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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, denoted 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, June 12, 2002

1. OPENING WORSHIP. The Sixty-Ninth General Assembly of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by James S. Gidley, Ph.D., Moderator of the Sixty-Seventh General Assembly, in the absence of the Rev. David O'Leary, Moderator of the Sixty-Eighth General Assembly. Dr. Gidley constituted the meeting and the Rev. Ross W. Graham led a worship service. The Rev. Gregory A. Hills delivered a sermon on the subject, “Kingdom Vision,” based on Matthew 9:35-38.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke, assisted by Ruling Elders Robert Joss, Donald Munroe, David Tam, and Richard Wright, members of the session of First Presbyterian Church, North Shore, Ipswich, Massachusetts.

The offering, which was designated for the Worldwide Outreach of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, amounted to $2,466.97.

2. RECESS. The Assembly recessed following the pronouncement of the benediction by Mr. Graham at 9:12 p.m.

Thursday Morning, June 13, 2002

3. RECONVENE. Dr. Gidley reconvened the Assembly at 8:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, O Lord most high, with all my heart. The Moderator read Colossians 3:1-17 and led in prayer.

4. COMMISSIONERS ROLL.

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

Presbytery of the Central United States (CUS)
Ministers (2/2) – LeRoy E. Miller, Geoffrey C. Smith
Ruling Elders (1/1) – Paul J. DesLauries (Bartlesville)
Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York (C&SNY)
Ruling Elders (1/1) – Karl A. Bacon (Hamden)

Presbytery of the Dakotas (DK)
Ministers (3/3) – Leonard J. Coppes, Mathew W. Kingsbury, W. Vernon Picknally
Ruling Elders (2/2) – Louis C. LaBriola (Denver), Kevin P. Swanson (Denver)

Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario (M&O)
Ministers (6/6) – Timothy L. Bero, Norman De Jong, John R. Ferguson, Glenn D. Jerrell, Dale A. Van Dyke, Jeffrey B. Wilson
Ruling Elders (1/4) – Wayne A. Feece (Walkerton)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (MA)
Ministers (5/5) – Bryan D. Estelle, Ph.D., Stephen B. Green, Stuart R. Jones, Albert J. Tricarico, Jr., S. Scott Willet
Ruling Elders (2/4) – Newman deHaas (Silver Spring), Leonard E. Miller, Ph.D. (Silver Spring)

Presbytery of the Midwest (MW)
Ministers (7/7) – James L. Bosgraf, Douglas B. Clawson, Bruce H. Hollister, David W. King, Lendall H. Smith, Alan D. Strange, Iain Wright
Ruling Elders (6/7) – David M. Carlton (Menomonee Falls), Joel W. Daane (Oostburg), Jack E. De Troye (Oostburg), Gene H. Jentink (Cedar Grove), Mitchell K. Mahan (Des Moines), Dirk J. Roorda (Cedar Falls)

Presbytery of New Jersey (NJ)
Ruling Elders (5/5) – Richard A. Barker (Westfield), Robert A. Freeman (Whippany), Brian M. Hanley (Whippany), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Nutley), Bruce A. Stahl (Stratford)

Presbytery of New York and New England (NY&NE)
Ruling Elders (5/5) – Russell W. Copeland (Ipswich), F. Kingsley Elder, Jr., Ph.D. (Rochester), Stephen R. Leavitt (Bangor), Paul S. MacDonald (Bangor), Stephen A. MacDonald, Ph.D. (Portland)

Presbytery of Northern California (NC)
Ministers (3/3) – Michael L. Babcock, Robert B. Needham, Mark E. Richline
Ruling Elders (3/3) – James R. Lemen, Ph.D. (Sunnyvale), George S. MacKenzie (Antioch), James A. Stryd (Hanford)

Presbytery of Northwest (NW)
Ministers (6/6) – Larry D. Conard, Carl A. P. Durham, David J. Klein, John W. Mahaffy, Marcus J. Renkema, J. Peter Vosteen
Ruling Elders (2/4) – William G. Swink (Grants Pass), David J. Zima (Grants Pass)

Presbytery of Ohio (OH)
Ministers (6/6) – Robert L. Broline, Jr., Everett C. DeVelde, Jr., Steven F. Miller, Lawrence B. Oldaker, Danny E. Olinger, Lawrence Semel
Ruling Elders (3/4) – James S. Gidley (Sewickley), Paul H. Tavares (Grove City), David K. Thompson (Moon Township)

Presbytery of Philadelphia (PH)
Ruling Elders (6/7) – Luke E. Brown (Hatboro), Mark T. Bube (Glenside), Peyton H. Gardner (Wilmington), J. Charles Hanson (Mansfield), John O. Kinnaird (Oxford), Robert M. Meeker (Glenside)

Presbytery of the South (SO)
Ruling Elders (1/2) – John R. Muether (Orlando)

Presbytery of the Southeast (SE)
Ruling Elders (3/3) – Robert A. Elder (Bristol), Richard W. Hastings (Atlanta), Bradley Y. Winsted (Atlanta)

Presbytery of Southern California (SC)
Ruling Elders (6/6) – James R. Andruss (Costa Mesa), Robert M. Coie (Westminster), Archibald M. Laurie (Goleta), Robert E. Lee, III (Carson), Thomas M. McManus (Chula Vista), Richard T. Zuelch (Beverly)

Presbytery of the Southwest (SW)
Ruling Elders (2/2) – James W. Van Dam, Ph.D. (Austin), Marvin K. Zylstra (Roswell)

Ex Officio
Minister – Donald J. Duff (PH)
Minister – David J. O’Leary (PH)

Committee Representatives
Commissioners: Leonard J. Coppes (Diaconal), Martin L. Dawson, Sr. (Trustees), Mark T. Bube (Foreign Missions), John R. Hilbelink (Home Missions), Garret A. Hoogerhyde (Home Missions, Pensions), Glenn D. Jerrell (Appeals
Sixty-Ninth General Assembly

and Complaints), David W. King (Diaconal), John W. Mallin, III (Appeals and Complaints), John R. Muether (Acting Historian), Robert B. Needham (Committee on Chaplains), Danny E. Olinger (Committee for the Historian), Jack J. Peterson (Ecumenicity), David K. Thompson (Committee for the Historian)

Corresponding Members: Eric D. Bristley and Daryl G. Hart, Ph.D. (both Rules for the Historian); Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., (Foreign Missions), John P. Galbraith (Christian Education, Directory for Worship), Richard R. Gerber (Home Missions), Ross W. Graham (Home Missions), David E. Haney (Date, Place and Travel), Roger W. Huibregtse, (Committee on Pensions), Larry E. Wilson (Christian Education)

Fraternal Delegates

The Rev. John A. Bouwers, the United Reformed Churches in North America; the Rev. Peter G. Feenstra and Mr. Gerry Van Woudenberg, the Canadian Reformed Churches; the Rev. James K. Kim, Korean American Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Manwoo Kim and Mr. Han, Presbyterian Church in Korea; Mr. William K. Meischke, Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, the Rev. Ronald L. Potter, Reformed Church in the United States

5. SURVEY OF COMMISSIONERS' LENGTH OF SERVICE. At a later time, a survey of commissioners and corresponding members present yielded the following information as to their dates of ordination:

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<th>Dates of Ordination</th>
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<td>Those attending the General Assembly for the first time</td>
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6. APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO 69th GA. The apportionment of commissioners to the Sixty-Ninth General Assembly, in accordance with Chapter I of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly, and enrollment are as follows:

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7. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, introduced Mr. William K. Meischke, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, and the Rev. John A. Bouwers, fraternal delegate of the United Reformed Churches in North America. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

8. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS. Mr. Copeland reported for the Committee on Arrangements at this and at other times during the Assembly.

9. ELECTION OF MODERATOR. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Moderator. Messrs. Bosgraf, Clawson, Coie, and King were nominated. While ballots were being counted the Assembly sang the hymns *My God, how wonderful Thou art* and *All people that on earth do dwell*. The Moderator later announced the election of Mr. Clawson. Mr. De Jong escorted Mr. Clawson to the chair. Dr. Gidley welcomed Mr. Clawson. Dr. Gidley led in prayer for the Moderator.

At a later time the Moderator appointed Mr. R. W. Eckardt as Parliamentarian.

10. OVERTURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND APPEALS. The Stated Clerk presented overtures, communications, and appeals addressed to the Assembly. They were referred as indicated in §14. At his request, Mr. Strange's affirmative vote was recorded on a defeated amendment as follows: “that Overture 3 be referred to Advisory Committee 7 and that Advisory Committee 7 report on Overture 3 before Advisory Committee 1 takes up consideration of Communication 11 and all the communications associated with it (with the exception of Communication 20).”

See: OVERTURES, pp. 57-58
COMMUNICATIONS, pp. 60-82
APPEALS, pp. 83-85

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

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<td>Convene</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>1:15 p.m.</td>
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<td>Recess</td>
<td>10:00-10:20 a.m.</td>
<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>
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Exceptions
a. Recess Thursday 6/13, after item 13 to permit Advisory Committees to begin work
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b. Reconvene Friday 6/14, 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 – June 13 (PH)  Paul N. Browne
Friday – June 14, (SO)  Russell J. Hamilton
Monday – June 17 (SC)  Robert G. Herrmann
Tuesday – June 18 (SW)  Todd S. Bordow

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

1. Assembly convenes 8:00 p.m., Wednesday June 12, 2002
2. Worship service
3. Assembly recess at conclusion of worship service, to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2002
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

On motion the remainder of the docket presented by the Stated Clerk was adopted as follows, with the amendment that Dr. Grietje S. Rietkerk be invited to address the Assembly immediately following the reconvening on Friday afternoon:

12. Assignment of items of business to Advisory Committees
13. Election of Advisory and Temporary Committees
   a. Advisory Committees in accordance with Standing Rule IX.5.b.
   b. Temporary Committee on Date, Place, and Travel, three members
   c. Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, six members
   d. Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, eight members (none to be a member of any Standing Committee)
14. Report of Stated Clerk
16. Appointment of Assistant Clerk
18. Election of Statistician
19. Greetings and addresses by Fraternal Delegates from other bodies to be at times agreeable to them and to the Moderator
20. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
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 Coordination
25. Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
27. Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
28. Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
29. Consideration of all Overtures not already acted upon, 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 17
30. Report of the Committee on Chaplains
31. Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Worship
32. Report of the Acting Historian
33. Report of the Committee on Rules for the Historian
34. Report of the Committee for the Historian
35. Report on the Committee on Views of Creation
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, June 18
38. Report of the Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records, following Item 38
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
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 15)
45. Dissolution of the Assembly (not later than noon, Wednesday, June 19)

13. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

14. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES ERECTED. On amended motion it was determined that the following temporary committees be erected, with reports, overtures, communications, complaints, and appeals referred to them as indicated (cf. §10), and that the commissioners named below be appointed to these committees and the name given with each committee be the convener of the committee.

Advisory Committee 1  Total - 11  Semel (OH)
Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions
Report of the Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions
Communication 11, 20, 21, 22
Overture 3

Advisory Committee 2  Total - 10  Van Meerbeke (PH)
Members: Messrs. Dawson, Elder, Jr., Lee, Miller, Leonard, Miller, LeRoy, Story, Jr., Van Dyke, Wright, Zuelch
Report of the Committee on Christian Education
Communication: 17

Advisory Committee 3  Total - 11  Tricarico (MA)
Members: Messrs. Andruss, Chanoux, De Troye, Fox, Herrmann, Korzep, LaBriola, Richline, Swink, Tauriello
Report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

Advisory Committee 4 Total - 10 King (MW)
Members: Messrs. Eckardt, Hanley, Irons, Kinnaird, Needham, Renkema, Tyson, Watkins, Zylstra
Report of the Committee on Coordination

Advisory Committee 5 Total - 11 Browne (PH)
Members: Messrs. Clawson, Cummings, De Jong, Garrisi, Green, Leavitt, Perkins, Stryd, Thompson, Winsted
Report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Report of the Committee on Pensions
Report of the Committee on Chaplains
Overture 1

Advisory Committee 6 Total - 11 Mininger (SO)
Members: Messrs. Bero, Bordow, DeVelde, Jr., Jentink, Knodel, Lemen, MacDonald, McGowan, McManus, Traver
Report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
Communications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 18, 19, 23

Advisory Committee 7 Total - 10 Tavares (OH)
Members: Messrs. Hamilton, Hanson, Hastings, Klein, Mueller, Nelson, Sibley, Jr., Smith, Troxel
Report of the Historian
Report of the Committee for the Historian
Report of the Committee on Rules for the Historian
Report of the Committee on Views of Creation
Communications 8, 10, 14, 15, 16

Advisory Committee 8 Total - 11 Strange (MW)
Members: Messrs. Babcock, Jamison, Laurie, Lotzer, MacDonald, Miller, S., Smith, Wilson, Wingard, Zima
Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship

Advisory Committee 9 Total - 10 Poundstone (SC)
Members: Messrs. Broline, Conard, Elder, Ferguson, Meeker, Migotsky, O’Leary, Picknally, Roorda
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the Statistician
Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly
General Assembly Budget
Communication 20

Advisory Committee 10 Total - 11 Reynolds (NY&NE)
Members: Messrs. Eckardt, Foh, Gidley, Jerrell, Jones, Mahan, Mallin III, Stahl, Vosteen, Wagner
Report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints
Appeals 1 and 2
Overture 2
Communications 6, 7, 12, 13

Temporary Committee on Date, Place, and Travel (11)
Total - 3 Watson (NJ)
Members: Messrs. Carlton, Copeland

Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records (12)
Total - 16 Gorrell (SE)
Members: Messrs. Bacon, Brown, Campbell, Cook, Jr., DesLauriers, Durham, Fleece, Hobbs, Hollister, Lee III, MacKenzie, Oldaker, Swanson, Van Dam, Willet

Temporary Committee to Examine Standing Committee Records (13)
Total - 8 Keller (SC)
Members: Messrs. Daane, deHaas, Freeman, Kingsbury, Marquis, Olinger, Walker

15. RECESS. Following prayer led by Mr. Poundstone, the Assembly recessed at 10:45 a.m. for advisory committee meetings.

16. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived at 11:55 a.m., the Assembly reconvened for a devotional service. The Assembly sang the hymn Beneath the cross of Jesus. Mr. Browne led in prayer, read Psalm 11:4, 5 and Matthew 6:9, and delivered a message entitled “Our Father in Heaven.”

17. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:25 p.m. following prayer led by Mr. Semel. Mr. O’Leary, the previous Moderator, began his attendance during the recess on Thursday afternoon.

18. FOREIGN MISSIONS RECESSION. At 8:30 p.m. the Committee on Foreign Missions hosted a reception in honor of retiring missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Young J. Son, Ph.D., and Dr. Grietje S. Rietkerk. The President of the Committee, Dr. Gaffin, presented them with resolutions of thanks which the Committee had adopted (see pp. 121-123). Former General Secretary, Mr. Galbraith, and present General Secretary, Mr. Bube, addressed the missionaries, expressing the gratitude of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for their labors. The Vice-president of the Committee, Mr. Tricarico, led in prayer at 9:05 p.m., and commissioners and the missionaries enjoyed refreshments together.

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19. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 11:55 a.m. Mr. Haney led in prayer.

20. DEVOTIONAL. Mr. Hamilton read 2 Timothy 4:16-18, led in prayer, and delivered a message entitled “Knowing the strength of the Lord, we faint not.” The Assembly sang the hymn, A mighty fortress is our God.
21. **RECESS.** The Assembly recessed at 12:24 p.m.

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22. **RECONVENE.** The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, *Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem.* Mr. Bube led in prayer.

23. **RIETKERK ADDRESS.** The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Bube introduced to the Assembly retiring missionary, Dr. Rietkerk, who addressed the Assembly. The Assembly gave Dr. Rietkerk a standing ovation.

24. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL.** Mr. Watson presented an initial report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, including its recommendations, which were adopted (see also §107):

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the deadline for submission of valid travel vouchers be set for 6:20 p.m. on Friday, June 14.
2. That Mr. Reynolds be excused from the afternoon break through the evening on Thursday, June 13, in order that he may attend his son’s graduation, without loss of travel compensation.
3. That Mr. O’Leary be excused from the evening session, June 12, due to an automobile breakdown, from the morning and half the afternoon sessions of June 13, due to a family funeral in Massachusetts, and from the morning session on June 19, in order to return a rental car and retrieve his repaired vehicle in Connecticut, without loss of travel compensation.
4. That the “Travel Rules for the GA” mailing of the standing committee on Date, Place, and Travel, be approved as follows:
   a. Maximum transportation reimbursement for travel within the contiguous United States which will cross the Mississippi be $600.00.
   b. Maximum transportation reimbursement for travel within the contiguous United States which does not cross the Mississippi be $400.00.
   c. Maximum transportation reimbursement for travel (whether by land or air) for commissioners within 250 miles of Wenham, MA (as determined by computerized travel route mapping be $0.25 per mile.
   d. In anticipation of slightly higher travel costs for this General Assembly, the Committee urges the consideration of car-pooling as a means of being good stewards of the resources available. The driver will be reimbursed $0.10 per mile, per passenger. Passengers will be reimbursed $0.05 per mile.

25. **DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL, FINANCIAL REPORT.** Mr. Watson presented the financial report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel as follows:

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26. **STATED CLERK’S REPORT.** Mr. Duff presented the report of the Stated Clerk (see pp. 86-90), with the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That *Standing Rules X.4.a.(1)* be changed as follows:

   a. Temporary Committees shall include the following:

      (1) To Examine Presbyterial Records, composed of *as many twelve* members with each member from a different presbytery. The committee shall conduct an examination of presbyterial records in accordance with the Assembly’s *Rules for Examining Presbyterial Minutes*. Presbyterial minutes shall be kept according to the Assembly’s *Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes*.

27. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Stated Clerk).** Mr. Poundstone reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 with regard to the report of the Stated Clerk, and the Supplementary Report of the Stated Clerk, and, that with regard to Communication 20, Advisory Committee 9 is in general agreement with the Supplemental Report of the Stated Clerk.

28. **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION.** On motion the amendment to the *Standing Rules* presented by the Stated Clerk was proposed to the Seventieth General Assembly for adoption.

29. **TRUSTEES.** Mr. Dawson presented the report of The Trustees (see pp. 91-95), with the following:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. In regard to the Clerk of the General Assembly, the following listed remuneration package for the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for 2003 be adopted:

   Salary $30,427  
   Housing Allowance 29,202  
   FICA Reimbursement (1/2) 4,561  
   Pension (6% of salary and housing 4,606  
   plus $1028. See note below) 
   Disability Insurance 500 (est.)  
   Worker’s Compensation Insurance 400 (est.)  
   TOTAL $69,696  
   (Including four weeks of paid vacation.)

   Note: Since the Clerk is covered by his spouse’s medical insurance he decided to drop the OPC plan. An additional $1,028 was added to the pension since there is no expense for health insurance.

2. (GAOF Budget, see §178)

30. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Trustees).** Mr. Poundstone reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 regarding the work of The Trustees.
31. **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION.** Recommendation 1 of The Trustees was adopted.

32. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations to The Trustees for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: *Ministers:* Arthur W. Kuschke and Phillips; *Ruling elder:* Stahl. In the absence of other nominations the Moderator declared Mr. Stahl elected. At a later time he announced the election of Mr. Phillips.

33. **PRAYER FOR STATED CLERK AND TRUSTEES.** Mr. Poundstone led in prayer for the work of the Stated Clerk and the work of the Trustees.

34. **APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK.** The Stated Clerk announced that, in accordance with *Standing Rule* III.B.4.a, he had asked Mr. Mahaffy to serve as Assistant Clerk, and he consented.

35. **STATISTICIAN’S REPORT.** Mr. Brown presented his report as Statistician (see pp. 96-100)

36. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 9 (Statistician).** Mr. Poundstone reported the silence of Advisory Committee 9 concerning the report of the Statistician.

37. **ELECTION.** The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Statistician. Mr. Brown was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected.

38. **PRAYER FOR STATISTICIAN.** Mr. Poundstone led in prayer for the work of the Statistician.

39. **FOREIGN MISSIONS.** Dr. Gaffin, President of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 101-143). Mr. Bube, the General Secretary of the Committee, supplemented the report. Dr. Wingard reported on his work as a missionary in Uganda, and on his anticipated work in Eritrea. The Rev. Karl A. Hubenthal reported on his work in Suriname, from which he had recently retired, due to family health reasons. Dr. Son reported on the work in Korea from which he had just retired. The Assembly gave Dr. Son a standing ovation. The General Secretary introduced the Committee’s Associate General Secretary elect, Mr. Clawson, who spoke briefly to the Assembly.

40. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1.** Mr. Gardner reported for Advisory Committee 1 on the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions as follows: The Committee met with Messrs. Bube and Gaffin (representatives of the Committee on Foreign Missions), Chanoux, Lee DeYoung (MERF), William K. Meischke (fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia), and Iain Wright (representative from the Presbytery of the Midwest).

   The Committee is silent concerning the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Committee is silent concerning the Report of the Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions and its recommendations.
41. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:15 p.m. after Mr. Tyson led in prayer, and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, *The heavens declare Thy glory*.

42. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. John A. Bouwers, fraternal delegate of the United Reformed Churches in North America. Mr. Bouwers addressed the Assembly.

43. RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED. Advisory Committee 1 presented its recommendations concerning communications and an overture assigned to it. On motion the whole matter of the recommendations of Advisory Committee 1 was recommitted to that committee (see §51).

44. COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. Mr. Troxel presented the report of the Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions (see pp. 144-147), including the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the "Special Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions" continue its labors and report to the 70th (2003) General Assembly.
2. That the mandate of the Special Committee be amended by deletion of the words: "and to inquire especially whether a committee of a judicatory may bring a charge of an offense."
3. That a budget of $5,000 be approved for this Special Committee.

45. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1 (Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions) Mr. Gardner reported for Advisory Committee 1 the silence of the Advisory Committee with respect to the work of the Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions (cf. §40).

46. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 1. Recommendation 1 of the Committee was adopted. An amendment to Recommendation 2 was moved. The Moderator ruled the amendment out of order. The ruling of the chair was appealed. The ruling of the chair was not sustained.

47. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Tavares led in prayer.

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48. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:22 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, *O people blest, whose sons in youth*. Mr. Bero led in prayer.

49. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 2. Recommendation 2 was adopted in the following amended form: That the mandate of the Special Committee be amended by deletion of the words: "and to inquire especially whether a committee of a judicatory may bring a charge of an offense," and that this part of the original mandate be assigned by the General Assembly to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints. Recommendation 3 was assigned to Advisory Committee 9.
50. **PRAYER.** Mr. Roorda led in prayer for the work of the Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions and the work of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints.

51. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1 (continued).** Mr. Gardner presented the recommendations of Advisory Committee 1 in the following form (cf. §43):

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
1. That the Assembly determine to send the following letter: (see §52, below)
2. (See §53, below)
3. That these actions constitute the Assembly's response to Overture 3, and Communications 11, 20, 21, and 22.

52. **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 1.** Recommendation 1 of Advisory Committee 1 was adopted in the following amended form:

That the Assembly determine to send the following letter:

The Rev. Dr. Abd-el-Masih Istafanous and Brethren,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us begin by saying that we regret that what was reported in the *Minutes* of last year's general assembly failed to reflect adequately our appreciation to the Lord for the way in which you men, for many years and at considerable cost to yourselves, stood by our missionaries, defended our good name, and promoted the cause of Christ in the Middle East. Nor was sufficient recognition given therein to your role in, or your contribution to, the ministry of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship, especially in light of our Cooperative Agreement then in effect. We apologize for these omissions.

We have taken seriously your concerns regarding the report of Advisory Committee 1 (AC 1) to last year's General Assembly. It might be helpful to clarify some things regarding our advisory committees. Advisory committees exist only during the course of a general assembly: when the assembly dissolves, the advisory committees erected at the beginning of that assembly cease to exist. According to our *Standing Rules*, "Their function is to review the matters referred to them, in order to assist the Assembly to understand them as fully as possible and to advise the Assembly concerning them, especially concerning recommendations contained in them" *Standing Rule* X.4.b(1). In the limited time available for advisory committees to meet during the course of a general assembly (which is usually less than ten hours), no advisory committee is able to undertake, let alone complete, a thorough investigation into complex and disputed events, especially when such events are only tangentially related to the overall work of the particular standing committee whose report is being reviewed by that advisory committee. Each year, the task of the reviewing of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and of communications, etc., related thereto, is assigned to AC 1.
On the whole, we believe you are perhaps reading more into the report of AC 1 to last year’s Assembly than you should. That report reflected how the men who served on that advisory committee saw things and tried to summarize them for the Assembly—and nothing more (neither the AC 1’s report itself, nor the grounds advanced in support of its recommendations, were adopted by the Assembly). In the space of one brief paragraph (beginning on the bottom of page 43 of the Minutes of the 68th [2001] General Assembly)—barely 300 words—AC 1 tried to capture the essence of complex matters that have filled hundreds of pages of writings by others. While we appreciate that persons with different (and perhaps more fully informed) perspectives on the events may have differing degrees of satisfaction with AC 1’s report, we are not convinced that the report of AC 1 contained any material errors of fact.

