Parent Church: NEW LIFE, San Diego, CA
Church of the Living Lord, Santa Ana, CA (formerly located in Westminster, CA)
Covenant Grace, Santa Maria, CA GARDEN GROVE OPC, Garden Grove, CA
Grace, Huntington Beach, CA CALVARY, La Mirada, CA
BAYVIEW, Chula Vista, CA

Ordinations:
None

Ministers Received:
Timothy J. Power, from Presbytery of the South, 5/6/94
Wayne A. Buchtel, from Presbytery of the Southwest, PCA, 6/26/94

Ministers Removed:
George W. Marston, deceased, 10/28/94

Roll of Ministers:
H. Wilson Albright Gregory L. Bahnsen Josue I. Balderas Wayne A. Buchtel
Thomas W. Cooper Henry W. Core David A. Crum L. Anthony Curto
Michael D. Dengerink Jay E. Fluck David A. Crum William A. Hard
Kenneth J. Neillahn George C. Miladin Mark C. Mueller Robert W. Newsom
Robert E. Nicholas Daniel B. Overduin Alan R. Pontier Dwight B. Poundstone
Timothy J. Power Gregory L. Price Mark A. Schroeder George C. Scipione
Jack L. Smith Michael D. Stingley Robert B. Strimple Roger Wagner
William E. Warren Andrew E. Wikholm

Pastoral Relationships Dissolved:
None

Ministers Installed:
L. Anthony Curto, regional home missionary, evangelist, 3/20/94
John W. Garrisi, teacher, NEW LIFE, San Diego, CA, 3/20/94
Wayne A. Buchtel, pastor, CALVIN, Phoenix, AZ, 6/26/94

Licenciates:
Robert A. Starke, 5/6/94

Licentiates Received:
Nicholas T. S. Ganas, from South Coast Presbytery, PCA, 10/21/94

Licentiates Removed:
Gerard M. Uarinucci, left the OPC, 10/21/94

Roll of Licentiates:
Nicholas T. S. Ganas Robert A. Starke
## REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST

### CHURCHES and Mission Works

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### NEW MEXICO

#### Albuquerque, COVENANT OF GRACE 58*
- Mtg. at 532 Osuna Rd. NE (nm) 32*
- John R. Hunt, Jr. 26*
- Gary W. Davenport, associate pastor

#### Roswell, ROSELL OPC 36
- John B. McGaffey St. 29
- Glenn D. Jerrell 7

### OKLAHOMA

#### Bartlesville, WESTMINSTER 60
- 1001 E. Adams Blvd. 40
- Richard A. Shaw 20

#### Oklahoma City, KNOX 62
- 4511 N. Independence 46
- Roger L. Gibbons 16

### TEXAS

#### Abilene, COVENANT 76*
- 2742 Buffalo Gap Rd. 55*
- Neil J. Lodge 21*

#### Amarillo, CHRIST COVENANT 102
- 3617 E. 29th (no mail) 58
- David T. Brack 44

#### Austin, PROVIDENCE 78
- 2201 W. First St. (no mail) 52
- James T. Hoekstra 26

#### Corpus Christi, Westminster (A) 0
- Corpus Christi 0

#### Dallas, Geneva (A) 42
- 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd (nm) 29

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## REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST, Continued

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#### San Antonio, GRACE
- **Address:** 5602 UTEX Blvd.
- **Pastor:** Jack J. Peterson, Christopher H. Wisdom

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#### Tyler, TYLER OPC
- **Address:** 4554 FM 2813, Flint (no mail)
- **Pastor:** John H. Johnson, Jr.

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Membership: 18 Ministers, 26 Ruling Elders

March and September Stated Meetings: Michael D. Pasarilla, Stated Clerk (3/95); William H. Doerfel, Moderator (3/95)

Total Congregations: 9 Churches; 2 Unorganized Mission Works

Mission Works: Westminster, Corpus Christi, TX; Geneva, Dallas, TX

Parent Churches: The regional church

Ordinations: None

Ministers Removed: None

Changes in Congregations: None

Ministers Installed: None

Mission Works: None

Ministers Received: None

Licentiates Received: None

Ministers Installed: None

Licentiates Installed: None

Minutes Removed: None

Licentiates Removed: Charles K. Carroll, dismissed to Presbytery of the Dakotas, 4/2/94

Ordinations: None

Changes in Congregations: None

Ministers Removed: None

Licentiates Removed: None

Mission Works: None

Ministers Installed: None

Licentiates Installed: None

Minutes Removed: None

 LICENTIATES AND STUDENTS Awaiting Ordination: None

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As of December 31, 1994

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**Total membership figures given above for all years have been adjusted to include ministers; they will differ, therefore, from the figures that appear in the Minutes of the General Assembly for years prior to 1973.**

**Total membership in each year was revised in the following year's Statistician's report, and the revised figures are shown above. Figures for communicant members and baptized children prior to 1984 were not revised, so their totals differ slightly from revised total memberships.**
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John O. Kinnaird (Alternate)

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