Nevertheless, brethren, it is our perception that (i) you believe that you have been seriously wronged by a minister of the OPC, and (ii) you believe that you have not, at least so far, received an adequate hearing regarding such by the OPC. We regret anything we have done that might have conveyed to you a sense that your concerns would not receive a fair hearing by the OPC. As the Presbytery of the Midwest informed you, you may (following the procedures of our Book of Discipline) bring any alleged offenses by which you believe you have been injured (that occurred within the past two years) to the presbytery for adjudication. Or, you may determine to leave these matters in the hands of the Lord, who sees all, covering them with love, that no root of bitterness might spring up in you. But we plead with you, and with all parties to this controversy, to refrain from speaking or writing unfavorably of one another outside of the proper channels established by the governing body of the appropriate church. Let us not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Donald J. Duff, Stated Clerk

53. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 2. The Moderator ruled that Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 1 was in order. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the Moderator. The ruling of the Moderator was sustained. Recommendation 2 was adopted in the following amended form: “that Overture 3 (from the Presbytery of the Midwest requesting the Assembly to rule Communication 11 not properly before the Assembly) and Communications 11 (from Dr. Istafanous, et al., alleging certain errors by the 68th General Assembly and its Advisory Committee 1), 20 (concerning the Stated Clerk’s inclusion of Communication 11 in the agenda), 21 (a response to #11), and 22 (a response to #21), and the Supplemental Report of the Stated Clerk (a response to #20) not be included in the minutes.”

At Mr. Mahaffy’s request his affirmative vote was recorded on a defeated motion that would have deleted the words “and the Supplemental Report of the Stated Clerk.”

At the request of Mr. Strange his affirmative vote was recorded on a proposed substitute, which was defeated: “That since in the judgment of this General Assembly, Communication 11 contains disorderly statements, it not be included in the minutes of this General Assembly, and that Overture 3, Communications 20, 21, 22, and the Supplemental Report of the Stated Clerk, which are dependent on Communication 11, also not be printed in the minutes.”
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At their request the negative votes of the following were recorded on the adoption of Recommendation 2: Messrs. Broline, Brown, Carlton, Duff, Feece, Gorrell, Herrmann, Jerrell, Kingsbury, Kinnaird, Klein, Laurie, Mahaffy, Meeker, Peterson, Poundstone, Richline, Thompson, Tyson, Walker, and Wilson.

54. ORDER OF THE DAY EXTENDED. During debate on Recommendation 2 the order of the day was extended for five minutes.

55. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Mininger led in prayer.

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56. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, Lord, with glowing heart I’d praise Thee, the Moderator read Ephesians 1:1-14, and Dr. Lemen led in prayer.

57. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 3. Recommendation 3 of Advisory Committee 1 was adopted.

58. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Foreign Missions for the class of 2005. Dr. Gaffin, President of the Committee reported that Mr. Kinnaird had requested that his name not be placed in nomination. The following were nominated: Ministers: Chanoux, Cummings, Gaffin, L. Smith, and Tricarico; Ruling elders: Gordon E. Kauffman (Calvary Community, Phillipsburg, NJ), Laurie, Jon W. Stevenson (Wildwood, NJ), Tom Tomer (Hatboro, PA). At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Gaffin, Laurie, L. Smith, Stevenson, and Tricarico.

59. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. At the Moderator’s request, Mr. O’Leary assumed the chair. Mr. Clawson, President of the Committee on Christian Education, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 148-164). He introduced the General Secretary of the Committee, the Rev. Larry E. Wilson, who supplemented the report of the Committee. Mr. Watkins spoke concerning the opportunities offered by the Ministerial Training Institute. The Rev. John P. Galbraith spoke of the internet ministries of the Committee. Mr. Clawson introduced Mr. Mark Lowry, the Director of Publications of Great Commission Publications.

60. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2. Mr. Van Meerbeke presented the report of Advisory Committee 2 as follows: Re: Report of the Committee on Christian Education, Communication 17

The committee met with the Rev. Douglas Clawson, President of the Committee on Christian Education (CCE); the Rev. Mark Lowery, Director of Publications for GCP; and the Rev. John Galbraith, a member of the CCE.

Regarding the report of the CCE, Advisory Committee 2 wishes to draw your attention to section III.A.1.b of the CCE report (pp. 154-155). Advisory Committee 2 believes the Internet ministry has great potential for benefiting the work of all the committees and local churches of the OPC. Quoting from the report,
The extent of this ministry is limited only by the vision of the church and the resources available to us. An increase in the Internet Ministries’ budget is included in the 2003 CCE budget request. We believe that the OPC should be prepared to invest even more in the future for this unprecedented opportunity.

Regarding Communication 17, see p. of the CCE report, section III.B.3.b.

61. ELECTION, MINISTERIAL TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training of the Committee on Christian Education for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Ministers: Galbraith, Ronald E. Pearce, William Shishko; Ruling elder: Daryl G. Hart (Glenside, PA). At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Galbraith and Shishko.

62. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION. On motion the Assembly adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, John Patton Galbraith has attended, in one capacity or another but mostly as a commissioner, every General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to date, sixty-nine in all, and
WHEREAS, this is a record that appears to us unlikely ever to be matched, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith has never been content merely to attend General Assembly, but rather has entered vigorously into debate on virtually every major (and occasionally minor) subject of Assembly business and has been the author of more motions than anyone in our General Assembly history, and
WHEREAS, the motions he has framed habitually have been cogent, literate, comprehensive, and helpful to the accomplishment of Assembly business, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith served as the Stated Clerk of six General Assemblies (the 7th in 1940, the 51st through 55th, 1984-1988), and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith served as Moderator of the 14th General Assembly in 1947, which Assembly is arguably the most emotionally charged, closely divided, and crucial assembly in our history to date, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith has, without serious doubt, served more total years on more different committees of the Assembly than anyone in our history, and been the principal author of more reports to the Assembly than anyone, and therefore has contributed to the shaping and development of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in uncountable ways but always with sincere intention to be biblical, practical, and gracious, and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith’s long and well-known service as General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions (1948-1978) and as member or Chairman of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (1971-2002) may be that for which he is best remembered, his most pervasive legacy for the long-term good of the Church may prove to have been his 29 years (1948-1977) on the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government (most of them as Chairman), and
WHEREAS, Mr. Galbraith has now entered his ninetieth year and there is a diminishing probability that the Assembly will be able in the future to take such action while he is with us, now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that this 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church go on record as offering our thanks and praise to Almighty God for the gift of John Galbraith.
Patton Galbraith over the sixty-six years of our existence, and for his extraordinary dedication and service to the Assembly and to the whole Church, and to our glorious Savior, the Head of his Church, who has sovereignly employed his willing servant to such singular effect for the good of his Kingdom.

The Assembly gave Mr. Galbraith a standing ovation. Mr. Galbraith expressed thanks to the Assembly. Mr. Barker led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

63. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art. Mr. Harting led in prayer.

64. FRATERNAL DELEGATE ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced Mr. William K. Meischke, fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia. Mr. Meischke addressed the Assembly. Mr. Peterson led in prayer for the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

65. ELECTION, COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Christian Education for the class of 2005 and one vacancy for the class of 2004 due to the resignation of Mr. Clawson. The following were nominated: Ministers: Reynolds, Rodney T. King; Ruling elders: John S. Deliyannides (Lake Worth, FL), Hart, P. MacDonald. The Moderator, Mr. Clawson, resumed the chair. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Deliyannides, MacDonald, and Reynolds to the class of 2005, and Mr. R. King to the class of 2004.

66. HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION. Mr. Hilbelink, the President of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 165-179). He introduced the Rev. Ross W. Graham, General Secretary of the Committee, who supplemented the report. Mr. Andrews reported on his work as Regional Home Missionary in the Presbytery of the Southeast. Mr. Gorrell reported on his home missionary work in Cookeville, TN. Mr. Olinger reported on his work as Regional Home Missionary in the Presbytery of Ohio. Mr. Herrmann reported on his home missionary work in Moreno Valley, CA. The Rev. Richard R. Gerber, Associate General Secretary of the Committee, reported on the Home Missions Training Conference.

67. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3. Mr. Fox presented the report of Advisory Committee 3 as follows: Advisory Committee 3 wishes to give glory and thanks to God for his blessing on the Home Missions efforts of the OPC. We met with members of the Committee, and Messrs. Graham and Gerber reviewed the Report of the Committee on Home Missions with us. Questions were asked of the General Secretary and the Associate General Secretary, who offered to spend as much time as we needed with us. God has truly blessed us as a denomination. With respect to the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, Advisory Committee 3 is gratefully silent.

68. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Ministers: Ivan J. DeMaster, Jeffrey A. Landis, Mininger, and William E.
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Warren; Ruling elders: Jack H. Julien (Sonora, CA), LaBriola, Keith A. LeMahieu (New Lenox, IL), and Van Dam. On motion the order of the day was suspended to provide for the completion of a ballot. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. DeMaster, Landis, LeMahieu, Mininger, and Van Dam.

69. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Andrews read 1 Corinthians 13 and delivered a message entitled “Love for the brethren.” He led in prayer. The Assembly sang the hymn, *Blest be the tie that binds*.

70. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:31 p.m. Mr. Gardner led in prayer, including prayer for the work of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the labors of its missionaries, and for Dr. Istafanous.

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71. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and sang the hymn, *Jesus shall reign*. Mr. Van Meerbeke led in prayer, including prayer for the work of the Committee on Christian Education.

72. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the minutes of the sessions from Wednesday evening through the Friday morning recess (§1-17). They were approved as corrected.

73. PRAYER. Mr. Fox led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

74. COORDINATION. Mr. Poundstone presented the report of the Committee on Coordination (see pp. 180-196), including its recommendation below. He also introduced Mr. David E. Haney, the Director of Finance and Planned Giving, who addressed the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 2003 (see III. A, p. 181):

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75. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4. Mr. Tyson reported for Advisory Committee 4 as follows: Advisory Committee 4 is silent respecting the report and recommendations of the Committee on Coordination. However, the advisory committee is sending a suggestion to the Committee on Coordination pertaining to one item which we trust will be helpful to the Committee as it seeks to enhance the management and oversight of its affairs.

76. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation of the Committee on Coordination was adopted.

77. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Coordination for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Minister: Phillips; Ruling elder: Tavares. In the absence of other nominations they were declared elected. Mr. Tyson led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Coordination.

78. DIACONAL MINISTRIES. Mr. King presented the report of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, including its recommendations below. (see pp. 197-207) Dr. Coppes, the Committee’s Secretary-Treasurer, supplemented the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the General Assembly request the congregations to give at least half of their contributions by the end of May.
2. 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 adequate retirement and for payment of hospitalization, surgical, and major medical insurance.
3. That the General Assembly request the presbyteries to investigate whether all their ministers have adequate medical insurance coverage and retirement provision including looking into the sufficiency of co-pay and other alternative plans.
4. That for the year 2003 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this Committee at the suggested rate of $29.00 per communicant member.

79. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Committee on Diaconal Ministries). Mr. Cummings reported the silence of Advisory Committee 5 concerning the recommendations of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

80. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. The recommendations of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries were adopted.

81. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Overture 1). Mr. Cummings presented the report of Advisory Committee 5 regarding Overture 1 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the General Assembly deny Overture 1.

Grounds:
(I) The nature of the diaconal ministry, especially diaconal ministry in response to requests for aid requiring immediate responses, necessitates a certain amount of latitude in the decision-making process. As written, the overture requires a
modification to Chapter X of the Standing Rules in order to “incorporate committee policies ... in general form ... [into those] Standing Rules.” Such modifications may have the unintended result of unnecessarily restricting the ability of the committee to respond to urgent requests, and will limit the flexibility of their judgments (including those concerning “diaconal aid for Christian School purposes”) on requests for aid that often must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

(2) The Overture implies that the current reporting structure does not properly permit the Assembly to “review and modify ...” committee “policies.” As with all standing committees, the Committee on Diaconal Ministries is required “to report to the Assembly annually” (Standing Rules, X.2). As the annual report provides a summary of the committee’s actions and practices, the General Assembly review is already in place.

(3) There is a certain ambiguity within the Overture as to which “committee policies” are to be enumerated in the Standing Rules.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the General Assembly require that the Committee on Diaconal Ministries include in their annual report a summary of those general principles and guidelines they use to define, prioritize, and implement responses to requests for aid and which they use to maintain accountability among those who receive that aid.

Grounds:

(1) Overture 1 rightly acknowledges a certain ambiguity in the existing processes used by the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Clarification of those processes, including the detailing of “general principles and guidelines” used by the committee in the exercise of its duties will be helpful to the church.

(2) The Committee already has a mechanism in place to communicate its practices internally to new members. As well, there already exists a vehicle by which the Committee communicates its activities to the whole church. Hence, the inclusion of general principles and guidelines into the annual report will provide the needed communication and serve the whole church without necessitating extra work and cost for the Committee.

82. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 1. Recommendation 1 of Advisory Committee 1 regarding Overture 1 was adopted.

83. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, Fairest Lord Jesus. Mr. Knodel led in prayer.

84. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 2. Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 5 was adopted in the following amended form: That the General Assembly request that the Committee on Diaconal Ministries include in its report to the 70th General Assembly a summary of those general principles and guidelines it uses to define, prioritize, and implement responses to requests for aid and which it uses to maintain accountability among those who receive that aid.

85. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Minister: D. King; Ruling elder: MacKenzie. In the absence of other nominations the
Moderator declared them elected. Mr. Cummings led in prayer for the work of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

86. PENSIONS. Mr. Huibregtse, President of the Committee on Pensions, presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 208-226), including the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request a contribution of $15.00 per communicant member from the churches in 2003 to reduce the deficit in the hospitalization fund.

2. The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to supplement the denominational hospitalization plan at the rate of up to $75,000 per year for the next three years (2003-2005) in order to moderate premium increases that could jeopardize the continuation of the plan.

On motion Mr. Haney was granted the privileges of the floor for the discussion of the report of the Committee on Pensions.

87. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Pensions). Mr. Cummings reported for Advisory Committee 5 on the Committee on Pensions with the recommendations of Advisory Committee 5 as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Committee on Pensions be amended by adding the words in bold:

The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request a contribution of $15.00 per communicant member from the churches in 2003 to reduce the deficit in the hospitalization fund and to build a reserve fund.

Ground: This is a clarification to convey the actual use that the Pensions Committee plans for the use of these funds as communicated to Advisory Committee 5.

2. That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Committee on Pensions be amended by deleting the stricken parts:

The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to supplement the denominational hospitalization plan at the rate of up to $75,000 per year for the next three years (2003-2005) in order to moderate premium increases that could jeopardize the continuation of the plan.

Grounds:
(1) This will allow time to consider the difficulties facing the hospitalization plan.

(2) Funds from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries cannot and should not be a continual source of hospitalization fund supplemental monies as this would quickly deplete diaconal reserve funds.
3. That a special committee be established by the 69th General Assembly to study the hospitalization fund deficits and the long-term viability of the hospitalization plan itself and to develop options for the 70th General Assembly to consider. That membership of this special committee include one person from the Committee on Pensions, one person from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries (each appointed by their respective committees), and three other ordained officers knowledgeable in this field appointed by the Moderator.

That this special committee be given a budget of $5,000

**Grounds:**

(I) The OPC hospitalization plan is facing serious financial constraints which seem only to be destined to get worse.

(2) This problem seems to be systemic and should be dealt with before it becomes greater than can be ameliorated by diaconal funding.

(3) Funds from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries cannot and should not be a continual source of hospitalization fund supplemental monies as this would quickly deplete diaconal reserve funds.

(4) The Committee on Diaconal Ministries is already budgeting approximately 30% of its funds to assist various churches / pastors to meet their insurance premium costs at the total annual cost of $75,000 - $100,000. The total paid and budgeted for the years 2001-2003 is $250,000 (and likely to rise substantially in the future).

(5) Advisory Committee 5 is very concerned about the ability of churches and pastors to pay for this ever increasing coverage which was encouraged by past General Assemblies.

(6) Advisory Committee 5 is concerned about the risk that some will simply elect to go without any coverage and we, as a denomination and the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, will again be faced with huge financial obligations.

88. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommendation 1 of the Committee on Pensions was adopted in the form proposed by Advisory Committee 5. Recommendation 2 was adopted in the form proposed by Advisory Committee 5. Recommendation 3 of Advisory Committee 5 was adopted in the following amended form:

That the Committee on Pensions be requested by the 69th General Assembly to study the hospitalization fund deficits and the long-term viability of the hospitalization plan itself and to develop options for the 70th General Assembly to consider, and that the Committee be encouraged to consult with others knowledgeable in this field in this process.

89. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Pensions for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Ministers: McGowan and Watson; Ruling elders: Haney, Hoogerhyde, and Leavitt. On motion the order of the day was suspended to provide for the completion of a ballot. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Hoogerhyde, Leavitt, and Watson.

90. RECESS. The assembly recessed at 5:08 p.m. Mr. Conard led in prayer, including prayer for the work of the Committee on Pensions.
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91. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:02 a.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, Christ, of all my hopes the ground, and read Ephesians 1:15-23. Dr. Estelle led in prayer.

92. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. James K. Kim, fraternal delegate of Korean American Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Ronald L. Potter, fraternal delegate of Reformed Church in the United States. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

93. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Proposed Amendment to the Book of Discipline VI.C.). Dr. Gidley reported for Advisory Committee 10 regarding a proposed amendment to the Book of Discipline VI.C as follows: Advisory Committee 10 reviewed the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, Overture 2, and Communication 13, and interviewed representatives of the Presbyteries of the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries for adoption a new BD VI.C.2 and 3 to replace BD VI.C.2 by: Adding bold heading to VI.C.1, adopting a new VI.C.2 with bold heading, and adding VI.C.3 with bold heading as follows:

1. Pronouncement of Censure
   [The rest of section 1 remains unchanged]

2. Review of Suspension
   a. In case of indefinite suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction shall review the suspension, not later than twelve months after imposition of censure, to determine whether or not the offender has shown repentance and may be restored.
   b. When, in its review of suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction is not satisfied that the offender has shown repentance, the judicatory shall determine whether the suspension should be continued or increased to deposition or to excommunication or to both.
   c. Continued suspension for an indefinite time shall be reviewed again no later than twelve months after the conclusion of the previous review.

3. Increase of Censure
   a. No further trial is necessary to increase the censure of indefinite suspension from office to deposition or the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership to excommunication.
   b. If increase of censure is imposed, without further trial, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes.
   c. The judgment to increase censure shall in any case be subject to appeal.

Grounds:
In the minds of some the current BD VI.C.2 combines a requirement for reviewing indefinite suspensions with a requirement to grant a one-year grace period prior to increasing censure without trial. The proposed BD VI.C.2 separates and clarifies procedure for the two requirements.

The proposed BD VI.C.2 makes clear that increase of censure prior to the expiration of twelve months is permitted, with the requirement that the judicatory account for its action.

Proposed BD VI.C.3 precludes an interpretation of current BD VI.C.2 which might allow indefinite suspension from office to be increased to excommunication without a trial.

BD VI.C.2 in its current form has given rise to very different interpretations. This provision addresses a scenario that is not uncommon in discipline cases and should be clarified for all parties engaged in discipline cases where acrimony might be reduced by clarity.

Observation: The amendment proposed above modifies the Standing Committee’s language at 3.b and Ground 1, and incorporates Ground 4 from Overture 2.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the Assembly inform the Presbyteries of the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest that this action constitutes the answer to their overture and communication, respectively.

94. ACTION ON PROPOSED OVERTURE. The Assembly determined to propose to the presbyteries the adoption of an amendment to the Book of Discipline VI.C as recommended by Advisory Committee 10 as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the General Assembly propose to the presbyteries for adoption a new BD VI.C. 2 and 3 to replace BD VI.C. 2 by: Adding bold heading to VI.C.1, adopting a new VI.C.2 with bold heading, and adding VI.C.3 with bold heading as follows:

1. **Pronouncement of Censure**
   [The rest of section 1 remains unchanged]

2. **Review of Suspension**
   a. In case of indefinite suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction shall review the suspension, not later than twelve months of imposition of censure, to determine whether or not the offender has shown repentance and may be restored.
   b. When, in its review of suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction is not satisfied that the offender has shown repentance, the judicatory shall determine whether the suspension should be continued or increased to deposition or to excommunication or to both.
   c. Continued suspension for an indefinite time shall be reviewed again within twelve months of the conclusion of the previous review.

3. **Increase of Censure**
   a. No further trial is necessary to increase the censure of indefinite suspension from office to deposition or the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership to excommunication.
   b. If increase of censure is imposed, without further trial, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes.
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c. The judgment to increase censure shall in any case be subject to appeal.

Recommendation 2, (cf. §93) was adopted.

95. PROTEST 1. Mr. Laurie read the following protest:

The undersigned do hereby protest the action of the 69th General Assembly with respect to Recommendation 2 of Advisory Committee 1 (Journal §53), which excluded from the minutes of the Assembly information necessary for the framing of an understandable protest against the Assembly's handling of the concerns expressed in Communication 11 "from Dr. Istafanous, et al." The developing trend towards such exclusion is a serious error in that it compromises the right to protest, as a matter of conscience, the action of a judicatory, a right well established in presbyterian history and the Constitution of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Book of Discipline VIII.2.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie, Babcock, Broline, Carlton, Duff, Hastings, Jamison, Kingsbury, Kinnaird, Mahaffy, Meeker, LeRoy E. Miller, Poundstone, Peterson, and Wilson

96. PRAYER. Mr. Keller led in prayer for Matthew Perkins, the son of a commissioner to this Assembly, who was hospitalized for diagnostic tests; for the family of Mrs. Lee, of First Presbyterian Church, Ipswich, MA, killed in an automobile accident over the weekend; and for the Rev. Patrick H. Morison, suffering from cancer.

97. ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS. On motion Mr. Galbraith was granted the privileges of the floor during discussion of this report. Mr. Peterson presented the report of the Committee (see pp. 227-247), including the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church invite the Reformed Church of Quebec [l'Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)] to enter into Corresponding Relations with the OPC.

Grounds:
(1) The official expression of beliefs of the ERQ, to which all office bearers must adhere, are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Heidelberg Catechism.

(2) The Committee on Foreign Missions labors under a Cooperative Agreement with the Interchurch Committee of the ERQ to strengthen the Reformed witness among the French-speaking of Québec, and has initiated a “Québec Project” to help the ERQ meet the urgent need for preachers (Minutes of the 68th [2001] General Assembly, pages 164–167).

(3) The ERQ has approximately 300 members in six churches.

2. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church send the following letter to the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin):

The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
The General Assembly
The Rev. Ho-Jin Jun Ph.D., General Secretary
58-10 Banpo-dong
Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea

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Our dear brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Congratulations! Praise be to God!

On this occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) the Orthodox Presbyterian Church rejoices to celebrate with you a half century of distinguished service to our God. In the words of 1 Corinthians 1:3-4, we remember "without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God."

How good and how gracious our sovereign God has been. After the terrible destruction visited on the northern part of your nation by the Communist armies in 1950-53 which killed so many Korean Christians and forced thousands of others to flee to the south into widespread poverty, you reestablished the Church there even before the war was over. Praise be to God!

Like such Reformers as Luther and Calvin in the Reformation, and like J. Gresham Machen of our Church, who had taught some of your ministers, God raised up stalwart Koreans for their day and need, such as Pak, Yune Sun and Han, Song Dong, with many others who gave clear voice to our precious Reformed faith. They were followed by thousands more who were of like heart and mind; so the faithful witness of those from the north was joined with that of those in the south and it grew and grew. Today there is hardly a town in all of today's South Korea where your witness is not heard. When it became necessary to repent of the national shrine worship of previous years you not only repented but also added the word "Kosin" to your name to make sure that your church would be distinguishable from the Presbyterians who would not repent. That new name became your banner, and today, where your name is known people know that there is a Presbyterian church that stands firmly on the Word of God. Praise be to God!

In the meantime the Orthodox Presbyterian Church returned its missionary, the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt, to Korea where he had been before the conflict. Others were to follow him and you welcomed them all with arms opened in love and faces beaming in joy. There we saw come to pass before our very eyes the fulfillment of God's promise that, "there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God who shall not receive many times more in this present time" (Luke 18:29-30), as well as everlasting life in the age to come. Our churches have lived as brothers and sisters ever since. Further, when we were not allowed by law to hold title to our missionaries' houses in Korea your Seminary, at the initiative of the Rev. Han, Song Dong, even offered to hold the property in trust for us; we gladly accepted, and that arrangement continues to this day. Without fear of loss we have trusted your godly men. And now an Orthodox Presbyterian name, The Bruce F. Hunt Mission Center, has been given to the portion of your new denominational building in Seoul that houses the Missionary Training Institute. We are one in the Lord, are we not? Praise be to God!

While you were doing all this God gave you the grace also, even while money was still very scarce, to see the necessity of training your young men for the ministry and you founded Korea Theological Seminary in Pusan. At the same time you responded with godly compassion to the plight of the many people who were suffering from the ravages of war by establishing the Gospel Hospital, also in Pusan. And God has prospered both, undoubtedly beyond the wildest dreams of those godly people who founded them. But even more, the sun now never sets on your ministry as, like those who brought Christ's gospel to your land, you are carrying that same gospel with your missionaries to still other lands. Praise be to God!
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We have been addressing you as Koreans, as members of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), but you are more than that. You are worldwide Christians. You are also a member, with others of like faith, of the International Conference of Reformed Churches. You have unhesitatingly associated yourself with churches from other nations of the world who with you affirm without reservation the Bible to be the Word of God, the one and only truth, that His Son Jesus is the one and only Savior of the world, and that we live now and into eternity with God only by grace through faith in Him. Praise be to God!

So it is that we have come to greet you on this happy occasion. We have looked back on some of God's blessings. As we look forward your dependence is entirely on God's grace. As God has been the source of your past blessings, so can He only be in the future. He has seen you through many fires. He is able to see you through present and future ones also as you follow His Word and trust Him. May you be as faithful as your fathers. Our prayer is that God will keep you steadfast until that great and glorious day when our beloved Jesus returns in power and great glory to give to His people a crown of righteousness that will never be taken away.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Soli Deo Gloria!

(Signed) The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, your fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters, one in Christ Jesus.

Donald J. Duff
Stated Clerk

3. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church invite the Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ) to enter into Corresponding Relations with the OPC.

   Grounds:
   (1) The OPC and the PCJ share the same confessional standards.
   (2) The OPC Japan Mission has recommended we seek to pursue further discussions with the PCJ that might result in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship between the two churches.
   (3) The PCJ has approximately 2,900 members in approximately fifty churches and chapels in five presbyteries.
   (4) The PCJ is the result of a union of two lines of missionary endeavor: the "old" PCJ (with post-World War II Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions roots) and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Japan.
   (5) The PCJ has fraternal relations with several churches with which the OPC also has Ecclesiastical Fellowship, including the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), and the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).
   (6) The Mission to the World (PCA) Japan Mission (which includes OPC affiliated missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Craig C. Coulbourne and Miss Linda E. Karner) labors to plant PCJ congregations.

4. That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommend to the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) that the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) be received into the membership of the ICRC.

   Grounds
The confessional standards of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) are the Westminster Confession and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

We deeply regret the division that has taken place in Scotland. The Committee sent a subcommittee to meet with both sides. We have made no judgment on the situation. However, de facto, there are two churches in Scotland where two years ago there was one.

ICRC 2001 Philadelphia recommended to the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) that it apply for membership in the ICRC.

5. That the general assembly adopt the following resolution, presented to it by 27th (2001) Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC):

That membership of the Christian Reformed Church of North America in NAPARC be terminated no later than the 2004 Meeting of NAPARC for the following grounds:

1. We believe that the CRCNA has had opportunity over the last several years to reverse the controversial action of the 1995 CRCNA Synod in response to NAPARC’s suspension of the CRCNA from voting status in NAPARC. In 1996, the process was begun in NAPARC (initiated by the PCA) to suspend the CRCNA from NAPARC membership after the 1995 CRCNA Synod has approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister. The underlying hermeneutical issue was cited by the PCA in correspondence between the two highest judicatories of the PCA and the CRCNA (Minutes of the 25th PCA General Assembly, 1997, pp. 375-383) In 1998, the suspension from membership in NAPARC was effected. The CRCNA 2000 Synod did not reverse, but rather reaffirmed and approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister.

2. We believe that the CRCNA has acted contrary to the NAPARC Constitution (II. Basis of the Council) against the teaching of the Word of God and the Belgic Confession, Article 30, by declaring the word male in Article 3-a of the CRCNA Church Order is inoperative, and authorizing the churches under its jurisdiction to ordain and install women to the offices of ruling elder and minister, thus circumventing her own constitution.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6. Mr. Mininger presented the report of Advisory Committee 6 as follows: Advisory Committee 6 considered Communications 1-5, 9, 18-19 and 23 together with the report of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations. The committee consulted with Mr. Jack J. Peterson chairman of the CEIR.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Communications 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 18 and 23, be referred to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for appropriate response.

2. That with regard to Recommendations 1-4 of the report of the CEIR, Advisory Committee 6 is silent.

3. That with regard to Recommendation 5 of the report of the CEIR, the 69th General Assembly of the OPC ratifies the resolution adopted by the 27th (2001) meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council as given in Communication 2.

4. That whereas Communication 19 requests the 69th General Assembly to forward certain correspondence to denominations in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with the OPC, Advisory Committee 6 advises the 69th General Assembly to deny the request to forward this information.
Ground: The information in Communication 19 is insufficient for the Assembly to make a wise judgment, and in view of the possibility of breaking the 9th Commandment we ought not to pass the correspondence on.

99. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS (CEIR). On separate motions Recommendations 1-3 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations were adopted (cf. §98).

100. ANNIVERSARY NOTED. Mr. deHaas reported the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Dr. Elder as a ruling elder was last month. The Assembly gave Dr. Elder a standing ovation. Mr. Coie led in prayer for Dr. and Mrs. Elder.

101. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:04 a.m., following prayer led by Mr. Cummings, including prayer for the Committee on Pensions. The Assembly reconvened at 10:24 a.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.

102. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Ronald L. Potter, fraternal delegate of Reformed Church in the United States. Mr. Potter addressed the Assembly.

103. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS (CEIR – continued). On separate motions Recommendation 4 of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations was adopted (cf. §98). Regarding Recommendation 5, the Moderator put the question, “Shall the membership of the Christian Reformed Church in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council be terminated?” The Assembly answered the question in the affirmative. Mr. Peterson led in prayer for the Christian Reformed Church.

104. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6. Recommendation 1 of Advisory Committee 6 was adopted (cf. §98). Recommendation 3 was moot in view of the manner in which Recommendation 5 of the CEIR was put to the Assembly. Recommendation 4 was adopted in the following form: that the request of Communication 19 be denied by the Assembly.

105. LETTER TO MR. GALBRAITH. Mr. Peterson read to the Assembly the letter the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations had adopted and sent to Mr. Galbraith (see p. 248).

106. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Messrs. Hilbelink, Knodel, Peterson, Tyson, and Winsted. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Knodel, Peterson, and Tyson.

107. DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL (continued). Mr. Watson continued the report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel (cf. §24 above), and presented Recommendations 5-7, which were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
5. That Mr. Gorrell be excused from a portion of the morning session on Wednesday, June 19, in order to make his flight home with a loss of travel compensation in the amount of $33.50 (10%).

6. That Messrs. Richline and Zima be excused at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, to make their scheduled flights without loss of travel compensation.

7. That this Assembly propose to the 70th General Assembly the following changes to the Standing Rules:

   a. that “Date, Place and Travel” be replaced by “Arrangements” in sections X.2.a and h, X.4.a.(3), and XII.5.
   b. that section X.2.h.(3) be replaced by “Be responsible for arrangements before and during the meetings of the General Assembly that will enable the work of the Assembly. In order to facilitate the exercise of this responsibility, presbyteries and committees authorized to send commissioners or corresponding members are requested to elect such persons and to communicate their selection, including name, address, and telephone number, to the Committee and the Stated Clerk by March 1.”
   c. that the phrase “and recommend the date and place of the next regular General Assembly” be removed from X.4.a.(3).

108. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS. Mr. Mallin presented the report of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (pp 248-252). On motion it was determined that in accordance with Standing Rule V.8, the report be received without being read aloud.

109. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeals and Complaints - procedures). Dr. Gidley presented the following, which was adopted: That the Assembly adopt the following procedure for each of the Appeals 1 and 2:

   PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS
   1. Presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints pertaining to the appeal (for up to 10 minutes).
   2. Presentation of the report of the Advisory Committee pertaining to the appeal (for up to 10 minutes).
   3. Questions about and discussion on portions of the reports pertaining to the appeal but not related to a recommendation (for up to 10 minutes).
   4. Debate and action on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints concerning whether the appeal is in order and properly before the Assembly.
   5. Presentation by the appellant (for up to 15 minutes) followed by presentation of the presbytery from whose judgment the appeal is taken (for up to 15 minutes).
   6. Questions of clarification concerning the presentations of the appellant and of the presbytery, and concerning the recommendations of the advisory committee (for up to 15 minutes).
   7. Final remarks by the presbytery (for up to 5 minutes) followed by final remarks by appellant (for up to 5 minutes).
   8. Debate and action on the recommendations of the advisory committee regarding consideration and disposition of the appeal.

110. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Appeal 1). Mr. Jerrell, for the Committee,
presented the report of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints pertaining to Appeal 1, including its recommendation that the complaint be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

111. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeal 1). Dr. Gidley presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 concerning Appeal 1 as follows: The Advisory Committee met with Mr. Garrisi to discuss his complaint and met with Mr. Wagner as the representative of the Presbytery of Southern California.

Advisory Committee 10 is silent re the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints to find the complaint in order and properly before the Assembly.

Observations: Complaint 1 is against the presbytery's answer to a question asked by the Rev. Miladin subsequent to presbytery's administering the censure of admonition. The response of the presbytery was contained in a report entitled, 'Judicial Committee Report, RE: Miladin Response to Presbytery's Admonition.' This report was adopted by the presbytery and was sent to Mr. Miladin. It was pastoral in nature and not a judicial action. The report's conclusion included the following:

Mr. Miladin's current statement of his views and concerns, now freed from much of the troublesome rhetoric and confusing formulations of the past, is much more in line with the convictions of the presbytery as it has tried to faithfully minister and declare the Word of God on the questions before it. Mr. Miladin's concern that his views be tolerated is unnecessary, since it appears that his views are no longer in substantial disagreement with those of the presbytery and General Assembly of the OPC.

The complaint focuses on the last sentence of the paragraph.

RECOMMENDATION: That the complaint be denied.

Grounds:

(1) The complainant's quotation from the conclusion of the report does not represent the totality of the presbytery's Judicial Committee Report, RE: Miladin Response to Presbytery's Admonition. The following paragraphs illustrate this judgment.

Mr. Miladin's view (however cautious he now is in expressing it) that there may be a continuing 'gift' of 'speaking in tongues' as a private, trans-rational prayer language useful for individual edification remains very problematic in the committee's opinion. Since in this case content is not in question (the speaker does not know what he is saying), it is the supernatural event of this 'speaking in tongues' which is edifying, because it is a 'sign' of the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit in some special way. As such it must by the nature of the case be 'revelatory.' Beyond this serious question, there is no way whatsoever in which the 'spirits' manifesting themselves in this way can be tested (1 John 4:1ff) since the 'gift' does not communicate content.

Mr. Miladin says, 'I will advise anyone known to me who may practice a form of trans-rational speech (tongues), exclusively in private and for the purpose of praise and adoration, not to affirm with any degree of certainty that such is 'biblical tongues' and to understand that the Bible makes no place whatever for unintelligible speech in the public services of the church.' The committee believes this caution, to commendable as far as it goes, is not sufficient as it stands.
The presbytery’s response to Mr. Miladin’s question was made in a situation which called for pastoral advice. The presbytery is dealing with the issues with which the complaint is concerned.

The presbytery acted appropriately and within its constitutional authority when it offered pastoral advice and summarized its understanding in its response to Mr. Miladin’s inquiry. The presbytery’s work through its Judicial Committee offers an evaluation of the situation demonstrating a competence that is pastorally perceptive and confessionally sound.

The factual issue underlying the complaint is whether or not Mr. Miladin’s views have changed. The complainant focuses exclusively on Mr. Miladin’s doctrinal position. The presbytery’s pastoral advice to Mr. Miladin, however, considered both his doctrinal position, and the manner in which he taught that position as well as the way in which he carried himself towards his opponents. When the presbytery said that it “appears that [Mr. Miladin’s] views are no longer in substantial disagreement with those of the presbytery and General Assembly of the OPC,” it had in view both doctrine and manner of presentation.

The Recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints was adopted that the complaint be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Herrmann read Hebrews 6:7-12, led in prayer, and delivered a message entitled “A Call for Diligence.” The Assembly sang the hymn, Teach me, O Lord, Thy holy way.

The Assembly recessed at 12:24 p.m. Mr. Mininger led in prayer, including prayer for the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations.

The Assembly reconvened at 1:15 p.m. and sang the hymn, Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem. Mr. Marquis led in prayer.

The Assistant Clerk presented the Minutes of the sessions of Friday morning through Friday afternoon (§18-40), which were approved as corrected.

Mr. Garrisi presented his report as the Appellant. On motion Mr. Garrisi was granted an additional five minutes to complete his presentation.

Mr. Wagner presented the report of the Presbytery of Southern California related to Appeal 1.

Questions of clarification followed.
120. **FINAL REMARKS.** Final remarks were presented by Mr. Wagner for the Presbytery and by Mr. Garrisi, the Appellant.

121. **ACTION ON APPEAL 1.** The recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 was adopted, that the complaint be denied.

122. **APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS (Appeal 2).** Mr. Jones presented the report of the Standing Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see pp. 248-252), including the following:

   **RECOMMENDATIONS**
   1. That the complaint dated January 14, 2002 be deemed the only document under proper consideration, without prejudice to the question whether it is in order.
   2. That the complaint on appeal be found not in order.

123. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Appeal 2).** Mr. Wagner presented the report of Advisory Committee 10 regarding Appeal 2 as follows: The committee reviewed Appeal 2 from Mr. Steven Gilbert against the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio not to hear his appeal of a judicial decision against him in a trial before the session of Westminster OPC, Holidaysburg, PA. That document contains within it a complaint lodged against the session for its “action and delinquency...in connection with [his] separation, divorce, and trial.” Thus the Assembly is presented with both a judicial appeal and a complaint over the same matter.

   Like the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, Advisory Committee 10 wrestled with the question of which was the appropriate vehicle for bringing Mr. Gilbert’s grievances before the Assembly. Upon review, however, the committee determined that both the appeal and the complaint were seriously defective in both their form and content. Further, as they stand, both could be judged out of order.

   The appeal does not allege any failure on the part of the presbytery that would constitute grounds for an appeal (it simply forwards the original appeal against the session’s verdict to the General Assembly).

   The complaint against the session was not filed within the time frame required by BD IX.2. Furthermore, a complaint does not appear to be the legitimate way to seek to have the final judgment of the lower judicatory reversed or modified (BD VII.1).

   Through interviews with Mr. Danny Olinger, who represented Mr. Gilbert at his original trial, and Mr. Everett DeVelde, Clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio, the committee was informed that Mr. Gilbert had been advised of the procedural steps he ought to take to bring this matter forward on appeal. Specific help in formulating his appeal was offered. Mr. Gilbert refused the assistance of men within the presbytery. Not only did he refuse counsel, he failed to appear in person to present his appeal to the presbytery, or subsequent complaint against the session. As mentioned above, he has also declined to appear before the Assembly and refused representation by counsel.

   Though ordinarily the committee would be hesitant to recommend dismissing a case on technical grounds (cf. BD III.7.B. para. 3), in this case there are so many technical difficulties that it would be impossible for the committee (or the Assembly), with limited time and personnel, to investigate this appeal and put it into good order, much less adjudicate it.

   Regrettably, we are unable to address Mr. Gilbert’s concerns. He has been offered help which he has refused. He has elected not to make himself available to the committee.
or Assembly. He has not spoken to his original counsel in some eighteen months, so there is no one competent to speak for him.

If Mr. Gilbert wishes the Assembly to address his concerns (the committee makes no judgment here as to their legitimacy), he will have to accept the proffered assistance of others and bring the matter before the appropriate judicatory in a proper form.

Therefore, the committee recommends the General Assembly find Appeal 2 (containing also the text of a complaint), out of order and not properly before the Assembly.

124. APPEAL FOUND OUT OF ORDER. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 10 that the General Assembly find Appeal 2 (containing also the text of a complaint), out of order and not properly before the Assembly was adopted.

125. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS. The Moderator sought and received the general consent of the Assembly to suspend Standing Rule V.5.g to allow the Assembly to continue without formally considering the amendment to the Book of Discipline in the form proposed by the Committee on Appeals and Complaints (see p. 251), in view of the similar action taken at §93 and 94.

126. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Communications 6, 7 and 12). Dr. Gidley reported for Advisory Committee 10 as follows: Background: The 68th General Assembly (2001, Minutes, Journal $126), in response to Appeal 1 took the following action:

RECOMMENDATION: That Complaint 1 be remanded to the Presbytery of Northern California with the directive that the motion against which complaint is made* be reformulated or rescinded after consideration of objections raised in the grounds attached, and report to the 69th General Assembly, which retains jurisdiction in the matter of the complaint brought to the 68th General Assembly as Appeal 1.

Grounds:

(1) The motion has the force of requiring ("he shall ...") a man to state or express his beliefs in a manner that may be contrary to his convictions. Specifically, it forces a man who does not believe his views are an exception to the Confession to declare his views to be an exception, to the injury of his conscience, "requiring an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience" (WCF XX.2).

(2) According to FG III.3, "All church power is only ministerial and declarative" of the Word of God, which is "the only rule of faith and obedience" (WLC #3). According to the presbytery's procedure a man may be prevented from being received into or continuing in the ministry solely on the basis of whether or not he acquiesces to the presbytery's requirement that "he shall declare his views, take exception to the Westminster standards, and be required to refrain from advocating his views as confessional." The presbytery thereby exceeds its lawful power.

*The motion by the Presbytery of Northern California complained against was: "That if a candidate holds to a view of creation days other than six days of essentially ordinary length, he shall declare his views, take exception to the Westminster standards, and be required to refrain from advocating his views as confessional."

RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. That the Assembly deem Communication 6 a sufficient response to the adjudication of Appeal 2 to the 68th General Assembly (Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 25, §112).

2. That the 69th General Assembly inform the Presbytery of Northern California that its action, reported in Communication 7, regarding the matter remanded to it by the 68th General Assembly (cf. Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 27, §126), is not an acceptable reformulation of the motion against which the complaint was made.

   Grounds:
   (1) While the presbytery has sought to address the concern expressed in Ground 1 of Advisory Committee 10 of the 68th General Assembly (Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 27, §126), it has not been completely successful, particularly in paragraph 3 of the presbytery’s adopted motion (note the language “take exception” and “shall be required to refrain from advocating his views as being consistent with the Westminster Standards as adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church”).

   (2) The presbytery has failed to address the concern expressed in Ground 2 of Advisory Committee 10 of the 68th General Assembly (Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 28, §126), particularly in its retention of the language “to refrain from advocating his views as...” in paragraph 3 of the presbytery’s adopted motion, and in the requirement asserted by paragraph 2 of the presbytery’s adopted motion.

   (3) The subordinate standards make no provision for a special policy of taking or recording exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

   (4) What is required by the second ordination vow is properly further defined only by amendment, judicial process, or by an independent vote on a candidate’s exam.

3. That the 69th General Assembly adopt the following response to Communication 7:

   “Whereas items 2 and 3 of the motion adopted by the Presbytery of Northern California, in response to the directive of the 68th General Assembly to reformulate or rescind the motion against which the complaint was made in Appeal 1 (Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 27, §126), have the effect of adding to the subordinate standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the 69th General Assembly declares them not binding (FG XV.8) and therefore null and void (Robert’s Rules of Order, 10th ed., 2000, §39, p. 332, lines 15-18).

127. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 (Communications 6, 7, and 12). On separate motions Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. Recommendation 3 was adopted in the following amended form: that the Assembly adopt the following response to Communications 7 and 12:

   “Whereas items 2 and 3 of the motion adopted by the Presbytery of Northern California, in response to the directive of the 68th General Assembly to reformulate or rescind the motion against which the complaint was made in Appeal 1 (Minutes of the 68th General Assembly, p. 27, §126), have the effect of adding to the subordinate standards of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the 69th General Assembly declares them not binding (FG XV.8) and therefore null and void (Robert’s Rules of Order, 10th ed., 2000, §39, p. 332, lines 15-18).
128. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:15 and reconvened at 3:40 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, The church’s one foundation. Mr. LeRoy Miller led in prayer.

129. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Peter G. Feenstra and Mr. Gerry Van Woudenber, fraternal delegates of the Canadian Reformed Churches. On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

130. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. James K. Kim, fraternal delegate of the Korean American Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kim addressed the Assembly.

131. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints for the class of 2005. Mr. Jones was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected. Nominations were opened for alternate on the Committee. Mr. Foh was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected.

Dr. Gidley led in prayer for the Committee on Appeals and Complaints, and for the presbyteries and individuals involved in complaints or appeals before this Assembly.

132. COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS. Mr. Needham presented the report of the Committee on Chaplains (see pp. 253-259), including the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the presbyteries urge their congregations to sponsor at least one chaplain and the chaplain's family in prayer and as otherwise appropriate. Such sponsored chaplains are strongly urged to communicate regularly with their sponsoring congregations, at least quarterly.

2. That the presbyteries strongly urge their endorsed chaplains to attend presbytery meetings whenever possible, even when they are serving outside the bounds of their own presbyteries. Chaplains are encouraged to attend in uniform.

133. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (Committee on Chaplains). Mr. Cummings presented the report of Advisory Committee 5 regarding the Committee on Chaplains as follows: Advisory Committee 5 is silent on Recommendations 1 and 2 in the Report of the Committee on Chaplains. Advisory Committee 5 recommends the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That Standing Rule Chapter X.2.j. be amended to increase the number of members of the Committee on Chaplains from three to four in two classes of two members each with Messrs. Warren and Needham becoming the class of 2003.

2. That Standing Rule X.2.j. be suspended until the 70th GA in order to add a fourth member to the Committee on Chaplains.

Note: The Committee on Chaplains will elect from its number the permitted number of PRJC members in accordance with General Assembly Instruments G.III.

Grounds:
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the presbyteries be requested to urge their congregations to sponsor at least one chaplain and the chaplain’s family in prayer and as otherwise appropriate. Such sponsored chaplains are strongly urged to communicate regularly with their sponsoring congregations, at least quarterly.

2. That the presbyteries be requested to strongly urge their endorsed chaplains to attend presbytery meetings whenever possible, even when they are serving outside the bounds of their own presbyteries. Chaplains are encouraged to attend in uniform.

**134. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS.** The recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: That the 69th General Assembly send to the presbyteries and sessions for study the proposed Revised Version of the Directory for the Public Worship of God, the proposed amendments to the Form of Government, and the rationale for the Committee’s changes of substance.

**137. REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP (Report of the Minority).** Mr. Kinnaird presented the report of the minority of the Committee (see pp. 263-264), including the following:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee be directed to amend the proposed Revised Version of the Directory for the Public Worship of God, prior to sending it to the presbyteries and sessions for study, in the following manner: Delete from Chapter II, Section B, paragraph 1, the second sentence, “They are properly used only by the
minister of the Word in a gathering of Christ's church”, and set in its place the following; “In them, by the symbol of the outstretched hands of the minister of the Word, the blessing of God is placed on the heads of his people. In public congregational worship the Pastor of the church or another minister of the Word normally uses the blessings. However, when the worship service is being led by a ruling elder, God’s blessings may be read to the congregation, from Scripture, by the ruling elder.”

Grounds:
(1) This amendment will provide for all the usual parts of worship to be present in the worship service when necessity requires that the service be led by a ruling elder.
(2) This amendment maintains a distinction between the minister of the Word and the ruling elder.

138. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 8. Mr. Strange presented the report of Advisory Committee 8 as follows: Advisory Committee 8 met to consider the Report of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship. Three of the four members of the committee, viz., Messrs. Cottenden, Galbraith, and Kinnaird were available to meet with us at various times.

A. Report Of The Committee
Messrs. Cottenden and Galbraith represented the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship. They gave a summary of the “evolved mandate” of the committee. They spoke with reference to the rationale provided in their report concerning the reasons for the changes to the Directory. Of specific interest to them was the explanation of their proposed amendments to the Form of Government. It is to be noted that the committee is considering an alternate to the manner that is suggested in their report to incorporate these amendments, namely, “That, as a substitute for the Committee’s proposed revisions to the Form of Government, we take the statement on the warrant and nature of the office of minister in the present DPW VI.A.2. and insert it into FG XXIII.8 and XXIII.14 with necessary changes as follows; and that we take the statements on the warrant and nature of the offices of ruling elder and deacon and insert them into FG XXV.6.a. and XXV.7.a. with necessary changes as follows...[here the motion before the committee inserts a full text of the amendments as they would appear in the FG, if adopted]” They highlighted also of a number of specific changes to the Directory proposed in the revisions. The advisory committee questioned the representatives of the committee at some length concerning many aspects of their report.

B. Minority Report
Mr. Kinnaird explained to the advisory committee the reasons that lay behind his recommendation. The advisory committee questioned Mr. Kinnaird at some length concerning his minority report and its recommendation.

Advisory Committee 8 is silent with respect to the work and recommendation (v. "VI.") of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship. Advisory Committee 8 does not concur with the recommendation (v. "II.") of the minority report of the Committee on the Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship.

139. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Coppes led in prayer.

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140. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:20 p.m. It sang the hymn, *Wonderful grace of Jesus*. Mr. Campbell led in prayer.

141. DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL (Date and Location of 70th General Assembly). Mr. Watson presented the recommendations of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, which were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the 70th General Assembly convene at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2003, with a projected terminus no later than noon, Wednesday, July 2, 2003.
2. That the 71st General Assembly convene at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2004, with a projected terminus no later than noon, Wednesday, June 9, 2004.

Mr. Watson reported that the Committee will serve as the Committee on Arrangements for the 70th General Assembly.

142. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Peter G. Feenstra, fraternal delegate of the Canadian Reformed Churches, who addressed the Assembly.

143. REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP (Continued). Discussion of the Committee report continued.

144. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION. The recommendation of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship was adopted, together with the amendments to the proposed Directory listed below:

RECOMMENDATION: That the 69th General Assembly send to the presbyteries and sessions for study the proposed Revised Version of the *Directory for the Public Worship of God*, the proposed amendments to the *Form of Government*, and the rationale for the Committee's changes of substance.

It was determined to amend the proposed Revised *Directory* by the deletion of the words “at times” (including related commas) from I.F (p. 15), and to insert “ministerial” before “interns” in the same paragraph.

At their request the negative votes of the following were recorded on the amendment to delete the words, “at times”: Messrs. Dawson, Fox, Hanley, LeRoy Miller, Nelson, Reynolds, Stahl, Strange, and Wingard.

145. BUDGET AMENDMENT. On motion it was determined to amend the General Assembly Operating Fund Budget for the year 2002 by the addition of $1,000.00 to the Committee for Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship, for a total of $2,000.00.

146. COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS CONTINUED. On motion the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship was continued.
147. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5 (continued, cf. §135). Mr. Cummings continued the report of Advisory Committee 5 concerning the recommendations recommitted to it. On separate motions the recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the 69th General Assembly propose to the 70th General Assembly that the first sentence of Standing Rule X.2.j be changed to read: "The Committee on Chaplains shall consist of four members, arranged in one class of two members and two classes of one member each."
2. That Standing Rule X.2.j be suspended until the 70th GA in order to add a fourth member to the Committee on Chaplains at this time.
   Note: This means that this Assembly will elect two members to the class of 2005.

148. ELECTION. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee on Chaplains for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Messrs. Dawson, Kauffman, McManus, Jack K. Unangst, and Christopher H. Wisdom. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Messrs. Kauffman and Wisdom.

149. REPORT OF THE ACTING HISTORIAN. Mr. Muether presented his report as Acting Historian (see p. 265).

150. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Acting Historian). Mr. Tavares reported the silence of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to the report of the Acting Historian.

151. COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN. Messrs. Olinger and Thompson presented the report of the Committee for the Historian (see pp. 276-279), including the following recommendations, which were referred to Advisory Committee 9:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the honorarium for the Acting Historian, Mr. John R. Muether, be increased from $5,670 to $5,880, and the honorarium for the Book Manager, the Rev. Danny E. Olinger, be increased from $1,800 to $1,860 for the year 2003.
2. That the proposed budget for the year 2003, as outlined in section V above, be approved.

152. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Committee for the Historian). Mr. Tavares reported the silence of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to the report of the Committee for the Historian.

153. RULES FOR THE HISTORIAN. Mr. Hilbelink presented the report of the special Committee on Rules for the Historian (see pp. 266-275), including the following:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the proposed standing rules on the Historian and the Committee for the Historian be adopted as follows:

Delete paragraph III.B.5.m (Clerk's duties: To serve as archivist for the denomination) and change letter headings "n" through "p" to "m" through "q" respectively.
In the first line of paragraph X.2.a, change “eleven” to “twelve”, so it would read, “There shall be twelve Standing Committees, namely”

After the last line of paragraph X.2.a, add the line, “the Committee for the Historian”

Add line IV.17 (re. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS), “Election of Historian (in appropriate years)”

Add paragraph III.D. as follows (OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY):

D. The Historian

1. The Historian of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, who is a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly, shall be elected to his office by the General Assembly for a three-year term.

2. The Historian shall be in charge of the denomination’s effort to preserve her history through the collection and organization of historical documents, records, and memorabilia.

3. The Historian’s duties shall include the following:
   a. He shall have oversight and be responsible for the organization of the denominational archives.
   b. He shall encourage and assist the General Assembly’s Committees and agents as well as presbyteries, congregations, and interested individuals in their efforts to deposit materials of historical value to the OPC in the denominational archives.
   c. He shall oversee the production of materials, which shall promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian history. This effort includes:
      (1) The publication of books and other literature and the production of video and audiotapes.
      (2) The management of scholarship programs.
      (3) The organization of conferences and the church’s periodic anniversary celebrations.
      (4) The maintenance of the portion of the OPC web site pertaining to the denomination’s history.
   d. He shall present an annual report of his activities to the General Assembly.

4. The Historian shall be accountable to and assisted by the Committee for the Historian in conducting his work.

Add the following as X.2.k

k. The Committee for the Historian shall consist of four male members of the OPC, including at least one Minister and one Ruling Elder among the four, elected in three classes of two, one, and one, respectively. The Historian shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The function of the Committee shall be to give advice, assistance, and oversight to the Historian in carrying out the responsibilities of his office. The duties of the Committee for the Historian shall be:
   (1) To prepare a budget and control expenditures of funds provided by the General Assembly for the work of the Historian.
   (2) To raise capital needed for publication work.
   (3) To promote and distribute the literature and tapes published and produced by the Committee.
(4) To provide accountability and encouragement to the Historian in the exercise of his duties.

(5) To provide an annual report to the General Assembly.

(6) To submit to the General Assembly a nomination for the office of Historian in the appropriate years.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Mr. John R. Muether, the present Acting Historian, be elected Historian.

154. RULES FOR THE HISTORIAN (Minority). Mr. Bristley presented the report of the minority of the special Committee on Rules for the Historian (see pp. 270-275), including the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the following rules be adopted by the General Assembly:

[Chapter III. OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY]
Delete paragraph III.B.5.m. (Clerk’s duties: To serve as archivist for the denomination).

Add paragraph III.D as follows:

D. The Archivist

1. The Archivist, who is a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly, shall be elected to his office by the General Assembly for a three year term.

2. He shall be in charge of the denomination’s effort to preserve her history through the collection and organization of historical documents, records, and memorabilia.

3. His duties shall include the following:

   a. He shall have oversight and be responsible for the denominational archives, and establish guidelines for acquisition of documents and access to the archives which are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

   b. He shall encourage and assist the General Assembly’s Committees and agents as well as presbyteries, congregations, and interested individuals in their efforts to deposit materials of historical value to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the denominational archives.

   c. He shall present an annual report of his activities to the General Assembly.

[Chapter IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS]
Add line IV.12 and renumber below: Report of the Archivist.
Add line IV.17 and renumber below: Election of Archivist (in appropriate years).

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the following rules be adopted by the General Assembly:

[Chapter X. OF COMMITTEES]
In the first line of paragraph X.2.a, change eleven to twelve.
After the last line of paragraph X.2.a, add the line: the Committee on History.
k. The Committee on History

The Committee on History shall consist of six members in three classes of two, each class composed of one minister and one ruling elder. A General Secretary on History shall be elected by the General Assembly for a three year term. He shall carry out the decisions of the committee and oversee the production of materials which shall promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian history including printed and electronic publications, scholarship programs, conferences, and anniversary celebrations. The General Secretary shall be an ex officio member of the Committee.

The duties of the committee shall be:

1. To approve all proposed projects which promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian Church history.
2. To make careful editorial review of all projects prior to publication.
3. To prepare a budget, oversee the expenditure of funds provided by the General Assembly for the work, and solicit additional funds for projects as needed.
4. To promote and distribute materials approved by the Committee.
5. To provide an annual report to the General Assembly.

155. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 9:05 p.m. Mr. R. Y. Eckardt led in prayer.

Tuesday Morning, June 18, 2002

156. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 8:00 a.m. and sang the hymn, Baptized into your Name most holy. The Moderator read Ephesians 2:1-10, and Mr. Wagner led in prayer.

157. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Gorrell presented the report of the Committee on Presbyterial Records as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the responses of the following presbyteries to exceptions to their minutes taken by the 68th General Assembly be deemed sufficient: Mid-Atlantic, New Jersey, Southeast, Connecticut and Southern New York, and New York and New England.
2. That the response of the Presbytery of Ohio to exceptions to its minutes taken by the 68th General Assembly be deemed sufficient, except for the response relating to the appointment of a clerk pro-tem. The selection must be in some way noted in the minutes.
3. That the response of the Presbytery of the South to exceptions to the minutes taken by the 68th General Assembly be found sufficient except for the response to the examination and reception in absentia of two men as candidates to be taken under the care of the presbytery, which has yet to be corrected.
4. That the responses of the Presbytery of the Midwest to exceptions to its minutes taken by the 68th General Assembly be found sufficient, except for the response to the
request for clarification of the record in all matters related to the disposition of charges in the minutes of September 15-23, 2000. The information sufficient to describe intelligibly the business transacted should include at a minimum the wording of all motions that were adopted (in particular, the recommendations of the Presbytery’s Preliminary Committee to Investigate Charges).

5. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest be approved without exception and without notation.

6. That the minutes of the Presbyteries of Dakotas, Michigan and Ontario, Philadelphia, Mid-Atlantic, New Jersey, Northern California, New York and New England, and Northwest be approved without exceptions and with notations listed by the committee.

7. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Central US be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions: page 01-21 #58, there is no record of the candidate having accepted the call or having been subsequently installed (FG XXIII.7); page 02-5 #53, the reading of charges should have been preceded by the solemn warning (BD III.6); page 02-14,02-15,02-16, only one witness is named for each of the following specifications - Charge 1, Specification 7; Charge 2, Specifications 2,3,8,9,10 (BD IV.B.3); and 02-10 #80, a motion repeats a previous motion of #75 and should have been ruled out of order (The only difference is the substitution of a reference to BD IV.A.1.d in the motion of #80, in place of the FG reference in the motion of #75; this difference is not substantive, and furthermore the BD IV.A.1.d reference in #80 is irrelevant to the motion.)

8. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions: p. 01-13, #9A, Line 3, ministerial exams should have included ecclesiastical history, not simply OPC history (FG XXIII.6); p. 01-13, #9A, line 12, no recording of testimonials or specific exams (FG XXIII.6; XXII.13.c); p. 013-13, #9A, line 14, terms of call and reference to hospitalization insurance missing (GA Instruments A.12.b).

9. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Midwest be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions: p. 182 line 18, p. 182 line 24, p. 184 line 14, the terms of three different ministerial calls are not listed and no provision of hospitalization insurance is included (Rule 12b,c).

10. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved with the notations listed by the committee and with the following exceptions: p. 35 #18 p. 54 #14, no indication of who offered closing prayer; p. 20, #3 reference to an appeal with no record of it being received by the presbytery (Rule 12a), and no reference of the date on which the appeal was received (p. 58).

11. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the South be approved with the notations listed by the committee, and with the following exceptions: p. 438 #32, a licentiate must be ordained at a meeting of the presbytery, not by a commission (FG XXIII.7,8); p. 443 #97 and p. 451 #90, exceptions taken to session records must be recorded in the minutes of the presbytery (Rule 22).

12. That the minutes of the Presbytery of the Southeast be approved with the notations listed by the committee, and the following exceptions: p. 7, minutes for special meeting called does not state the purpose of the meeting (Rule 9); p. 11, terms of call and hospitalization insurance not recorded (Rules 12.b and 12.c); p. 12-22, two copies of the same set of minutes of October 20-21, 2000 posted in the book; p. 26, #22, no record of ordination examinations in areas specified in FG XXIII.6; and, p. 36-56 were not in proper order and therefore not reviewed by the committee (Rule 12.a).
13. That the minutes of the Presbytery of Southern California be approved with the notations listed by the committee, and with the following exception: pp. 141, 142, the presbytery mistakenly placed the call in the hands of a minister moving to another presbytery, which is the duty of the receiving presbytery (FG XXII.10; cf. XXII.12.a).

158. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. On motion Recommendation 11 was divided from the other recommendations. Recommendations 1-10 and 12-13 were adopted. Recommendation 11 was defeated. At their requests the affirmative votes of Messrs. Clawson and Jones were recorded. (See also §188 below.)

159. STANDING COMMITTEE RECORDS. Mr. Keller presented the report of the Committee on Standing Committee Records. Its recommendations were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. That the minutes of the following be approved without exception and without notations: the Committee on Chaplains; the Committee on Christian Education; the Committee on Coordination and the Committee on Pensions.
2. That the minutes of the Committee on Appeals and Complaints be approved without exception and with the single notation listed by the Committee.
3. That the minutes of the following be approved without exception and with the notations listed by the Committee: the Committee on Foreign Missions; the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension; and The Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
4. That the minutes of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel be approved with the following exception and with the notations listed by the Committee:
Throughout the minutes it is not possible to determine who was chairman, in violation of Rule 5.
5. That the minutes of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries be approved with the following exceptions and with the notations listed by the Committee:
   a. Page 236, line 9 – Four unrelated motions are included in one paragraph, in violation of Rule 13.
   b. Page 248, line 12 and page 235, line 2 – A motion adopted did not describe intelligibly the action taken.
6. That the minutes of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations be approved with the following exceptions and with the notations listed by the Committee:
   a. Page 373 – The minutes of October 10, 11, 2001 were not signed by the secretary, or anyone else, in violation of Rule 18.
   b. Page 360 – The purpose of the special meeting of May 25, 2001 was not recorded, in violation of Rule 9.
7. That the responses of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations, the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to the exceptions taken by the 68th General Assembly be deemed sufficient.

160. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Rules for the Historian). The Assembly sang the hymn, O Lord most high, with all my heart. Mr. Tavares continued the report of Advisory Committee 7 regarding the Committee on Rules for the Historian as follows: Advisory Committee 7 met with the members of the Special Committee on Rules for the Historian. In regard to the Report of the Special Committee on Rules for the Historian,
Advisory Committee 7 concurs with the report and recommends that the Assembly adopt Recommendations 1 and 2.

161. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. It sang the hymn, *I've found a Friend, O such a Friend*. Mr. R. W. Eckardt led in prayer.

162. PROTEST 2. Mr. Poundstone read the following protest:

The undersigned hereby protest the action of the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church which defeated a motion "to request the Committee on Foreign Missions to study and recommend ways by which we may do justice to the concerns and pleas of Dr. Istafanos." This action effectively precluded the Assembly from doing righteousness on behalf of the Rev. Dr. Abd-el-Masih Istafanos and the Board of Directors of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship.

For more than a decade between 1987 and 2000 these brothers in Christ faithfully worked with our missionaries under a Cooperative Agreement with the Committee on Foreign Missions. During that time they struggled heroically with us, often against strong opposition in their own churches, to advance the kingdom of God and the Reformed faith among Arabic-speaking people in the region.

In return for such loyalty, this Assembly not only excluded their heartfelt communications from our minutes, but sent them a pastoral letter which, while kindly intentioned, nevertheless failed to address their deepest concerns, declined to investigate their grievances against us, and glossed over the harm that has been done to them.

All of us, no doubt, wish to put this painful episode behind us and get on with the important work of gospel outreach. But in order that we may enjoy God's presence and blessing upon our labors we must confess with the psalmist that "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you" (Ps. 89:14). We cannot reasonably expect reconciliation and God's peace unless we are willing to make greater sacrifices in the pursuit of justice.

We render no judgments ahead of time on the guilt or innocence of anyone in this dispute. Further investigation may require us to admonish brothers to repent and make amends. Turning away our eyes, however, will never lead us into the truth.

In the meantime we fall far short of the demands of Christ's love and fellowship by satisfying ourselves merely with the writing of kind words. "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Our response until now is akin to telling a starving and poorly clothed brother or sister, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body (Jas. 2:15-16). Surely, brothers, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church can and ought to do better.

Respectfully submitted,

Poundstone, Bosgraf, Broline, Carlton, Conard, Duff, Hilbelink, Jerrell, Kinnaird, Laurie, Mahaffy, McManus, Meeker, Peterson, Sibley, and L. Smith

163. INTRODUCTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Manwoo Kim and Mr. Han, fraternal delegates of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin). On motion they were seated as corresponding members.

164. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION 1 OF COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE HISTORIAN. On motion Recommendation 1 (cf. §153) was adopted in the following amended form:
Sixty-Ninth General Assembly

That the proposed amendments to the standing rules on the Historian and the Committee for the Historian, being a perfection of changes proposed to the 65th and 66th General Assemblies, pp. 20-22 and 35-38, respectively, be adopted as follows:

Delete paragraph III.B.5.m (Clerk's duties: To serve as archivist for the denomination) and change letter headings “n” through “p” to “m” through “q” respectively.

In the first line of paragraph X.2.a, change “eleven” to “twelve”, so it would read, “There shall be twelve Standing Committees, namely”

After the last line of paragraph X.2.a, add the line, “the Committee for the Historian”

Add line IV.17 (re. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS), “Election of Historian (in appropriate years)”

Add paragraph III.D. as follows (OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY):

D. The Historian

1. The Historian of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, who is a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly, shall be elected to his office by the General Assembly for a three-year term.

2. The Historian shall be in charge of the denomination’s effort to preserve her history through the collection and organization of historical documents, records, and memorabilia.

3. The Historian’s duties shall include the following:
   a. He shall have oversight and be responsible for the organization of the denominational archives.
   b. He shall encourage and assist the General Assembly’s Committees and agents as well as presbyteries, congregations, and interested individuals in their efforts to deposit materials of historical value to the OPC in the denominational archives.
   c. He shall oversee the production of materials, which shall promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian history. This effort includes:
      (1) The publication of books and other literature and the production of video and audiotapes.
      (2) The management of scholarship programs.
      (3) The organization of conferences and the church’s periodic anniversary celebrations.
      (4) The maintenance of the portion of the OPC web site pertaining to the denomination’s history.
   d. He shall present an annual report of his activities to the General Assembly.

4. The Historian shall be accountable to and assisted by the Committee for the Historian in conducting his work.

Add the following as X.2.k

k. The Committee for the Historian shall consist of four male members of the OPC, including at least one Minister and one Ruling Elder among the four, elected in three classes of two, one, and one, respectively. The Historian shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The function of the
Committee shall be to give advice, assistance, and oversight to the Historian in carrying out the responsibilities of his office; only members who are presbyters may vote on matters of oversight. The duties of the Committee for the Historian shall be:

(1) To prepare a budget and control expenditures of funds provided by the General Assembly for the work of the Historian.
(2) To raise capital needed for publication work.
(3) To promote and distribute the literature and tapes published and produced by the Committee.
(4) To provide accountability and encouragement to the Historian in the exercise of his duties.
(5) To provide an annual report to the General Assembly.
(6) To submit to the General Assembly a nomination for the office of Historian in the appropriate years.

At their request the affirmative votes of Messrs. Hanley and Stahl were recorded on a proposed amendment that would have inserted the words “an ordained officer” in D.1 above.

A point of order was raised regarding an amendment in X.2.k. The moderator ruled that the amendment was out of order. Appeal was taken from the ruling of the moderator. The ruling of the moderator was sustained.

165. COMMITTEE DISSOLVED. On motion the Committee on Rules for the Historian was dissolved.

166. DEVOTIONAL. The order of the day having arrived, Mr. Bordow read John 16:1-15, led in prayer, and delivered a message entitled, “The Ministry of the Spirit in this Age.” The Assembly sang the hymn, Arise, my soul, arise.

167. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 12:27 p.m. after Dr. Van Dam led in prayer, including prayer for many Orthodox Presbyterians who were ill or near death.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 18, 2002

168. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 1:29 p.m. The Assembly sang the Psalm, The Lord’s my shepherd. Mr. De Troye led in prayer.

169. FRATERNAL ADDRESS. Mr. Peterson introduced the Rev. Manwoo Kim and Mr. Han, fraternal delegates of the Presbyterian Church in Korea. Mr. Kim addressed the Assembly.

170. DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL (continued). Mr. Watson presented the following recommendations of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel, which were adopted:
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That commissioners who submitted valid travel vouchers by 6:20 p.m., Friday, June 14, 2002, be reimbursed for their expenses for one round-trip to the General Assembly, room and meals in the amount calculated by the following schedule:
   a. Those traveling by public conveyance be reimbursed the cost of their fare as reported to the nearest dollar.
   b. Those traveling by private conveyance as drivers be reimbursed to the nearest dollar at the rate of $0.25 per mile for the first 500 miles and $0.10 per mile thereafter, plus $0.10 per mile for each passenger who is eligible to receive travel compensation plus tolls and parking fees, with the exception that the driver and passenger(s) not receive a combined amount greater than the combined cost of economy airfares for the driver and his passenger(s).
   c. Those traveling by private conveyance as passengers be reimbursed at the rate of $0.10 per mile to the nearest dollar.
   d. Commissioners who applied for it be reimbursed up to $350.00 for room and meal expenses incurred in conjunction with attendance at the Assembly.

2. That the General Assembly request the churches to contribute to the General Assembly Travel Fund for 2003 at the rate of $10.00 per communicant member.

3. That the General Assembly request the presbyteries and committees to notify the Stated Clerk of the names, address, and telephone numbers of commissioners and representatives to the 70th General Assembly by March 1, 2003.

171. DATE, PLACE AND TRAVEL, FINANCIAL REPORT (continued). Mr. Watson also presented the following financial report of the Committee on Date, Place and Travel: $90,000.00 estimated expenses for the 69th General Assembly, leaving approximately $57,000.00 for future Assemblies.

172. ELECTION. Mr. Watson reported the following concerning terms on the Committee: The term of David Haney expires; Timothy Flora – 2003; Russell W. Copeland, Jr. – 2004.

The floor was opened for nominations for the class of 2005 for the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel. Mr. Haney was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected.

173. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Assistant Clerk presented the minutes from Friday morning through Tuesday morning ($41-164), which were approved as corrected.

174. ELECTION OF HISTORIAN. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Historian. Mr. Muether was nominated. In the absence of other nominations he was declared elected.

175. ELECTION, COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN. The floor was declared open for nominations to the Committee for the Historian, for the class of 2005. The following were nominated: Ministers: Galbraith, Olinger; Ruling elders: John S. Deliyannides, David K. Thompson; Others: Timothy McConnell, Douglas J. Smith. At a later time the Moderator announced the election of Mr. Smith to the class of 2003, Mr. Deliyannides to the class of 2004, and Messrs. Olinger and Thompson to the class of 2005.
176. VIEWS OF CREATION. Mr. Strange presented the report of the Committee on Views of Creation (see pp. 280-282).

177. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7. Mr. Tavares reported the silence of Advisory Committee 7 with respect to the report of the Committee on the Views of Creation.

178. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATING FUND BUDGET. Mr. Poundstone reported for Advisory Committee 9 regarding the GAOF, which was adopted, as follows:

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179. GAOF REQUEST OF CHURCHES. The recommendation of Advisory Committee 9 was adopted, that the Assembly request of the churches the contribution of $14.00 per communicant member for the General Assembly Operating Fund.

Mr. Tavares led in prayer for the work of the Historian, the Committee for the Historian, the Committee on the Views of Creation, and the Committee on Date, Place, and Travel.

180. RESOLUTION OF THANKS. Mr. Mininger presented the following resolution of thanks, which the Assembly adopted:

The 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church hereby expresses gratitude to the Board of Trustees and to the staff of Gordon College for the opportunity that was ours to spend a few days among these lovely hills and in beautiful facilities. We thank Ron Hilton, Director of Auxiliary Services and his secretary, Jeremy De Pace, who, as every secretary, did most of the work. To Jack Lawrence, Director of Dining Services,
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and Steve Hagar, Assistant, we say thanks, noting the sweet and helpful attitudes of the servers, who had over 150 hungry presbyterians to feed three times a day.

The Assembly hereby thanks our Committees on Arrangements and Date, Place, and Travel, for extensive preparations – thanks to that loveable, Republican, curmudgeon and New Englander with his cane, Rusty Copeland, and for our own denominational staff: David Haney, the Rev. Doug ("the check is in the mail") Watson, Jan Giandomenico, Becki Luedde, and Linda Posthuma.

Once again the Assembly was well served by David Heise who deftly guided us through a chad-free year of balloting, and those who assisted Mr. Heise: David Haney, David Story, Daniel Swanson, Sean Estelle, Barbara Cottenden, Carolyn Poundstone, and others who served as tellers.

The Assembly acknowledges its significant debt to the Rev. Doug Clawson, who, with shining brow and official moderator haircut, very ably served us as Moderator. We acknowledge the hard work of our Stated Clerk, the Rev. Donald Duff, who prepared us well for the Assembly and who kept us on track during the Assembly. We acknowledge with thankfulness the Rev. John Mahaffy whose assistance at the clerks' table and fast fingers on the keyboard provided a good record of our work.

The Assembly joyfully extends thanksgiving to the OP Churches of the Boston area for their sacrificial labors in transporting us from the airport and back. Those churches' labors enabling us to worship the Lord with them on the Lord's Day along with warm hospitality are surely a sweet offering before the Lord.

Finally, the Assembly offers its highest praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, for bringing the Assembly together and for giving us his Holy Spirit so that we might serve him in God-honoring unity.

181. ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 (Communications 8, 10, 14-16). Mr. Tavares reported for Advisory Committee 7 concerning Communications 8, 10, and 14-16, below. During consideration of Communications 15 and 16, Dr. Sidney D. Dyer was granted the privilege of the floor.

With regard to Communication 8, after reviewing the communication, Advisory Committee 7 recommends the following response:

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. In regard to Communication 8 (i.e., the licensure and ordination of the Rev. David P. Bush), the Assembly judges that the Presbytery of Northern California did err, and yet the Assembly does not believe that this error can be now addressed with discernable equity nor remedied with any further action other than the spirit of regret in which it has been reported.

2. With regard to Communication 10, after reviewing the communication and consulting with the Rev. W. Vernon Picknally, commissioner from the presbytery of the Dakotas, Advisory Committee 7 recommends that the 69th General Assembly advise the presbytery that the Assembly does not object to granting the exception to the educational requirements for reception of the Rev. Scott Seder, and that the presbytery be requested to encourage the Rev. Scott Seder to pursue more satisfactorily an "adequate course of study" of theological education (cf. FG XXIII.3), especially in the area of exegesis. (2 Tim 2:15)

3. With regard to Communication 14, after reviewing the communication and consulting with Dr. A. Craig Troxel, commissioner from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Advisory Committee 7 recommends that the 69th General Assembly advise the presbytery
that the assembly does not object to the presbytery's granting the exception to the educational requirements (FG XXIII.3) for the reception of the Rev. John Currie.

4. With regard to Communication 15, after reviewing the communication and consulting with Dr. Sidney D. Dyer, chairman of the candidates and credentials committee of the Presbytery of the Southeast and Elder Richard W. Hastings, commissioner from the Presbytery of the Southeast, Advisory Committee 7 recommends that the 69th General Assembly advise the presbytery that the Assembly does not object to the presbytery's granting the exception to the educational requirements for ordination of Mr. John W. Belden.

5. With regard to Communication 16, after reviewing the communication and consulting with Dr. Sidney D. Dyer, chairman of the candidates and credentials committee of the Presbytery of the Southeast and Elder Richard W. Hastings, commissioner from the Presbytery of the Southeast, Advisory Committee 7 recommends that the 69th General Assembly advise the presbytery that the Assembly does not object to the presbytery's granting the exception to the educational requirements for licensure (and not for ordination)* of Mr. Douglas L. Watson.

*Ground: Seeking an exception for the educational requirements for ordination would be inappropriate at this time, because licensure is a time of probation, and only "after a period of probation sufficient to make trial" for a man's "qualifications and service" should the presbytery "in due time proceed to ordain such probationers." (FG XXI.1, cf. XXIII.3)

Concerning Communications 10, 14, 15, and 16:

6. Advisory Committee 7 is alarmed at the number of instances in this assembly and in recent assemblies in which presbyteries are seeking an exception to the educational requirements for licensure and ordination (cf. FG XXI.6 and XXIII.3) and recommends that the Assembly through the Stated Clerk remind all the presbyteries that "It is highly reproachful to religion and dangerous to the church to entrust the preaching of the gospel to weak and ignorant men." (FG XXI.3)

7. Advisory Committee 7 also recommends that the General Assembly through the Stated Clerk remind all the presbyteries that the MTI OPC exists to supplement the training and equipping of candidates for the ministry in the OPC, and such men should be actively encouraged to pursue this opportunity.

182. RECESS AND RECONVENE. The Assembly recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, Rejoice all ye believers, and Mr. Mahaffy led in prayer.

183. ACTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS. On separate motions Recommendations 1-5 of Advisory Committee 7 were adopted. At their request the negative votes of Messrs. Laurie and Sibley were recorded on the adoption of Recommendation 4. At their request the negative votes of Messrs. Duff, Laurie, and Sibley were recorded on the adoption of Recommendation 5.

184. ORDER OF THE DAY AMENDED. On motion the order of the day was amended to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

185. RECESS. The Assembly recessed at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Coie led in prayer.
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186. RECONVENE. The Assembly reconvened at 6:00 p.m. The Assembly sang the hymn, *The mighty God, the Lord*, and Mr. Hanley led in prayer.

187. ACTIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS (continued). Recommendations 6 and 7 of Advisory Committee 7 (cf. §181, above) were defeated.

188. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS (continued). Mr. Gorrell continued the report of the Committee on Presbyterial Records (cf. §157, above). The recommendation of the Committee was adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Presbytery of the South be approved with the notations listed by the committee, and with the following exception: p. 451 #90, exceptions taken to session records must be recorded in the minutes of the presbytery (Rule 22).

189. RESPONSE TO PROTEST 2. On motion the following was adopted as the Assembly’s response to Protest 2: In response to the protest of Mr. Poundstone, et al, the Assembly finds itself unable, because of the differences among us, to take any action that will satisfy the plea of the protest. The Assembly itself is unable, because of the constraints of time, money, and its structure, properly to investigate the pleas for justice raised in the protest. The Assembly, for better or worse, appears to be unwilling to delegate to any other body (e.g., committee, commission, or presbytery) responsibility for such an investigation. This inability or unwillingness is almost certainly partly due to perceived difficulties, or even the impossibility, on the part of such a delegated body, of conducting an investigation that would satisfy a majority of any Assembly. Furthermore, some commissioners perceive any effort to pursue the plea of the protest to be out of accord with the spirit of the action of the 68th General Assembly instructing “all parties to this controversy to refrain from speaking or writing unfavorably of one another.”

This, we admit, may not be perceived as a satisfactory answer to the protest, and while we doubt that there is a satisfactory answer that would commend itself to the Assembly as a whole, we believe an acknowledgement of our dilemma is called for.

190. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Moderator called for the presentation of the remaining minutes of the Assembly. They were approved as corrected.

191. MINUTES AS A WHOLE. The Stated Clerk presented the minutes. On motion the minutes of the Assembly as a whole were approved.

192. PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

193. DISSOLUTION AND NEXT ASSEMBLY. There being no further business the Assembly was dissolved by general consent. Mr. Clawson 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 Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2003, with a terminus no later than noon, Wednesday, July 2, 2003.” The 69th General Assembly closed at 6:54 p.m.
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OVERTURES

Overture 1

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

November 10, 2001

At its meeting on October 13, 2001, the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic adopted an overture to the 2002 General Assembly in the following form:

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic respectfully overtures the 68th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to:

1. Initiate an amendment to the Standing Rules, Chapter X, regarding the Committee on Diaconal Ministries which will incorporate committee policies, at least in their general form, into the Standing Rules, subject to review and modification by the General Assembly.

   Grounds:
   a. The committee currently has policies which are not readily reviewable (cf. GA Yearbook, 1999, p. 187).
   b. Though the same policy issue exists for other standing committees, these committees “especially the program committees” are larger in composition and able to present budgets to the General Assembly that involve well anticipated expenditures.

2. Direct the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to formulate a policy, subject to General Assembly revision, whereby diaconal aid for Christian School purposes is not taken from general diaconal funds or is strictly limited to a small fixed percentage of the outflows of general diaconal funds. Such a policy may allow for a special education fund supplied by designated gifts.

   Ground: Contributors to Diaconal Ministries are apt to believe their contributions will be used for either pressing emergent needs or chronic needs directly related to the needs of life, health, and shelter. Though safe and proper education is a serious need, some method of distinguishing this need is desirable.

Sincerely yours,
Leonard E. Miller
Stated Clerk

Overture 2

Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic

December 1, 2001

At its regular meeting on December 1, 2001, the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic voted to overture the General Assembly to revise the Book of Discipline as shown below.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BD VI.C.1 & 2:

Add bold heading to VI.C.1, adopt a new VI.C.2 with bold heading, and add VI.C.3 with bold heading as follows:
1. Pronouncement of Censure  
[The rest of section 1 remains unchanged]

2. Review of Suspension  
   a. In the case of indefinite suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction shall review the suspension, not later than twelve months after imposition of censure, to determine whether or not the offender has shown repentance and may be restored.  
   b. When, in its review of the suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction is not satisfied that the offender has shown repentance, the judicatory shall determine whether the suspension should be continued or increased to deposition or to excommunication or to both.  
   c. Continued suspension for an indefinite time shall be reviewed again no later than twelve months after the conclusion of the previous review.  

3. Increase of Censure  
   a. No further trial is necessary to increase the censure of indefinite suspension from office to deposition or the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership to excommunication.  
   b. If increase of censure is imposed without further trial, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes. If increase of censure is imposed prior to the expiration of twelve months from the imposition of indefinite suspension, the record of the circumstances shall include a compilation of any relevant facts in the case. Provision shall be made for the offender to respond to any such compilation of relevant facts before increase of censure is imposed. Dispute over new facts upon which determination to increase censure depends shall be included in the record of circumstances in the minutes.  
   c. The judgment to increase censure shall in any case be subject to appeal.

Grounds:  
(1) The current BD VI.C.2 arguably combines a requirement for reviewing indefinite suspensions with what is perceived by many to be a requirement to grant a one-year grace period prior to increasing censure without further trial. The proposed BD VI.C.2 separates and clarifies procedure for the two requirements.  
(2) The proposed BD VI.C.2 makes clear that increase of censure prior to the expiration of twelve months is permitted, with the requirement that the judicatory account for its action.  
(3) Proposed BD VI.C.3 precludes an interpretation of current BD VI.C.2 which might allow indefinite suspension from office to be increased to excommunication without a trial.  
(4) BD VI.C.2 in its current form has given rise to very different interpretations. This provision addresses a scenario that is not uncommon in discipline cases and should be clarified for all parties engaged in discipline cases where acrimony might be reduced by clarity.

Leonard E. Miller,  
Stated Clerk
Overture 3

[Not printed, cf. Journal §53]
COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 1

Reformed Church in Japan

September 21, 2001

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of justice and peace.

On behalf of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Japan, the Reverend Shizuo Ono, and of its Stated Clerk, the Reverend Yuichiro Yamanaka, I express heartfelt greetings. All peoples worldwide were utterly shocked by the unbelievable tragedy which occurred in New York City, Washington, and western Pennsylvania, the U.S.A. on September 11. At the same time that we feel intense anger at this malevolent, cruel, and utterly barbaric act, we also feel and share deep sadness and grief with the surviving family, friends and relatives of the victims.

We are continuing to pray earnestly for that the true comfort and encouragement of the one true God, the Father of Jesus Christ may, by his Holy Spirit, be upon each one who has suffered loss. At present all our efforts toward restoration continue, so we pray earnestly that the Lord who protects city and fortress will powerfully lead those efforts, and that soon the damaged districts and their residents may return to some semblance of normalcy.

At such a time as this, may the churches and all the brothers and sisters, each where the Lord has put him or her, pray to the Lord that somehow a solution to this incident may be reached, and that relief efforts for those who are suffering in the aftermath may be effective. Further, in the midst of the various ways of thinking about the appropriateness of your government's judgment of and response to this, may the church of Christ in a suitable manner grasp and deal with these things, and thereby may she bring glory to our God.

Yours truly in our Lord,

Yasunori Ichikawa,
Corresponding Secretary,
RCJ General Assembly Liaison Committee

Communication 2

North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council

February 26, 2002

One of the actions of the Meeting of NAPARC in November was to vote to terminate the membership in NAPARC of the Christian Reformed Church.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of NAPARC, member churches are received and terminated by a two-thirds vote of the delegations to NAPARC. This in turn needs to be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the General Assemblies/Synods of the member churches of NAPARC.

I have lifted from the Minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting of NAPARC the Resolution Re: the Termination of membership in NAPARC of the Christian Reformed
Church. The resolution was carried by a unanimous vote. Two grounds, as attached, were also approved by the Council.

The General Assemblies/Synods of each church in NAPARC need to vote whether to support or to reject this Resolution. It will take a two-thirds vote of the active members to ratify the action of the Council. Each General Assembly/Synod must vote to support or reject the Resolution exactly as it appears. Each General Assembly/Synod must report its action to the Council. A two-thirds majority must be reached by November 2004 to complete the termination process.

We trust that you will see that this Resolution comes before your General Assembly, and that the action is reported to the Council.

Cordially in Christ,
Bruce C. Stewart,
Secretary

THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED AND PASSED AT NAPARC 2001

That NAPARC submit the following resolution with grounds to the General Assemblies and Synods of NAPARC member churches: Resolved: that membership of the Christian Reformed Church of North America in NAPARC be terminated no later than the 2004 Meeting of NAPARC for the following grounds:

1. We believe that the CRCNA has had opportunity over the last several years to reverse the controversial action of the 1995 CRCNA Synod in response to NAPARC's suspension of the CRCNA from voting status in NAPARC. In 1996, the process was begun in NAPARC (initiated by the PCA) to suspend the CRCNA from NAPARC membership after the 1995 CRCNA Synod has approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister. The underlying hermeneutical issue was cited by the PCA in correspondence between the two highest judicatories of the PCA and the CRCNA (Minutes of the 25th PCA General Assembly, 1997, pp. 375-383). In 1998, the suspension from membership in NAPARC was effected. The CRCNA 2000 Synod did not reverse, but rather reaffirmed and approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister.

2. We believe that the CRCNA has acted contrary to the NAPARC Constitution (11. Basis of the Council) against the teaching of the Word of God and the Belgic Confession, Article 30, by declaring that the word “male,” in Article 3.a of the CRCNA Church Order is inoperative, and authorizing the churches under its jurisdiction to ordain and install women to the offices of ruling elder and minister, thus circumventing her own Constitution.

Communication 3

Interchurch Relations Committee of the
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

March 21, 2002
In behalf of our Interchurch Relations Committee, we thank you for your gracious invitation for us to send a fraternal delegate to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in June 2002.

In keeping with our policy—and the general policy of NAPARC—we are sending fraternal delegates to churches with whom we have fraternal relations every other year. Since we sent a fraternal delegate to your General Assembly last year, we will not be sending a fraternal delegate to the 2002 meeting of your General Assembly.

Please convey our cordial greetings to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Church. Both in our common heritage and in our current fraternal relationship we feel a close kinship with your church. We rejoice with you in your growth and in your testimony to the authority of Scripture and the historic Reformed faith. We pray that our Sovereign God will continue to bless His work among you, and that He will lead us both in ways in which we can serve even more closely together.

Cordially in Christ,
Bruce C. Stewart,
Secretary

Communication 4

The Reformed Church in Japan, Liaison Committee

Fraternal greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

May our God the Father be praised for his wonderful love of us in his Son through his Spirit because of which we have been made his children and heirs of his kingdom.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation of us to the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to be held on June 12-19, 2002, at Gordon College, Grapevine Road, Wenham, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Looking back upon our fruitful mission-cooperation relations, we truly praise the name of our Lord of harvest, and continually pray for his further blessings on our mission cooperation especially in the Tohoku (or Northwest) presbytery. We also appreciate very much the Rev. S. E. Lauer's work for Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary as professor in Biblical studies. We hope that, his doctoral studies being completed as soon as possible, he will get involved more fully in teaching and ministering in the seminary.

Now, very unfortunately, we are not able to send our fraternal delegate to your Assembly this year on behalf of our denomination. However, our spirits are always with yours and we earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and wisdom on you, as you will go through all the proceedings and deliberations so that both those who are for and those who are against what are to be decided may glorify the name of the Lord of the church.

May God richly bless all the delegates at the coming General Assembly meeting. May both of us faithfully walk on the way that has been paved by the Apostolic and historic Reformed churches by the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Truly yours in Christ,
Yasunori Ichikawa,
Chairman
Communication 5
From Synod of Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland March 30, 2002

Your letter of March 13, 2002 addressed to Rev. C. K. Hyndman, inviting our denomination to send a fraternal delegate to attend the meeting of your General Assembly June 12 - 19, 2002, has been passed to me.

We are grateful for your kind invitation but it does not appear that we will be able to send a representative. We are pleased to send our greetings to your Assembly. We pray that God will continue to bless your church in all its work and witness.

Our own Synod is due to meet in Limavady, Northern Ireland 10-12 June 2002. Visiting delegates are asked to give a ten-minute address at the Tuesday evening session. Representatives are welcome to be present for the whole Synod which begins on Monday (10th) at 7.30 p.m. and continues until the Wednesday afternoon, followed by a Missionary Rally on the Wednesday evening. We would want you to understand that there is a standing invitation to your denomination to be represented at our Synod which usually meets in the second week of June each year. We arrange travel in Ireland, overnight accommodation and meals for visiting delegates.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
A. C. Gregg (Clerk of Synod)

Communication 6
From Presbytery of Northern California March 27, 2002

The sixty-eighth General Assembly upheld an appeal brought by members of the Presbytery of Northern California and instructed us to eliminate a bylaw that had governed exceptions to the standards of the church. At its stated meeting in San Jose on March 15-16, 2002, the mandated action was taken and I am writing to give notice of that action. The proposed minutes of the meeting contain the following item:

19. Bylaw V.B.1.i Rescinded. On motion, in response to the action of the 68th General Assembly ("The amend to Appeal 2 proposed by Advisory Committee 10, i.e., that the General Assembly direct the presbytery of Northern California to take action necessary to eliminate Bylaw V.B.1.i. was adopted.") it was determined to rescind Bylaw V.B.1.i. It is noted that this action was proposed by the Credentials Committee in its report at the September, 2001, Stated Meeting (see Bylaw VIII.A). Mr. Miller requested that his negative vote be recorded.

The bylaws will be reprinted to take this revision into account.

In His service,
Richard C. Miller,
Stated Clerk
Communication 7

From Presbytery of Northern California

March 27, 2002

The sixty-eighth General Assembly remanded to the Presbytery of Northern California a matter that had been under appeal, without relinquishing its jurisdiction in the matter. We have taken action as requested and are hereby reporting on the matter. Following is an extract from the proposed minutes for the March 15-16 stated meeting held in San Jose.

12. Remanded Complaint Considered. The Credentials Committee presented a response to the notice from the Stated Clerk of the 68th General Assembly (communication 019-17) relative to Appeal 1 (“That Complaint 1 be remanded to the presbytery of Northern California with the directive that the motion against which the complaint is made be reformulated or rescinded after consideration of objections raised in the grounds attached, and report to the 69th General Assembly, which retains jurisdiction in the matter of the complaint brought to the 68th General Assembly as Appeal 1.”) On behalf of the committee Dr. Lemen presented and moved the recommendation that presbytery approve the following modified motions and communicate the revised motions to the 69th General Assembly. A substitute that would have rescinded the motions adopted on May 5, 2000 (Minutes, Vol. 3, pp. 129-131, items 80, 85 and 86) was defeated. On motion the pending motion was amended in part by dropping the words “do the following” after “he shall”, and adding the words “as adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.” The amended version became the main motion and was put to a vote and adopted. Messrs. Lewis and Neilands asked that their negative votes be recorded. The adopted motion was as follows (removed text shown in strikeout and added shown in bold):

1. That the Presbytery of Northern California recognize that the only creation view consistent and compatible agreeable with the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter IV, Section 1 and parallel Larger and Shorter Catechism questions and answers is that of six days of ordinary length, thereby making declaring other views incompatible with the Standards adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

2. That insofar as our secondary standards, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms plainly teach creation “in the space of six days” (read: days of essentially ordinary length), its acceptance is required by the second ordination vow in our Form of Government, XXI.4.7.(2); XXI.11.13.c.(2); XXIII.8.(2); XXIII.12.a.(2); XXIII.12.b.(2); XXIII.14.(2); XXIII.17.(2); XXIII.18.(2); and XXV.6.b.(2).

3. That if a candidate holds to a view of creation days other than six days of essentially ordinary length, (a) he shall declare his view and take exception to the Westminster Standards; or (b) Presbytery shall, on its own initiative, record this area of nonconformity to the standards; and (c) the candidate shall be required to refrain from advocating his views as confessional being consistent with the Westminster Standards as adopted by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
Communication 8

From Presbytery of Northern California  March 27, 2002

At its spring stated meeting March 15-16, 2002, the Credentials Committee of the Presbytery of Northern California reported that an error may have been made in connection with the licensure in 2001 of Mr. David P. Bush. Mr. Bush was subsequently, on January 11, 2002, ordained and installed as Pastor of Oak Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Sonora and is enrolled as a ministerial member of the presbytery.

The error in connection with the Bush licensure was that, although Mr. Bush had had conferred upon him the degree of Master of Divinity by Westminster Theological Seminary in California, he had not previously obtained a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

Here is an extract from the proposed minutes for the meeting:

13. Bush Licensure Question. The Credentials Committee, having reexamined the circumstances of the licensure of the Rev. David P. Bush, reported that it may have erred in that, while Mr. Bush had received the M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in California, he had not previously received a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. It presented a motion to direct the Stated Clerk to seek the advice of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. On motion the matter was recommitted to the committee with the instruction that the committee reformulate and report back (see #18, p. 201).

18. Bush Licensure Question. The committee presented its new recommendation (see §13 above), and on motion, presbytery directed the Stated Clerk to report the whole (Bush) matter to the General Assembly, and ask its forgiveness if, in the judgment of assembly, we erred.

Consequently, we are seeking the judgment of the 69th General Assembly in this matter, and, if the assembly finds that we erred, we are seeking forgiveness.

In His service,
Richard C. Miller,
Stated Clerk

Communication 9

From Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland  April 11, 2002

We received your invitation to send a fraternal delegate to your General Assembly. We thank you very kindly therefore. In our last meeting we have planned the visits for the
next three years and we hope to visit your General Assembly in 2003, the Lord willing. So
this year we send you a letter of greeting. We wish you a good and up-building Assembly.
May the Lord, the good Shepherd, watch over his flock, also within the OPC.

With brotherly greetings,
Rev. Bort de Graaf,
Secretary of the Interchurch
Relations Committee

Communication 10
From Presbytery of the Dakotas

April 26, 2002

At the April 2002 stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Dakotas, the presbytery
directed its stated clerk and the chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee to
send the following report to the 2002 69' General Assembly. This is done in accord with FG
XXIII.3 "reporting the whole matter to the general assembly and weighing such advice as it
may offer."

The Rev. Scott Seder has come to this presbytery as a minister from another
denomination, and Rev. Seder has not had a "course of study in a theological seminary
equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree" (FG XXIII.3). In
order to help you give us this advice, the following information and history will be needed.

STATUS
Rev. Seder is currently a member on the roll of the regional church of the Presbytery
of the Dakotas, with spiritual oversight by the session of the Volga, SD church. He has been
available to fill the pulpit for many of the churches of this presbytery, in some cases a
number of times; (Murdock Memorial OPC, Bancroft, SD; Trinity OPC, Bridgewater, SD;
Calvary OPC, Volga, SD; Winner OPC, Winner, SD; and Bethel OPC, Carson, ND) and all
reports are that his preaching is both scriptural and well-received. He has also been involved
in teaching the young people at Calvary OPC, Volga, SD. His teaching has also been well-
received. Rev. Seder has sustained all trials for ordination as laid out in FG XXIII.6,
including two papers: an exegesis paper on Hebrews 5:11-6:12 entitled, "Will You Grow
Weeds, or Herbs?"; and a theological paper entitled "The Biblical Basis of Supplicatory
Prayer in Light of the Jabez Controversy." There were no dissenting votes following the
theology examination on the floor of presbytery. There were two testimonials presented, an
oral testimonial given by Rev. Chris Accardy, pastor of Calvary OPC, Volga, SD and a
written testimonial from Rev. Edward Eppinger of the Bancroft church. Rev. Seder and his
wife Amy moved to the Volga area back in September of 2001. Rev. Accardy spent many
hours working with Rev. Seder to prepare him for his ordination exams, especially in the
areas of theology and Hebrew. They continue to work together.

PERSONAL HISTORY
Rev. Seder's history is best presented in his own words (with only slight editing, as
permitted by Mr. Seder).
I was raised in the home of an independent, Reformed, Baptist pastor. He soon realized that I, due to my poor eyesight, would not be able to gain an athletic scholarship as would my brothers. So he placed me on a regimented reading schedule that would intellectually prepare me to be a scholar.


As a teen I was exposed to Dispensationalism and began, out of rebellion against my Calvinist heritage, to follow a semi-Pelagian system after the model of such men as Ryrie and Chaffer. My dad never intervened in this directional change. He believed that I must find the truth of Scripture on my own, and that only then could it be mine by conviction rather than simply a system learned in the head.

After my graduation from a Calvinistic, but Dispensational, Bible college (Calvary Bible College), I entered the pastorate of a small independent Bible church in southeast Kansas. It was there that I began to study the pastoral epistles for a series of messages I was doing on the leadership of the church. I was working in 2 Timothy and realized that the statement there in 2 Tim. 3:16 is that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. What did Paul mean by “all”? He very seldom uses the word πᾶς without giving its extent in the context. This passage is no exception. He speaks in the previous verses of Timothy’s being taught, by his mother and grandmother, the Holy Scriptures, which made him wise unto salvation in Christ. I realized for the first time that it was impossible for this to refer to simply the New Testament, it had to refer to the Old as well. So the Old Testament was profitable. This is not something Dispensationalists readily admit or even recognize as truth. The Old Testament has no relevance to them. They see only the New Testament as worthy of consideration. I, however, had made a significant positional change. One that would cost me a great deal!

As time went by, people of the church began to realize that my attitude toward Scripture had evolved into a doctrinal shift which they detested. I had to go and go quickly. They forced my resignation, and the mission director, under which we were working, attempted to crush me and make me submit to his Arminian beliefs. I would not, so he vowed to destroy me. It was at this point that he accused me of being a “Covenantor.” I told him he was “nuts,” but at the same time began to consider all that being a “Covenantor” entailed. I asked my dad for A. W. Pink’s The Divine Covenants and read it. It proved to me what I had become, though I told no one, not even my wife.

We were then extended a call by St. Lawrence Community Church in South Dakota, which would be God’s providential act of moving us closer to the OPC. My dad had, 2 years before, begun attending Village Seven Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, CO and had become a member there in good standing. He challenged me to read William the Baptist and several other books and articles on baptism by Knox, Warfield, D. James Kennedy, James M. Boice, and others. I did and became presbyterian in my views on the sacraments. I also received a copy of Berkhof’s Systematic Theology for Christmas, as a gift from my wife who was now herself reading Reformed works. I sat down and read Berkhof in about three weeks and was stunned to find that I was not weird after all: just reformed in my theology! At that time I also read several other articles on the internet concerning the regulative principle. This changed my perspective on worship, and instead of traditional, evangelical worship I began following a biblical, reformed worship. This shocked the congregation which was permitting contemporary (rock) praise-band worship.
To their way of thinking, it was as if I was trying to go backward instead of forward, and they were very upset. My preaching style did not change (it improved by a more careful approach) but it was still expositional.

The problems there in St. Lawrence began to develop about the same time I began to have regular contact with the pastors of the OPC around me, (i.e., Terry Thole, Darren Thole, and Ed Eppinger). It was not that they were causing me to have trouble. The Lord had just put me in contact with them when I needed their fellowship and guidance. The church at St. Lawrence grew angrier daily because I refused to stop preaching 1) the Old Testament, and 2) the Gospel of Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ ALONE. They hated the latter because it meant that their Catholic and Methodist family members, who did not believe, would go to hell. So would they, and they did not want to hear this any more! I had to go! NOW.

The “now” came in September 2001, one week and one day after 9/11. We felt like those people in Washington and New York. Our lives had been disrupted and severely altered. I lost my job; we lost our home; we were close to adopting a child through Bethany Christian Services and that was put in jeopardy; we were forced to walk into our Lord’s arms and cry to Him for help. That is exactly what we did. The trust began to grow stronger. His grace was proved sufficient as His people continued to respond to our needs. We walked with Him and He kept providing even though things looked very bleak. He used this time to help us to understand His promise to never leave nor forsake us and that He would supply all our needs. We could testify to His grace because it is true from Scripture and because we know it. We now await His next leading for His glory!

EDUCATION

While Rev. Seder has not completed the equivalent of a three-year theological degree, he has fulfilled that requirement to some degree (pun not intended). Actually, it could be argued that he has fulfilled most of it when you combine his formal education with what he has studied on his own and in conjunction with other OPC ministers. His relevant academic history is as follows:

He received a B.A. from Calvary Bible College in 1997, with an emphasis in Pastoral Studies and Missions. This degree included practical theology, missiology, and history courses, including Pastoral Theology (3 hrs), Pastoral Procedures (2 hrs.), Homiletics (8 hrs), Hermeneutics (2 hrs.), History of Missions (2 hrs.), Cross Cultural Church Planting and Ministry (3 hrs), Systematic Theology (12 hrs.), Bible Survey (8 hrs), Genesis (3 hrs), Romans (3 hrs), Greek (both basic and Grammar/Syntax/Textual Criticism and exegesis of I Corinthians, I John, Mark and parts of Matthew [Sermon on the Mount and chs. 24, 25]) (16 hrs); Contemporary Theology (2 hrs); Introduction to Presuppositional Apologetics (2hrs); Church History 1 (3 hrs); and Church History 11 (3 hrs).

Rev. Seder has had some formal seminary education as well. At Calvary Theological Seminary he took the following: Anthropology, Ecclesiology, and Soteriology (one class –3 hrs); Greek Christology (examining Christological arguments from the Greek New Testament) (2 hrs); Textual Criticism (2 hrs); Greek: Advanced Grammar and Syntax (3 hrs); Introduction to Philosophy (2 hrs); and Biblical Evangelism (3 hrs). At Trinity Theological Seminary he took the following: Pastoral Counseling (emphasis: premarital) (3 hrs); Hebrew 1 (3 hrs); Hebrew 11 (3 hrs).

In addition to his formal education, Rev. Seder has had 5 years of pastoral experience (2 churches). According to his own testimony, his sermons have always been exegetical. He has also prepared numerous bible study lessons for small groups and
youth on I Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, John, the Puritan Catechism (C.H. Spurgeon), and Luke.

In the subject area of Hebrew, he has studied Lambdin's *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew* (with Pastor Christ Accardy) and on his own worked through both volumes of Mansoor's *Biblical Hebrew*.

In the subject area of theology has read a number of reformed books including: J. I. Packer's *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* and *Knowing God*; John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*; Martin Luther's *Bondage of the Will*; Louis Berkhof’s *Systematic Theology* and *Summary of Christian Doctrine*. He has read some of Turretin, Luther, and Melanchton.

In the subject area of church history he has read Berkhof's *History of Christian Doctrine*, Philip Schaff's *History of the Christian Church*, Spinoza's *Church History*.

He was taught presuppositional apologetics at Calvary Bible college. The texts included Pratt, *Every Thought Captive*; Thomas' *A Reason for the Hope*; F. Schaefer's *The God Who is There*; J. Frame's *Apologetics to the Glory of God*, and C. Van Til's *Christian Apologetics*.

He has read Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*; J. Murray's *Redemption: Accomplished and Applied*; he has studied through Murray's commentary, *Romans* (which he says he really enjoyed); Boettner's, *The Millennium*; Hendrikseon's *More than Conquerors*; Hart and Meuther's *Fighting the Good Fight*; Edwin H. Rian's *The Presbyterian Conflict*; David and Joseph Hall's *Paradigms in Polity: Classic Readings on Reformed and Presbyterian Church Government*; D. Martyn Lloyd Jones' *Preachers and Preaching*; and G.I. Williamson's commentaries on the Westminster Confession and Shorter Catechism; and a lot of Spurgeon including, but not limited to, *The Five Points; Shepherding the Flock of God, Lectures to My Students*. He has also read several of Jay Adam’s books. He has read a number of articles, many of which he gets over the internet. These include, but are not limited to, the following: he has read numerous articles on the ethics of Christianity by Gary North, Rousas John Rushdoony, John Frame, and Dr. Machen; articles on the subject of teaching catechism to adults and children; articles by G. Bahnsen on how to argue the Christian faith with other religions. It is our judgment that Mr. Seder is reformed and that he is one who has been and will continue to study the Reformed faith.

The Presbytery of the Dakotas is satisfied (FG XX111.3, para. 3) as to the ministerial qualifications of Rev. Scott Seder. We ask that the General Assembly give such advice as it may offer to this presbytery so that such advice may be weighed in the making of our judgment when we vote on this matter (FG XXIII.3, para. 2) at our October 2002 stated meeting.

In Christ's service,
Edward A. Eppinger,
Stated Clerk

Communication 11

[Not printed, see Journal §53]
Communication 12

From David L. Neilands and Richard M. Lewis May 3, 2002

Fathers and Brothers,

This communication relates to Appeal 1, which we sent to the 68th General Assembly. At its meeting of May 5th, 2000, the Presbytery of Northern California passed a motion in which it adopted the 24-hour view of the creation days as the only view permitted by the Westminster Confession of Faith. The motion was the following: “That if a candidate holds to a view of creation days other than six days of essentially ordinary length, he shall declare his views, take exception to the Westminster standards, and be required to refrain from advocating his view as confessional.” We complained against the adoption of the motion without success, and brought our appeal to the 68th General Assembly. The General Assembly ordered the Presbytery of Northern California to “reformulate or rescind” the action taken, after comparing it with the objections raised in the attachments. Communication No. 7 contains the presbytery's reformulation.

OUR SUBSTITUTE MOTION

When the matter of the General Assembly's order to the presbytery came up at the spring stated meeting, March 15th and 16th, 2002, we reminded the presbytery that there was no reason to deal with the matter at this time. The General Assembly's own report would be available within 16 months. We have been quarreling for some nine years over this matter, so adding another 16 months should not be too difficult. We offered a substitute motion which would have rescinded the actions objected to by the Assembly. The substitute motion was defeated.

PRESBYTERY'S REFORMULATION

Coming to the presbytery's reformulation, we find that it does not meet the objections raised by the 10th Advisory Committee in its grounds. [No grounds were attached to the substitute motion, which finally passed as the main motion, Section 126, pages 27 and 28, Minutes of the 68th GA. The Credentials Committee of presbytery did, however, take into account the objections raised by the 10th Advisory Committee.] The second and third grounds attached by the presbytery to its reformulation especially reveal this fact. The second ground states, “The major concern expressed by GA in its grounds is that the original form of the motions forced ‘a man who does not believe his views are an exception to the Confession to declare his views to be an exception, to the injury of his conscience....’” The third ground adds, “The modified motions eliminate the expressed concern of the 68th GA, since they provide a means by which the presbytery may of its own initiative declare the defective views of a candidate to be out of accord with the standards of our denomination” (Report of the Credentials Committee to the spring stated meeting, March 15,16, 2002, pages 3,4).

The 10th Advisory Committee brings up the conscience of the candidate. He does not believe his views present an exception to the confession, but must declare that they are an exception anyway. Thus, he himself, in violation of his conscience, places a mark against himself in the presbytery's records. Compare the word “defective” in the presbytery's third ground above. Under the reformulation, the presbytery on its own initiative declares the defective views of a candidate to be out of accord with our denomination's standards.
The presbytery’s reformulation makes the matter worse. The candidate may not believe that his views are an exception, but the presbytery writes it down in his file as an exception anyway. He still has a mark against himself in the presbytery’s records, placed there by the presbytery itself. He may not be able to defend himself against this action.

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY IN THE MATTER

The candidate may not think of his views as an exception to the standards of the church. Others will say that his views are an exception. The idea of liberty lies behind the grounds of the 10th Advisory Committee’s recommendation. Office bearers in the OPC have always had liberty in regard to their belief concerning the length of the days of creation.

The presbytery fails to see the liberty which lies behind the grounds of the 10th Advisory Committee’s recommendation. “Specifically, it forces a man who does not believe that his views are an exception to the Confession to declare his views to be an exception, to the injury of his conscience, ‘requiring an implicit faith and an absolute and blind obedience’ (WCF XX.2).” Officer bearers in the OPC have always had liberty with regard to this belief.

By agreeing to the 10th Advisory Committee’s recommendation that Appeal 1 be sustained, the presbytery can return to the same view it has held in the past. All three views have been held in our church. We could point to the view of Dr. J. Gresham Machen. And at the same time we could remember that the late Dr. Edward J. Young said that it is unlikely that we shall ever know the length of the creation days. Professor O. T. Allis inclined toward the 24 hour view but said we cannot be sure. Both Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, and Westminster Seminary in Escondido, have given brief statements to this effect. All three viewpoints adhere to Scripture, but in adopting any one of them, we must make assumptions regarding the creation days, assumptions which leave the view open to criticism. We cannot force any office bearer to bend his conscience to accept a view that does not rest solidly upon the Scripture.

SCRIPTURE EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE DAYS OF CREATION AND THE 24 HOUR VIEW

Looking at the subject of the days of creation in Genesis 1-3, we notice that although the text uses the term “day,” there is a more solemn disclosure of the passage of a day. For example, “And the evening and the morning were the fifth day” (Gen. 1:23). This causes us to wonder right away whether the term “day” is being used in a figurative sense. We have the figurative sense in Genesis 2:4, “In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.” “Day” is here used to comprehend the whole period of time for the creative work. May the figurative use also not apply to the individual days of the creative week?

With respect to the seventh day, God entered into his rest immediately after his creation of all things. “And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.” He blessed and sanctified the seventh day, “Because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” Was this day more than a 24 hour period? We read that he still was at rest at the time of the writing of Psalm 95:11. At that time the Lord swore that certain people who had not known his ways, “should not enter into my rest.”

He continues to be at rest at the time of the new revelation of the Gospel in Hebrews 3 and 4. We who have believed do enter into rest, as the author states in verse 3 of chapter 4. The rest into which we enter is God’s rest, the rest which he entered on finishing the works of creation: “Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.”
The rest is God's rest. That his rest existed is proved also by the words in Genesis 2:2, quoted in Hebrews 4:4, “and God rested the seventh day from all his works.” This very powerfully indicates that the seventh day is much longer than 24 hours.

If we have the figurative use of the word day in Genesis 2:4, and in the seventh day of the creation week, we must ask what effect does this have in our interpretation of the other days of the week?

The question is especially crucial for the sixth day. On this day there occurred the creation of the animals, 1:24,25; the creation of Adam, 1:26 and 2:7; the planting of the garden, 2:8-14; the giving of the probationary command to Adam, 2:16:17; the leading of the animals to Adam and his naming them 2:18 to 20; and the sleep of Adam and the creation of Eve, 2:21 to 23. This is a lot of the events crowded into one day. We must also remember that part of the day consisted of darkness, which makes the crowding even more severe.

We can scarcely wonder, then, why those who hold to the day-age view, assume that the sixth day was more than 24 hours in length.

As we look at the first three days, we must realize that they were very much unlike our days today. Our 24 hour days are effected by the revolution of the earth on its axis and the relationship of the earth to the sun during this time. But the first three days could not have been constituted in this way. Since they are called days, and the distinction between them was marked by the appearance and disappearance of light, those who hold the 24 hour view say that they were 24 hours in length. This is clearly an assumption. The text does not say that they were 24 hours in length. Furthermore, the sun, moon and stars were not formed until the fourth day. Considering what we have already learned about the figurative use of the word day we cannot make this assumption, and ask candidates for the ministry to hold to it.

Other matters could be mentioned, but these are sufficient to show that those who hold to the 24-hour view make assumptions regarding the days of creation and use these in maintaining their view.

It appears that God does not want us to know the length of the creation days. At least, the Scriptures do not point decisively in any one direction. We must lay aside our arguments concerning the length of the creation days and go back to the spiritual blessings of this passage.

David L. Neilands
Richard M. Lewis

Communication 13

From Presbytery of the Midwest

The Presbytery of the Midwest, at its Spring Stated Meeting, adopted the following:

The Presbytery of the Midwest concurs with the overture to the 69th General Assembly from the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic proposing amendments to the Book Of Discipline at VI.C.1 and VI.C.2 in the following respects: We concur with all proposed wording and grounds with the exception of the wording offered in VI.C.3.b.

We propose instead, the following wording for VI.C.3.b:
If increase of censure is imposed prior to the expiration of twelve months from the imposition of indefinite suspension, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes. In any case, if the increase of censure is imposed without further trial, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes.

We find the VI.C.3.b proposed by the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to be confusing and potentially problematic. We regard our proposed wording as addressing the historic difficulties encountered in this section.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney T. King,
Stated Clerk

Communication 14
From Presbytery of Philadelphia May 7, 2002
At its May 4, 2002 the Presbytery of Philadelphia took the following action:

On motion it was determined to recommend to the presbytery that, the presbytery report to the General Assembly that it intends to consider granting the Reverend John Currie an exception to the requirement of having completed "an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree." (FG XXIII.3)

Messrs. O'Leary and Troxel have been designated to present this matter to the General Assembly.

The Rev. Robert P. Harting,
Stated Clerk

Communication 15
From Presbytery of Southeast May 10, 2002

Report to the General Assembly Regarding the Desire of the Presbytery of the Southeast to Grant John W. Belden an Exemption from the Education Requirements for Licensure and Ordination

Submitted by the Chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee

At our April meeting 2002 the Presbytery of the Southeast voted unanimously to communicate to the General Assembly its desire to grant John Belden an educational exemption for ordination, should he receive a call within our bounds. The presbytery desires to grant this exception due to "the manifest qualifications of the candidate for the holy office of the gospel ministry" (FG XXI.6).
John has a summer and one semester to finish a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (GPTS) in Taylors, SC. The seminary offers a Bachelor of Divinity to older and gifted men who do not have a Bachelor of Arts degree. The requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity degree at GPTS are the same as those for the Master of Divinity. The seminary does not have one academic level for one degree and a higher one for the other. The first year of the four-year divinity program is propaedeutic and is for those who already have a Bachelor of Arts degree or have applied for the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The foundational courses of the propaedeutic year are designed to remedy educational deficiencies that would hinder a student's progress in his theological studies. A man is admitted to the Bachelor of Divinity program who is over thirty years old, or slightly younger with a family, and whose home church highly recommends him for the gospel ministry. John is 35 and his home church, Cornerstone United Reformed Church in Hudsonville, MI, highly recommended him before he enrolled at GPTS. John served as an intern under Lacy Andrews while he was the pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Chilhowie, VA. Lacy sent the following letter of commendation to our presbytery just prior to our October meeting in 2001:

Fathers and Brothers,

It is with great zeal that I write this testimonial on behalf of John Belden. John served an internship under my mentorship during the summer of 2000 and it was a great honor to work with him. John has a burden for lost souls and is untiring in his investment in the lives of unbelievers to bring the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to them. This is a ministry I believe to be essential to the call to the ministry of the Gospel.

John has demonstrated that he is a student of God's Word. He has grown immensely in the few years he has been a Christian. His studies led him quite independently to a thoroughgoing Reformed faith. He has excelled in his academic studies.

I have been able to hear John exhort the congregation on many occasions. Several times I have been present when he has ministered from God's Word and have reviewed other sermons on tape. He demonstrates a mastery of the text and is gifted in making application to his hearers. He excels particularly in making profound truths clear in his sermons. I have seen the fruit of changed lives and spiritual growth in some who have sat under his teaching.

It is with great enthusiasm and high hope that I recommend John for licensure to preach the Gospel in our presbytery and in the OPC.

Yours in Christ,

Lacy Andrews
Pastor: Providence Presbyterian Church, Chilhowie, VA.

When the Candidates and Credentials Committee examined John's academic record prior to the October meeting of presbytery in 2000, it determined that he had the equivalent number of credit hours for a Bachelor of Arts degree. I had sent to each member of the committee copies of John's college transcripts from the two other schools he had attended before enrolling at GPTS (his transcripts are below). I also sent them the number of credit hours he had completed at GPTS. The committee, composed of five teaching elders, understood the phrase "or its academic equivalent" (FG XXI.3) to refer to equivalent education, not to an equivalent degree, and it determined that John had met the academic
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requirements for licensure. Therefore, I did not report John's lack of a bachelor degree to the presbytery. John did well on all his committee examinations. The presbytery unanimously sustained the sermon he preached before us and unanimously sustained his theology examination on the floor. We then proceeded to license him. While examining a man to come under care, the presbytery learned that the man did not have a Bachelor of Arts degree. The presbytery, after considerable discussion, determined that the phrase, "or its academic equivalent," should be understood to refer to an equivalent degree. This action resulted in the presbytery reconsidering its action in licensing John. The presbytery determined that John's licensure should stand because of his manifest qualifications and because he was about to be called as the intern of Providence OPC in Chilhowie, VA to labor in Providence's mission work, Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church in Neon, KY. This explains why we licensed John without an educational exemption.

John has a superb academic record. He took two 3-hour courses at Grand Rapids Community College and received an A in each. His grade point average at Columbia International University, Columbia, SC was 3.969 after completing 31 credit hours. His current grade point average at GPTS is 3.76.

John intends to complete his course work at GPTS by this coming December. After he finishes his course work, he will have satisfied the requirement that a candidate for ordination complete "an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree (FG XIII.3). He expects to receive a call from our presbytery to be the evangelist for our mission work in Neon, KY shortly after he receives his degree.

Our presbytery awaits any advice you may offer so that we may weigh it (FG XXI.6). I will be attending General Assembly this year and will be available if any additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Presbytery of the Southeast,

Dr. Sidney D. Dyer,
Chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee,
Presbytery of the Southeast

Communication 16

From Presbytery of Southeast

May 10, 2002

Report to the General Assembly Regarding the Desire of the Presbytery of the Southeast to Grant Douglas L. Watson an Exemption from the Education Requirements for Licensure and Ordination

Submitted by the Chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee

At our April meeting 2002, the Presbytery of the Southeast voted unanimously to communicate to the General Assembly its desire to grant Doug Watson an educational exemption for licensure and also for ordination, should he receive a call within our bounds. The presbytery desires to grant this exemption due to "the manifest qualifications of the candidate for the holy office of the gospel ministry" (FG XXI.6).
Doug is about to finish a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (GPTS) in Taylors, SC. The seminary offers a Bachelor of Divinity to older and gifted men who do not have a Bachelor of Arts degree. The requirements for Bachelor of Divinity degree at GPTS are the same as those for the Master of Divinity. The seminary does not have one academic level for one degree and a higher one for the other. The first year of the four-year divinity program is propaedeutic and is for those who already have a Bachelor of Arts degree or have applied for the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The foundational courses of the propaedeutic year are designed to remedy educational deficiencies that would hinder a student’s progress in his theological studies. A man is admitted to the Bachelor of Divinity program who is over thirty years old, or slightly younger with a family, and whose home church highly recommends him for the gospel ministry. Doug is 44 and his home church in Mesa, AZ highly recommended him before he enrolled at GPTS. The most outstanding letter of commendation comes from the OPC church where he and his wife are currently members. It was sent to the presbytery just before our April meeting. The letter reads:

Dear fathers and brothers,

Last summer, Doug and Sue Watson moved to Greenville, SC for the purpose of completing his final year of seminary. Upon arrival, they joined Agape Presbyterian Church (now First OPC of Greenville). Doug has preached on a number of occasions. Generally, the sermons have exhibited sound exegesis, logical formulation along with many practical applications. The congregations received the exhortations and responded favorably. The Watsons have proven themselves to be kind, energetic, hospitable and evangelistic. From the very first, Doug has involved himself tirelessly and sacrificially for the building up of the flock. He has facilitated a Bible study in the home of one of our members in a nearby town. His wife has engaged a number of women in the church in a study of Biblical womanhood (The Excellent Wife by Martha Peace). Their efforts have met with a measure of success. Doug has sought input and oversight from the session. Where we have identified areas for growth, he has submitted himself willingly and exhibited genuine effort. We have seen fruitfulness in these efforts. He is a man determined to be holy and to be devoted to his calling!

God redeemed Mr. Watson later in life. Prior to his conversion, Doug owned and operated his own business. Though an unbeliever, he acquired much of the education and skills otherwise obtained through formal education. Since conversion, he has read and studied voraciously, redeeming the years the locusts have eaten. He is articulate, well-read and possesses skill in the written word. He, at least, matches his peers in intellectual ability and practical experience.

In conclusion, we would recommend Doug Watson for licensure in this presbytery.

In Christ,
J. Andrew Wortman,
Clerk of session, First OPC of Greenville

Doug has an excellent academic record. His current grade point average at GPTS is 3.73. The faculty of GPTS nominated him for Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. His name will appear in the next directory of that organization.
Prior to enrolling at GPTS, Doug completed 69.5 semester hours of undergraduate work. He attended Northern Arizona University from 1973-74 where he completed 28.5 semester hours. His grade point average was 1.9. He completed this work before his conversion. From 1977-78, he attended Scottsdale Community College where he completed 24 semester hours with a grade point average of 4.0. He took one course at Phoenix College in 1978 and received an A. He took two courses at Glendale Community College in 1979 and received an A in each. In 1981-82, he took three courses and received an A in each.

Doug did well in all of his committee examinations. The presbytery unanimously sustained the sermon he preached before us and unanimously sustained his theology examination on the floor.

The desire of the presbytery is to grant the educational waiver suitable for both licensure and ordination. Doug expects to complete his course work this summer. After he finishes his course work, he will have satisfied the requirement that a candidate for ordination complete "an adequate course of study in a theological seminary equivalent to that required for a regular three-year theological degree" (FG XIII.3).

We await any advice the General Assembly may offer so that we may weigh it (FG XXI.6). I will be at General Assembly this year and will be available if any further information is needed. I will be bringing copies of Doug's transcripts.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Presbytery of the Southeast,

Dr. Sidney D. Dyer,
Chairman of the Candidates and
Credentials Committee,
Presbytery of the Southeast

Communication 17

From Presbytery of New Jersey

The Presbytery of New Jersey of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, at its stated meeting on April 23, 2002, determined to "request the 69th General Assembly to request Great Commission Publications, for the sake of greater unity, to replace the New International Version with the New King James Version in all its educational materials as they undergo revision."

In accordance with another action of the presbytery, substantially the identical request is being sent to Great Commission Publications and to the Committee on Christian Education of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Yours in Christ’s service,

Richard A. Barker,
Stated Clerk

Communication 18

From Inter-Church Relations Committee of the
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2002
I am delighted as Chairman of the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to extend to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church fraternal greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The ARP emphasis for the upcoming year is “Energizing the Laity” with the theme verse being Isaiah 40:31. May those in both our denominations “renew their strength.”

We appreciate your gracious offer for us to send a fraternal delegate. However, we are declining because we have instituted for ourselves an every-other-year policy of attending synods. As you are aware, we sent a delegate last year to you.

We are praying that the Lord will be with you and guide you in your upcoming General Assembly. Please pray for us as we have our 198th General Synod from June 10-12, 2002.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Cara, Chairman,
Inter-Church Relations Committee

Communication 19

From the Presbytery of the Dakotas May 8, 2002

Dear Rev. Duff:

At the April 2002 stated meeting, the following action was taken and is hereby being communicated to you.

Mr. Wallace reported on correspondence between the Salt Lake City session and the session of Christ’s Church in Moscow, ID along with Rev. Douglas Wilson. On motion, presbytery directed its clerk to send copies of the correspondence read by Mr. Wallace to all OPC presbyteries with the warning that the attached correspondence illustrates some grave dangers with the practices of Douglas Wilson and Christ’s Church, Moscow, ID. They undermine the discipline of reformed churches and refuse to support it, assuming that it is unbiblical without even hearing the case. On motion, presbytery will also send the material to the 69th General Assembly and request that it be forwarded to those denominations in ecclesiastical fellowship.

A copy of this letter and the enclosed correspondence is also being sent to Rev. Douglas Wilson as a courtesy.

Edward A. Eppinger,
Stated Clerk

Enclosures

August 21, 2001
Session of Christ Church
P.O. Box 8741
Moscow, ID 83843

Dear Brothers:

We are deeply troubled by the actions of your pastor, Doug Wilson, in attempting to subvert the discipline of our church. Mr. Wilson has advised a
member of our congregation, Tony Maneri, not to answer charges of violation of the ninth commandment.

Mr. Maneri is accused of publicly and repeatedly accusing another elder of false witness, being morally unfit for office, and being a divisive man according to Titus 3:10. Mr. Maneri has refused to bring these charges to the proper court, but instead has spread them publicly. Mr. Maneri was approached under Matthew 5 by this elder, seeking reconciliation, but refused to be reconciled. The elder then charged Mr. Maneri in front of witnesses with violation of the ninth commandment. Mr. Maneri then submitted a resignation from his office of elder and from the church. The Book of Church Order that Mr. Maneri vowed to receive upon his ordination is clear that resignation does not stop a disciplinary process.

In the attached letter, Mr. Wilson expresses a desire for good relations between the CRE and the OPC, but how can this exist when there is clearly expressed disrespect for us and for our courts? Mr. Wilson has never bothered to meet us, speak with us, or even correspond with us before the attached e-mail, but he is certain he can judge our motives. He is certain that he has received from Mr. Maneri all the relevant facts of the case, and he is certain that Mr. Maneri is incapable of apostasy.

Your session’s letter to Illiana Presbytery of the PCA in the Burke Shade case states, “Our own desire from the outset has been to approach these matters in good fellowship with you, and we have genuinely sought to uphold your discipline so far as the scriptures will permit us.” Here is a case that has not even been adjudicated by us, but Mr. Wilson has adjudicated it and said we should “not expect general respect from outsiders.” The charges Mr. Maneri has made are either true or false. If they are true, he is obligated to bring them formally. If they are false, he has to retract them or be disciplined.

The reputation of Christ’s church has been seriously damaged by Mr. Maneri’s accusations. If you consider us brothers, we believe you must instruct Mr. Wilson to retract his counsel, or else you must make clear to us that you do not believe us to be brothers.

Sincerely,
Lou Labriola, Clerk of Session

From: Mike Lawyer [mike-l@moscow.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001 9:50 AM
To: ‘TManeri266@aol.com’
Subject: RE: Quick question

Tony,

1. I talked with Doug about your letter and situation and here’s what he suggested.

1. You need to find out if your going to the trial would indicate on your part an agreement that you are under the OPC’s jurisdiction.
2. If your going to trial is an admission of your submission to the OPC jurisdiction, don’t go.
3. If you can go without saying anything about their right to control you, then go and win the day.
4. You might want to check with your current church about what they think about the whole issue.

I hope this helps. Let us know if you have any more questions.

Mike Lawyer
Assistant to Doug Wilson

Subj: Letter to Tony Maneri
Date: 8/14/2001 12:22:19 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: Jasonopc
To: dougwils@moscow.com

Mr. Wilson:

I have been given a copy of a letter from your assistant, Mike Lawyer, to Tony Maneri. The letter states that you advised Mr. Maneri not to submit to the discipline of our church. Mr. Maneri has not appeared thus far at his trial, but the letter was provided by Mr. Maneri’s counsel.

Has there been some misunderstanding? If not, on what basis do you advise him to ignore the discipline of our church? Mr. Maneri was confronted with the charges of slander before he submitted a resignation. When he became a member, Mr. Maneri vowed to submit to the government of Christ Presbyterian Church. When he became an elder, he answered in the affirmative the following question, “Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?” The Book of Church Order then and now states, “When a member of a particular church, whether or not he be charged with an offense, informs the session that he does not desire to remain in the fellowship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and the efforts of the session to dissuade him from his course have failed, it shall erase his name from the roll and record the circumstances in its minutes, unless the session institutes or continues other disciplinary action against him.” (BD II.B.3.d.2)

Mr. Maneri is charged with publicly and repeatedly accusing me of being guilty of false witness, being morally unfit for office, being a divisive man, according to Titus 3:10. I have approached him according to Matthew 5, but he has refused to be reconciled. He refuses to submit his charges to presbytery, but is acting as judge, jury, and executioner by spreading these reports. Our purposes in this discipline are to vindicate the honor of Christ, to promote the purity of his church, and to reclaim the offender.

If you are not advising Mr. Maneri to ignore our discipline, then based on what his counsel has told us, you need to clarify that to him and to us. It is our hope that you will encourage him to either retract his accusations or submit them to the presbytery as he vowed. The last meeting of his trial is now scheduled for August 22nd. If you are advising him to ignore our discipline, we request an explanation. An answer to these questions is vital to the relationship between the OPC and the CRE.
Appendix

Jason Wallace, Pastor
Christ Presbyterian Church
Salt Lake City, UT

From: Douglas Wilson [dougwils@moscow.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2001 11:20 AM
To: mike-l@moscow.com

Dear Pastor Wallace,

I am sorry for the delay in responding to you. We had to do some checking on how the letter from my assistant wound up in your hands. We are not ashamed of the counsel we gave him in that letter, but, as I am sure you know, in such situations context is everything. Please accept our assurances that we honestly desire good relations between the OPC and the CRE, and our apologies for any distress our contextless advice may have given to you. I also appreciate the fact that you wrote to me directly with regard to your question.

It would not have been our choice to have to speak directly to this issue because we have no desire to be provocative in any way. But in my experience, there is a litigious tendency among some Reformed folk to adjudicate every dog fight all the way up to General Assembly. I have seen this in a number of instances, and from what we know of this situation, it appears to be more of the same. When this happens, conscientious Christians can wind up on the opposite sides of a church trial, and in our view this tendency is the real culprit in bringing the process of true church discipline under contempt.

We have known Tony for many years, and we know his integrity and his desire to live honestly before God. He, like the rest of us, is a sinner, but any process that could conceivably wind up with a man like him being excommunicated is a process that cannot really expect general respect from outsiders.

Christ Presbyterian Church
136 East South Temple, Suite 1630
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Lou Labriola, Clerk of Session,

Greetings from Christ Church, Moscow (CRE). Thank you for your letter of August 21, 2001 to our session regarding Doug Wilson’s letters to Tony Maneri and Jason Wallace. We apologize for taking so long to reply, but other business has kept us from answering sooner.

In that letter you say, “We are deeply troubled by the actions of your pastor, Doug Wilson, in attempting to subvert the discipline of our church. Mr. Wilson has advised a member of our congregation, Tony Maneri, not to answer charges of violation of the ninth commandment.” You go on to say that a subsequent e-mail from Mr. Wilson “clearly expressed disrespect for us and for our courts. Mr. Wilson had never bothered to meet us, speak with us, or even correspond with us before the attached e-mail, but he is certain he can judge our motives.
He is certain that he has received from Mr. Maneri all the relevant facts of the case, and he is certain that Mr. Maneri is incapable of apostasy." After examining the two letters from Mr. Wilson to Mr. Maneri and Mr. Wallace, we draw the following conclusions:

1. In the first e-mail to Tony Maneri of July 19, 2001, we don't find the content of that note to match with the complaints you list above. Namely, you claim that Mr. Wilson advised Mr. Maneri "not to answer charges." But in fact, Mr. Wilson's note (actually Mr. Lawyer's note in consultation with Mr. Wilson) uses a series of conditional (i.e., if-then) sentences which he doesn't fill in. But it contains no directive of the sort you describe. Moreover, the conditionals he sets forth are not such that you yourselves should find disagreeable. The main point of these conditionals is the claim that if one is not a member of the OPC, then one isn't subject to OPC Jurisdiction. Surely, your session does not disagree and claim that nonmembers are indeed subject to OPC Jurisdiction.

2. In the second e-mail (August 17, 2001), the response to Mr. Wallace's inquiry of August 14, 2001, you find "clearly expressed disrespect for us and our courts" and that your motives have been judged. In contrast, we don't find him making specific judgments against specific persons or courts on your end but instead voicing strong, well-grounded skepticism about general Reformed patterns of litigiousness, along with long-standing confidence in the character of Mr. Maneri. Mr. Wilson explicitly stated that he was making claims about patterns and appearances as an "outsider." And general expressions of skepticism and confidence in Mr. Maneri to a particular pastor, such as Mr. Wallace, provide no grounds for rebuke. If your session is genuinely interested in dissuading Mr. Wilson of his skepticism in your particular case, we recommend that you send us the trial documents which show that you have risen above contemporary Reformed norm. We would be glad to read them and return our comments back to you.

For the elders of Christ Church,
Doug Jones

Communications 20, 21 and 22

[Not printed, see Journal §53]

Communication 23

From the Free Church of Scotland

June 11, 2002

I am pleased to convey to your General Assembly the fraternal greetings of the Free Church of Scotland. It is our prayer that your Assembly will be blessed of the Lord and that in all your deliberations you may be guided by the Holy Spirit. May your time in Assembly be one of rich fellowship and a further strengthening for the task of communicating the grace of Christ in the gospel in the days ahead. Please be assured that we continue to value greatly our fellowship with you in brotherly love.

With brotherly love in the Lord,
James Maciver, Principal Clerk
APPEALS

Appeal 1

The General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
c/o The Rev. Donald Duff, Stated Clerk

Fathers and Brethren,

And now this fourteenth day of April, 2002, comes John W. Garrisi and appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Southern California to deny the enclosed complaint in order to bring the complaint to the 69th General Assembly for adjudication.

Please note: I include the original complaint with this letter. That complaint originally had three attachments, all of which are included. Further, since the original action I complained against took place, relevant actions have taken place. I include copies of material about those actions.

The basic point of my complaint is that after the presbytery tried the Rev. George Miladin, found him guilty and his appeal to the General Assembly was denied, he asked presbytery if his views on the Holy Spirit's gifts would be tolerated. Presbytery responded by informing him that he did not need to be concerned about that since he has changed his views to be more in line with presbytery's. My complaint argues that Mr. Miladin nowhere states that his views have changed. In fact, he and his session state the opposite.

Further, in subsequent actions presbytery has re-stated its opinion that Mr. Miladin has, for all practical purposes, changed his position. During presbytery's discussion of that motion I asked Mr. Miladin if he believed that the gift of tongues may or still continues today. My question was ruled out of order by the moderator. (It seems to me that since this was the very point of the discussion that such a question was in order. However, I was not allowed to ask it.)

I request that the General Assembly hear my appeal.

Sincerely yours,
John W. Garrisi

A COMPLAINT

To the Rev. Donald Buchanan, Clerk of the Presbytery of Southern California of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

And now this sixth day of February, 2001, comes John W. Garrisi and complains against the action of the Presbytery of Southern California in which it told the Rev. George Miladin, after having been found guilty of teaching false doctrine, that his concern that his views be tolerated by the presbytery is unnecessary since it appears that his views are no longer in substantial disagreement with those of the presbytery and the General Assembly.

In bringing this complaint I affirm that I believe that the presbytery has erred and that this error is serious; that I have tried to understand the presbytery'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. I do not affirm that I have made a serious effort to correct the error short of entering a complaint because I know of no other way to correct such an error other than a complaint.

In support of this complaint I set forth the following grounds:

(1) The history of the incident can be summarized thus:

a. Mr. Miladin was tried and found guilty of teaching that the Holy Spirit gifts of prophecy and tongues may and probably do continue in the church today.

b. Mr. Miladin appealed the verdict to the General Assembly, which denied all five of the specifications of his appeal and therefore denied the appeal.

c. The presbytery, in its censure of admonition, encouraged Mr. Miladin to repent of his teaching.

d. Mr. Miladin responded that he is unable to do so.

e. Mr. Miladin asked the presbytery if his response was adequate and if his, "zeal for the Holy Spirit, his gifts and empowerments [is] tolerable."

f. The presbytery responded by stating that since Mr. Miladin's views have come into closer accord with those of presbytery and the General Assembly, the issue of toleration was basically moot. It adopted the following statement: "Mr. Miladin's concern that his views will be tolerated is unnecessary, since it appears that his views are no longer in substantial disagreement with those of the Presbytery and General Assembly of the OPC."

g. However, Mr. Miladin nowhere states that his views have changed. Instead, he claims that his views have not changed. He does state that he desires to make his statements clearer.

h. Mr. Miladin's session states that presbytery has stated that, "the teachings of Mr. Miladin are now considered acceptable...when those teachings have only been clarified and definitionally modified, [but] never substantially changed."

(2) Therefore, even though presbytery stated that Mr. Miladin's concern about toleration is unnecessary and did not state that he did not need to repent, its action can result in the conclusion that Mr. Miladin, having been found guilty, does not need to repent. Given the definition of a judicial offense ("anything in the doctrine...of a member that is contrary to the Word of God") and that one of the purposes of judicial discipline is to reclaim the offender, such a conclusion is surely contradictory on its very surface.

(3) Further, if one continues to hold to doctrines over which he was tried and found guilty, how can such doctrines be tolerable. BD III.7.b, para. 2, "An offense which is serious enough to warrant a trial is... (3) an offense in the area of doctrine for the ordained officer which would constitute a violation of the system of doctrine contained in the Holy Scriptures as that system of doctrine is set forth in our Confession of Faith and Catechisms." Hence, we can only conclude that Mr. Miladin's doctrines violated the system of doctrine of the Westminster standards. If the doctrines were serious enough to warrant a trial they can not be tolerated.
Requested amends: That presbytery inform Mr. Miladin, that his views are not tolerable and again encourage him to repent.

John W. Garrisi,  
Complainant

Attachments [not printed here]:
Response of the Rev. George Miladin
Communication from the New Life OPC Session
E-mail from the Rev. Roger Wagner, Chairman of presbytery's judicial committee

Appeal 2

[Found to be out of order, see Journal §124]
REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

This is the tenth year in which the present Clerk has been in the office and the seventh year in which he has been in the office building on Easton Road. Things have been very busy at 607 N. Easton Road in Willow Grove this past year.

I GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCKET

A. Appeals
The Clerk has received two appeals. They have been distributed to the Committee on Appeals and Complaints. The Clerk would remind the Assembly that the 68th General Assembly dealt with an appeal of a complaint and took the following action:

That Complaint 1 be remanded to the Presbytery of Northern California with the directive that the motion against which complaint is made be reformulated or rescinded after consideration of objections raised in the grounds attached, and report to the 69th General Assembly, which retains jurisdiction in the matter of the complaint brought to the 68th General Assembly as Appeal 1 (see §126, p. 27 of Minutes of the 68th General Assembly).

The Presbytery of Northern California has taken an action as found in Communication 7. See also Communication 12.

B. Time Schedule
The time schedule in the proposed docket is much like that followed in 2001. Assuming 3 hours of business on Thursday and not counting time assigned to devotions, and recesses (3 hours), there are 41 and 1/2 hours of time for assembly business in the proposed docket.

C. Docket
Please note that the proposed docket has the report of the Special Committee on the Work of Foreign Missions following the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

II AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THIS ASSEMBLY

A. Book of Church Order (BCO)
There are no proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order to be considered.

B. Standing Rules (SR)
There are no proposed amendments to the Standing Rules to be considered.

C. Instruments
There are no proposed amendments to the Instruments to be considered.

NOTE: The 68th General Assembly adopted amendments to the Instruments. One amendment was not included in the report of the Stated Clerk as found on page 70 of the Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth General Assembly. (Cf., Minutes of the Sixty-Seventh General Assembly §218, page 50) It is as follows:
Appendix

Instruments C.19  Add a sentence at the end of the present C.19 to read as follows: “Standing committee minutes shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Assembly no later than the start of the assembly’s recess for advisory committee meetings.”

III WORK OF THE STATED CLERK

A. Overview

The Clerk has endeavored to keep up with the correspondence this past year. Letters were written soon after the General Assembly in connection with the work and actions of the Assembly. The editing and publication of the Minutes and the Directory along with the preparation of the Agenda require a great deal of time. It has been particularly hard to gather the materials for the Agenda this year with very few committees getting their reports to the Clerk by the due dates as stipulated in the Standing Rules.

The Clerk receives requests from all over the country and the world 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. It has helped to have many of these reports on the website, but there are still reports that must be looked up and copied for those who ask for them.

Something reported on six years ago has been the advent of an OPC web page (http://www.opc.org). There is more reported on this matter in the report of the Committee on Christian Education. The 63rd General Assembly adopted the following:

That the General Assembly request the Stated Clerk to include annually in his report to the GA a brief evaluation of his involvement in the OPC web page, in such terms as the amount of his time that is spent providing and/or processing materials for the web, the time spent in responding to inquiries precipitated by the web, and other factors he may consider relevant.

The Clerk has not spent a lot of time during the year with regard to the web page. The Rev. Stephen A. Pribble has taken on the task of webmaster and is doing an excellent job. The Clerk has spent some time supplying papers for the web and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Directory, but over all this is minimal. The Clerk does do a lot of his work using e-mail. Every day questions are asked of the Clerk through e-mail, or he in turn uses e-mail to ask others questions. Several reports for the General Assembly have been received by e-mail and a lot of the notification concerning commissioners and data for the assembly has been received through this means.

One thing that the Clerk has done from time to time is send out notices by e-mail of what seems to him to be significant matters of interest or concern to people in the church. The Website Sub-Committee of the Committee on Christian Education has asked the Clerk to use his judgment concerning what is to be sent out. This task is not in the job description of the Stated Clerk, and there are no particular guidelines to be followed. The Clerk tries to be careful not to send a lot of things and to be very careful that what is sent is significant. It must be kept in mind that the Clerk only hears of many events in a round about way and if someone thinks a matter should have gone out it may well be that the Clerk was unaware of it.
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.

The Clerk is very appreciative of the many busy men (pastors, stated clerks of sessions or presbyteries, general secretaries, writers of reports, the Historian and Statistician) who give of their time and effort to make the Clerk's job possible. The Clerk also must acknowledge the helpful support of the staff in the office in Willow Grove. There has also been volunteer help from members of local churches in mailing out the directories.

The Clerk is responsible ultimately to the General Assembly for his work, but he recognizes that the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church 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 of the General Assembly. He has attended the meetings of the Trustees to report in person. The Clerk will make his report to the Trustees available to the Advisory Committee, which considers this report. One of the things that was discussed with the Trustees and was new in the budget for the GAOF for 2002 is increased funding for secretarial work for the Stated Clerk. Mrs. Linda P. Foh was a great help to the Clerk in checking over the 2002 OPC Directory.

B. Publications

1. Minutes
   a. The Minutes of the 68th General Assembly were 392 pages compared to 368 pages for the Minutes of the previous year. The Minutes were delivered on November 15, 2001.
   b. Cost: The printing of 750 copies of the Minutes was $7,139.00. One needs to realize that there is a good deal more expense in editing, copying, and postage. The 62nd General Assembly set the policy that the Stated Clerk has been following for the distribution of the Minutes namely, that the Minutes are sent to all ministers and sessions of the church with a request to contribute $15 per copy to cover the cost of printing. The Minutes were sent out as directed. Many did send in a contribution of $15, which has been a big help. Contributions and sale of the Minutes amounted to $3,775 in 2001. The Minutes are mailed to churches with which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church has ecclesiastical relations and are sold to some 20 libraries, which have requested them.
   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 2002 OPC Directory was printed in a 6-inch by 9-inch booklet form with double columns. It was sent in final form to the printer on January 15, 2002, and 9000 copies were received on February 22, 2002. They were distributed to the churches. The cost of printing them was $4,495.
   b. PLEASE NOTE: It is imperative that when there are changes to be made to the Directory that those changes be sent to the Stated Clerk. The Clerk collects changes throughout the year and often gets them only because he has heard of a possible change by word of mouth.

3. Book of Church Order (BCO)
   A new edition of the Book of Church Order was prepared with all the amendments that took place in accordance with FG XXXII.2 on January 1, 2000. The book
was published in hardback and includes an index. 3000 copies were printed and received on March 9, 2000. The Committee on Christian Education has taken on the task of publishing the book, which is a great help to the Clerk's office. The BCO can be ordered through the Committee on Christian Education or through Great Commission Publications for $10.00. Do note that the BCO can also be found on the OPC web page (see above).

4. Certificates for licensure and ordination are 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 August 14, 2001 concerning the actions of the General Assembly, including the requests for funds from various causes including 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. The churches supported the fund very well. (See the Report of the Trustees.)

2. The Clerk prepared vouchers in 2001 for expenses charged to the General Assembly Operation Fund. Since the early part of the year 2000 the system of paying expenses has changed. With a new computer, which is hooked into the accounting system on the inter-office network, expenses can be posted right into the accounting system rather than to have to make out vouchers for someone else to enter and post. The actual invoices are still attached to copies of the checks and filed by Janet Giandomenico.

3. 2003 GAOF Budget: Under the provisions of the Standing Rules the Clerk has met with the Trustees of the General Assembly and has prepared with them a proposed budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for 2003. This proposed budget is to be found in the report of the Trustees.

4. Expenses for the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2001 were $8,388.71 less than had been budgeted for 2001. Receipts in 2001 exceeded expenses by $27,930.83. (Please note: For 2001 the General Assembly asked for $16 per communicant member. In 2002 the General Assembly is asking for $14 per communicant member.)

D. The Standing Rules of the General Assembly

The Standing Rules X.4.a.(1) state the following:

a. Temporary Committees shall include the following:

   (1) To Examine Presbyterial Records, composed of as many members as there are presbyteries at the time the committee is appointed. The committee shall conduct an examination of presbyterial records in accordance with the Assembly's Rules for Examining Presbyterial Minutes. Presbyterial minutes shall be kept according to the Assembly's Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes.

I have always assumed this meant that I should propose to the General Assembly a Temporary Committee to Examine Presbyterial Records, which included one man from each of the presbyteries of the church. As the number of presbyteries has increased (it is now 16) this rule has meant that this committee has grown in size, and fewer men are available for other temporary committee assignments. It has also meant that for smaller
presbyteries, which are only allotted three or four commissioners, one of the commissioners ends up on this committee. Under the recommendations I am proposing a change to this rule for the advisory committee to consider and perhaps recommend to the General Assembly for adoption.

IV RECOMMENDATION

1. That *Standing Rules X.4.a.(1)* be changed as follows:

   "a. Temporary Committees shall include the following:  
   "(1) To Examine Presbyterial Records, composed of as many twelve members with each member from a different presbytery. as there are presbyteries at the time the committee is appointed. The committee shall conduct an examination of presbyterial records in accordance with the Assembly’s *Rules for Examining Presbyterial Minutes*. Presbyterial minutes shall be kept according to the Assembly’s *Rules for Keeping Presbyterial Minutes.*"

   Respectfully submitted,
   Donald J. Duff

ADDENDUM FOR THE REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

[Not printed, see Journal §53]
THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SYNOPSIS

I MEETING

II INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
A. EIN Number
B. Things to remember in regard to tax exempt status:
   1. Tax exempt status of the OPC and member churches under EIN
   2. Tax exempt status and EIN have no relationship to state tax exempt status
   3. Congregations must not use the OPC’s EIN for payroll purposes

III EIN/TIN NUMBERS FOR CONGREGATIONS

IV INSURANCE

V ATTORNEY

VI STATED CLERK—EVALUATION AND NOMINATION

VII REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 69TH GA

VIII ELECTIONS

IX RECOMMENDATIONS
   1. Clerks salary
   2. Proposed 2003 Budget

X ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR 2003

I MEETING

The Trustees of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church met for the regular annual meeting on March 5, 2002. The elected officers of the Trustees are: Martin L. Dawson, Sr., President; Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr., Vice-president; Samuel H. Bacon, Secretary; Howard A. Porter, Treasurer.

II INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

A. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is 23-7001990. This number is to be used only by the Trustees for matters related to the denomination and the tax-exempt status of the corporation.

B. It should be remembered that:
   1. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and its member churches are certified by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from filing Federal income tax returns under sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was assigned IRS Identification Number 23-7001990 for this purpose. 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 to any member church in obtaining permission to mail through the U. S. Postal Service at special third-class rates. A certificate of a church’s membership in the denomination and/or a copy of the IRS certification letter may be obtained from the Secretary of the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
2. The tax-exempt status detailed above has no relationship with exemption from state sales taxes. Each state that has a sales tax has its own rules for making tax-exempt purchases for the church's use. For these details, write to the Department of Revenue of the state.

3. Under no circumstances may any congregation or agency of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church use the reference number stated in Sections “A” and “B-1” above as its Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Tax Identification Number (TIN) in its dealings with the Internal Revenue Service with regard to payrolls, social security taxes, withheld Federal income taxes, etc. This reference number is exclusively for the Trustees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church 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 EIN/TIN NUMBERS FOR CONGREGATIONS

To receive an EIN for a congregation, call 1-800-TAX-FORMS (829-3676) and request Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number. After sending the executed form, the IRS will send the congregation a postcard with the EIN on it. There are additional instructions with Form SS-4 that explain how you can get a number assigned over the phone if the number is needed quickly. The Trustees urge each congregation and mission work of the denomination to apply for an EIN.

IV INSURANCE

After a civil lawsuit was filed in 2000 against several ministers, a presbytery, and the Trustees, the Trustees became aware of the need for insurance coverage for protection should such a situation arise again. The Trustees have approved the purchase of coverage for directors and officers of the OPC and error and omissions coverage that would include the general secretaries and committees of the OPC up to a cost of $5000 for 2002. No insurance has been purchased at this time. It is still under consideration by the Trustees.

V ATTORNEY

The Trustees have enlisted the services of an attorney to provide preliminary legal advice to congregations and presbyteries in the event of a civil lawsuit. The attorney could only represent congregations or presbyteries in the three states in which he holds a license (NJ, PA & DE). However, he would be available as a consultant on the Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to attorneys in other states. The attorney has made himself available without the requirement of a retainer at a special rate of $125 per hour. The Trustees are negotiating the exact nature of the billing process.

VI STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, 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 deemed to be “superior.”

VII TRUSTEES’ REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 68TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The president of the Trustees, Mr. Dawson was delegated to present the Trustees’ Report to the 69th General Assembly, with Mr. Stahl and Mr. Barker as alternates.

VIII ELECTIONS

The present Trustees are:
Class of 2004: Martin L. Dawson, Sr. and Howard A Porter
Class of 2003: Samuel H. Bacon and Richard A. Barker
Class of 2002: Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr. and Bruce A. Stahl

The terms of the following trustees expire at this assembly: Class of 2002: Arthur W. Kuschke, Jr. (minister) and Bruce A. Stahl (elder). One minister and one ruling elder or deacon are to be elected to the class of 2005.

IX RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In regard to the Clerk of the General Assembly, the following listed remuneration package for the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for 2003 be adopted:

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Including four weeks of paid vacation.

Note: Since the Clerk is covered by his spouse’s medical insurance he decided to drop the OPC plan. An additional $1028 was added to the pension since there is no expense for health insurance.

2. The Trustees in accordance with the Standing Rules XI.2.e (“propose to the General Assembly a budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund, and suggest a per capita contribution for payment of the assembly expenses”) propose the following budget for the General Assembly Operation Fund for 2003 and request the churches of the denomination to contribute $14 per communicant member to the General Assembly Operation Fund in 2003:
## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR GAOF FOR 2003

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### Expenses

1. Honoraria
   - Stated Clerk: 56,202
   - Hospit/Pension, etc.: 14,872
   - Assistant Clerk: 1,500
   - Statistician: 1,000
   - Historian: 5,400
   - Secretary: 1,500
   - Total: 80,474

2. Staff/Office
   - Secretary: 0
   - Total: 0

3. Office
   - Rent: 8,250
   - Directory: 7,500
   - Publications: 0
   - Equip/Post/Supplies: 7,000
   - Total: 22,750

4. Insurance
   - 0

5. General Assembly
   - Minutes print/Distrib.: 10,500
   - Agenda print/Distrib.: 2,100
   - Comm. Arrangements: 1,000
   - Fraternal Delegates: 8,000
   - Total: 21,600

6. Assessments
   - NAPARC: 300
   - ICRC: 2,500
   - Joint Chaplains Comm.: 2,400
   - Total: 5,200
### Appendix

#### 7. Committee Expenses

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<td>53,900</td>
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| Total Expenses               | 167,374| 158,985.29| 204,536| 203,636| 203,636|
| Receipts minus Expenses      | 1,626  | 27,930.83 | (45,036)|        |        |
| Ending Balance               | 165,324| 191,628.84| 120,288| 94,152 |

Note: the amount in 2001 for the sale of GA Minutes and for the printing of Minutes really covers a lot of 2000 as well as 2001. The amount for 2001 for the Stated Clerk's hospitalization/pension included disability insurance and workman's compensation. As of January 1, 2002 the Stated clerk is covered under his wife's health insurance.

**X  ESTIMATED EXPENSE**

The Trustees estimate their costs for the next year to be $100.

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

This report provides a summary of statistics for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for the year 2001. The Yearbook contains a tabulated summary for the whole church, the detailed statistical reports of the local and regional churches, the reports of the presbyteries, and a recapitulation of membership statistics since 1938.

I SUMMARY

During the past year the number of local churches in the OPC grew by eight to 224, while the number of unorganized mission works remained at 65 in spite of numerous changes reported below. The total number of congregations reached 289 at the end of the year, compared to 281 the previous year.

Total membership reached 26,448 by the end of 2001 with an increase of 412 members (1.58 percent) for the year. Two large congregations left the OPC near the end of the year, taking with them a combined total of 700 members. Had they remained in the OPC, the church membership would have increased by 4.3 percent in 2001. This compares to the following adjusted growth rates of recent years: 3.36 percent (2000), 3.48 percent (1999), 4.43 percent (1998), and 5.66 percent (1997).

Morning worship attendance in 2001 grew by 562 persons (2.56 percent) to 22,505 as measured in November. Sunday school attendance grew by 403 persons (3.21 percent) to 12,941 in November. These figures were also strongly affected by the withdrawals noted above.

In the area of giving, total offerings were $34.3 million—slightly above the previous year's $34.1 million. Considered by categories, general offerings increased by 7.8 percent, benevolence giving was up 1.7 percent, and contributions for capital improvements decreased by 44 percent from 2000.

II CHURCHES AND MISSION WORKS

The total number of local churches at the end of 2001 stood at a record 224, from a net increase of eight churches during the year. Eight mission works were organized as new and separate churches, three congregations were received into the OPC as organized churches, and one church had been mistakenly listed as a mission work in recent annual statistical reports. These gains were partially offset by the withdrawal of two churches and the dissolution of two others. The total number of unorganized mission works remained at 65 since 12 new ones were started, replacing the eight that were organized as churches, three that were terminated, and one correction noted above. The changes that occurred in 2001 are listed below with their respective regional churches.

Church Additions (12)

Organized as new and separate churches from mission works:
- OPC of Bohemia, Bohemia, N.Y.
- Emmaus, Ft. Collins, Colo.
- Park Hill, Denver, Colo.
- Covenant of Grace, No. Aurora (Batavia), Ill.

Regional Church
- Conn. & So. N.Y.
- Dakotas
- Dakotas
- Mich. & Ontario
- Midwest
Appendix

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<td>Covenant, Doylestown, Pa.</td>
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<td>Hope, Staten Island, N.Y.</td>
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<td>Reformation, Parker, Colo.</td>
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<td>Bethel Reformed, Fredericksburg, Va.</td>
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<td>Christ Covenant Chapel, Irvine, Cal.</td>
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| Correction                       |                           |
| Keys Chapel, Key West, Fla. is an organized church | South |

III MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The total membership of 26,448 persons at year's end consisted of 416 ministers, 18,375 communicant members, and 7,657 baptized children (non-communicants). This represents an increase of 412 persons (1.58 percent) from 2000's adjusted total of 26,036 members. This membership increase is comprised of the gain of 10 ministers and 437 communicant members, and the reduction of 35 baptized children. Communicant membership growth included 726 professions of faith and 975 re-affirmations of faith. Offsetting these gains were losses from deaths (108), net transfers (663), and discipline &
erasures (573). The reduction in non-communicants (baptized children) came as the result of additions by 593 baptisms and 675 children received with parents, and of reductions by professions of faith (322), deaths (2), children dismissed with parents (694), and erasures (285). It should be noted with thanksgiving that 322 professions of faith by covenant young people is by far the greatest number of such professions for any single year in the OPC, surpassing the average of 240 in the preceding six years by 82.

Attendance at morning worship in November 2001 averaged 22,505, which is 85.1 percent of total membership. This is an increase of 562 persons (2.56 percent) from a year earlier. Sunday school attendance averaged 12,941 in November 2001. This is 403 persons (3.21 percent) higher than in 2000, and is the highest average Sunday school attendance on record.

### IV CONTRIBUTIONS

Total giving remained essentially constant in 2001 at $34,344,761. Average giving per communicant member (per capita giving) decreased slightly (1.6 percent) to $1,869 per communicant member. The $34.3 million contributed to support all aspects of the ministry of the OPC in 2001 is divided into three categories for the statistical report. General offerings for local church expenses grew by 7.8 percent to $26,029,739 or 75.8 percent of giving. Benevolence offerings (for missions, outreach, and diaconal ministry) increased by 1.7 percent to $6,077,752, representing 17.7 percent of total contributions. Offerings designated or used for capital improvements totaled $2,237,272, or 6.5 percent of total giving. Finally, bequests in 2001 totaled $591,600.

### V ORDAINED OFFICERS

There were 416 ministers in the OPC at the end of 2001, representing a net increase of ten ministers on the rolls of OPC presbyteries. Sixteen men were ordained as ministers and nine other ministers were received into the OPC, while six ministers died and nine others were removed from the rolls of presbyteries for reasons summarized below. Dates and details are reported in the Yearbook.

#### Ministers Added to the Roll (25)

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<td>Wayne K. Forkner</td>
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<td>Cornelius Johnson</td>
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<tr>
<td>Joseph Puglia</td>
<td>South</td>
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<tr>
<td>William Frederick Rice</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bryan S. Schroeder</td>
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<td>Wendell S. Stoltzfus</td>
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Kevin W. Van Der Linden
Eric B. Watkins

Received into the OPC
Robert J. Cameron, from PCA
James T. Dennison, Jr., from PCA
Claude D. DePrine III,
from Orth. Christian Ref. Church
Robert G. Herrmann, from PCA
Sabry Tanios, from Evangelical PC in Egypt
Gregory I. Thurston, from PCA
Stephen J. Tracey, from Evangelical PC (Ireland)
Thomas Trouwborst, from independency
Kenneth L. Wendland, from PCA

Ministers Removed from the Roll (15)

Deceased
Thomas M. Cooper
Walter D. Copeland
Leslie A. Dunn
Edward L. Kellogg
Kenneth J. Meilahn
Eugene B. Williams

Dismissed from the OPC
David G. Barker, to PCA
Matthew T. Colflesh, to PCA
Michael D. Pasarilla, to Covenant RPC
Frederick G. Reber, to PCA
Neil H. Williams, to PCA

Demitted
Harold S. Kellam
Moises Silva

Divested
William Laverty

Deposed
John K. Pedersen

In addition to these changes, seven ministers transferred between OPC presbyteries in 2001.

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<td>Peter J. Puliatti</td>
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The number of ruling elders in the church decreased by three to 955, of whom 711 (74 percent) are currently serving on sessions. The total number of deacons decreased by 18 to 682, of whom 509 (75 percent) are actively serving. In all, with ministers included, there are 2,053 ordained officers in the church.
VI CONCLUSION

While we note with regret the departure of two congregations and the dissolution of two others, we must not let the impact this has on the statistics obscure the fact that many positive developments continue to occur in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as the Lord blesses his church. Souls are being saved by the hundreds each year and added to the church. Covenant youth are responding to the call to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be identified as communicant members of his church in numbers not seen previously. Attendance continues to increase both in worship and in Sunday school. Giving has been sustained at the high level of recent years in spite of economic uncertainty. There is much for which to be thankful. Praise the Lord!

Respectfully submitted,

Luke E. Brown,
Statistician
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS
I THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
II PROFILE OF THE CCE
   A. Officers
   B. Staff
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I THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The living God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). Destroyed! The LORD was bringing a covenant accusation against the whole church, his wayward wife, through the prophet Hosea. He looked and saw that "there is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds and bloodshed follows bloodshed" (Hos. 4:1-2). And the guiltiest of all were the church's ministers—"with you is my contention, O priest. You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children" (Hos. 4:4-6).

The priests were responsible to teach God's Word and to administer the (Levitical) sacraments. But instead of so serving the Lord and his people, "they feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity" (Hos. 4:8).

The reason the teachers are guiltiest of all when they fail to educate God's people with God's Word is that—as Calvin said—the ministry of God's Word is the scepter of Christ's Kingdom. The exalted Christ gives "pastors and teachers to equip the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Eph. 4:11-14). This is why "we who teach will be judged with greater strictness" (Jas. 3:1).

This does not excuse the individual people of God, though, for it is "like people, like priest" (Hos. 4:9). God sometimes chastens his unfaithful people by giving them the kind of leaders they deserve. But the bottom line remains, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). Destroyed for lack of knowledge! Haven't we experienced this in our day? The Presbyterian Church out of which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church came sowed the wind with over 100 years of erosion, and it reaped the whirlwind in full-blown
modernism. When God’s people persist in willful ignorance and unfaithfulness, the time can even come when “they shall go to seek the LORD, but they shall not find him; he has withdrawn from them” (Hos. 5:6).

God will chasten his wayward people until they repent and determine, “Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD” (Hos. 6:3). When God’s people do so return to him by his amazing grace, then they find him to be tender and compassionate: “I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them” (Hos. 14:4). Where sin abounded, grace shall much more abound! The Orthodox Presbyterian Church came into existence when, by his mercy, a small remnant sought the Lord in humble reliance on his sheer grace in Christ Jesus. They sought to recover and propagate the gospel that had been virtually eclipsed by the darkness of “modern scholarship.” And they found the blessing of the God who says, “I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit” (Hos. 14:8).

The exhortation still comes to us, “Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them” (Hos. 14:9). How necessary, then, that we keep growing in knowing and making known the ways of the LORD in the clarity of the full-orbed, biblically Reformed faith! How necessary then that we carry on a faithful ministry of Christian education as part and parcel of the mission of the church!

II PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CCE)

A. Officers (at the end of 2001)
   1. President—Douglas B. Clawson
   2. Vice-President—James S. Gidley
   3. Secretary—Paul S. MacDonald
   4. Treasurer—David Winslow, Jr.

B. Staff (at the end of 2001)
   1. General Secretary—the Rev. Larry E. Wilson (full-time)
   2. Publications Coordinator and Managing Editor of New Horizons—Dr. James W. Scott (full-time [part of Mr. Scott’s responsibilities include coordinating publications for the other program committees])
   3. Secretary—Mrs. Vickie L. Swann (part-time)
   4. Web Manager—the Rev. Stephen A. Pribble (part-time)
   5. Editor of Ordained Servant—the Rev. G. I. Williamson (part-time)
   6. Administrator of the MTIOPC—Dr. James H. Thomas, Jr. (part-time)

C. What does the CCE aim to accomplish?
   As the OPC enters the 21st century, the CCE is conscientiously wrestling with how to sharpen the focus of its service for the sake of our Lord and his church. Until recently the CCE has operated with the following twelve subcommittees:

   Magazine  Worship
   Website  Teaching/Fellowship
   Ministerial Training  Evangelism
   Equipping Ordained Officers  Finance
   Great Commission Publications  Christian Schools
   Trustees  Long-Range Planning
The CCE has been seeking painstakingly to evaluate our ministries in order to consolidate and streamline our structure for more efficient and effective service. We have worked hard to sharpen the focus of what we should aim to accomplish. We have worked hard to clarify how best to do so. Toward that end, during 2001, the CCE adopted the following statement in order to clarify its understanding of the purpose, principles, and objectives of its ministry:

PURPOSE, PRINCIPLES, AND OBJECTIVES OF THE OPC COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
[adopted October 9, 2001]

OVERARCHING PURPOSE
To provide biblically Reformed resources and training in order to assist the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in its service toward bringing God's people to maturity in Christ.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
1. Above all, the work of Christian Education is to be informed by and conformed to the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures. Secondarily, the work is to be conformed to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms of the OPC as a faithful summary of the teaching of the Word of God. In the third place, the work is to be consonant with the OPC Book of Church Order.

2. The purpose of Christian education is to bring God's people to maturity in Christ. According to Eph. 4:11-13, Christ has given special officers to His church in order to accomplish this aim. In the New Testament, the ministry of these officers included evangelism as well as the building up of believers. Therefore, bringing God's people to maturity includes bringing them into the Kingdom initially.

3. Some of the officers of Eph. 4:11-13 have primarily a local sphere of ministry while others have a broader sphere. In carrying on the work of Christian education in the broader sphere, the Committee on Christian Education (CCE) should focus on issues of common need and concern throughout the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) as well as throughout the church catholic. Thus the work of Christian education focuses not only on edifying the members of our own denomination, not only on evangelizing the unchurched, but on instructing uninstructed and misinformed believers in other denominations.

4. The CCE is the servant of the whole OPC. The church is not merely a federation of local congregations but is one body, and the church in its regional, national, and international expressions may and ought to perform ecclesiastical ministry. This general ministry ought to focus on the general needs and responsibilities of the whole church. The CCE has been entrusted by the whole OPC, through its General Assembly, with a portion of that general ministry, namely Christian education.

5. The CCE should not attempt to usurp the authority nor to assume the responsibilities of the officers of the congregations. Rather, the CCE should work harmoniously with them to reinforce their work and to assist them in it. In so doing, the CCE has a ministry both to the members of the church and to the officers of the church. This ministry can be carried out through publications,
seminars, conferences, and other means. This ministry must neither exclude nor substitute for the teaching and exhortation of the people's pastors, but it should be a supplement and support to them.

6. The CCE may and ought also to address the officers of the church in the same manner and for the same purposes as it addresses all the members. In addition, it may and ought to teach and exhort the officers in the doctrines and duties specific to their offices. Again this ministry can be carried out through publications, seminars, conferences, and other means. Also, this ministry must neither exclude the officers' own studies nor impose a hierarchical authority over them, but should be brotherly exhortation from fellow officers.

7. The ministry of Christian education is thus adapted to the persons whom it addresses. If they are unsaved, it addresses them with the call of the gospel to repent and believe in Christ. If they are uninstructed or misinformed members of other Christian denominations, it addresses them with the biblical doctrines of the Reformed faith. If they are members of the church, it teaches them what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. If they are officers of the church, it adds depth to the teaching adapted to all the members and also focuses on the specifics of office-bearing.

8. The description of the work of Christian education arising out of Eph. 4:11-13, taken in its broadest sense, includes the work of Home Missions and Foreign Missions as well. In this sense, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church is already carrying out the broad ministry of Christian education with its CCE, its Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE), and its Committee on Foreign Missions (CFM). The CCE should not seek to invade the ministries of the other two committees, but to support them.

a. Currently the CHMCE focuses on the gathering of new Orthodox Presbyterian congregations in the United States and Canada. The CCE should seek to assist the Christian education side of this work by providing educational resources to CHMCE, the presbyteries, and the mission works themselves. These resources may be primarily sound Reformed literature (whether in print or electronic form), but could also include training, such as officer training or Sunday School teacher training.

b. The CFM currently focuses on the building up of indigenous Reformed churches in foreign lands. Their work also includes theological education and the training of future pastors for these churches (currently or recently in Japan, Uganda, and Kenya). Again, the CCE should seek to supply educational resources for these efforts. At the least, these resources should include sound Reformed literature.

c. The CCE should seek to support the ministries of the other two committees by providing information to the churches about their ministries and needs.

OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE #1: To help encourage, equip, and assist the members of the OPC to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ—as individuals, as families, and as congregations.
GOALS

1. To provide information and didactic/polemical resources and training toward encouraging, equipping, and assisting the members of the OPC to grow in their knowledge of, love for, and obedience to God and His Word, especially as understood in our confessional Standards.

2. To provide information and didactic/polemical resources and training toward encouraging, equipping, and assisting the sessions, congregations, and families of the OPC to grow in their diligent attendance on the ministry and ordinances of the visible church and their expectant reliance on King Jesus to bless his means of grace. Specifically, to seek to encourage faithful:
   a. Loyalty to the visible church with its officers and ordinances
   b. Worship—secret, family, public
   c. Prayer—secret, family, public
   d. Fellowship—local, regional, national, global
   e. Stewardship

3. To provide information and didactic/polemical resources and training toward encouraging, equipping, and assisting the sessions, congregations, and families of the OPC to grow in the duty of faithfully nurturing their covenant children in the Lord, leading them to a sincere and timely profession of faith, and educating them to approach all of life from a covenant-keeping perspective, by means which are consecrated and adapted to this end.

4. To disseminate communication to inform the members of the OPC about the ministries of the OPC—including the work of General Assembly committees, the presbyteries, and the congregations of the OPC—and to instruct and encourage them to support those ministries by prayer, volunteer efforts, financially, and in other ways.

OBJECTIVE #2: To help encourage, equip, and assist ministers and prospective ministers of the gospel for faithful and effective ministry.

GOALS

1. To assist licentiates and men under care of the presbyteries (and such others as may be consistent with the Committee’s aims and resources) to obtain practical experience in pastoral ministry to test their gifts and to grow in their ability to minister the gospel.

2. To consult with seminaries on behalf of the OPC to gain understanding of their ability to prepare men for ministry in the OPC and to encourage them to improve in this regard.

3. To provide supplementary seminary-level education for ministers, licentiates, and men under care of the OPC to prepare them to serve OP congregations with a more biblical (Reformed) ministry.

OBJECTIVE #3: To help encourage, equip, and assist the officers and prospective officers of the church for the faithful and effective discharge of their responsibilities.
GOALS
1. To provide information, instruction, and encouragement to officers toward equipping and assisting them to grow in faithfully and effectively discharging their duties.
2. To provide means for the exchange of information and ideas.

OBJECTIVE #4: To help encourage, equip, and assist the OPC to reach out to unbelievers with sound, biblically Reformed evangelism.

GOALS
1. To inform, instruct, and encourage toward sound biblically Reformed evangelism.
2. To supply sound biblically Reformed evangelistic resources.

OBJECTIVE #5: To help encourage, equip, and assist the OPC to serve uninstructed and misinformed believers in the church catholic.

GOAL
To provide sound Reformed educational resources expounding, defending, and propagating the doctrines of our Confessional Standards to the churches and directly to inquirers about the Scriptures or the Reformed faith.

D. How does the CCE aim to accomplish this?

The CCE found it acutely apparent that it needed to sharpen both its own focus and the way it is perceived among the churches. Some in the OPC have openly suggested that the CCE “doesn’t do anything.”

We have directly faced a growing challenge caused by the fact that at an earlier point in our history the General Assembly made its Committee on Ministerial Training into a subcommittee of the CCE and yet at the same time insisted upon directly electing the members of that one subcommittee. This has hindered the CCE’s ability to configure its own internal subcommittee structure. Thanks be to God, the work of Ministerial Training has developed and grown more fruitful. At the same time, it has become more demanding. An internal tension within the CCE has become acute. The CCE is persuaded that we will eventually need to request one of two things of the General Assembly in regard to its Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT). We will either need to request that the GA divide the SMT from the CCE and constitute it a distinct standing Committee on Ministerial Training or we will need to request that the GA stop electing the members of this one subcommittee and so liberate the CCE to configure its own subcommittee structure just as the other standing committees may do. We have begun the process of facing and wrestling with these issues. But we have not yet come to a consensus.

Toward the end of streamlining its internal structure, however, the CCE did take the following actions on March 26, 2002. The CCE combined the responsibilities of its subcommittees on Worship, Teaching/Fellowship, Christian Schools, Magazine, Website, Evangelism, and Equipping Ordained Officers into one subcommittee called the Subcommittee on Resources for Churches (SRC). The CCE kept the structure of the present Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) and the GCP Trustees the same. The members of the CCE who are not serving on the SMT will serve on the SRC. The members
of the GCP Trustees will be elected from the entire CCE; and the GCP Trustees will be responsible to report to the entire CCE. Two members each from the SRC and the SMT will be elected by the full CCE to serve on the Subcommittee on Finance. The CCE eliminated its Long-Range Planning subcommittee. Instead, each subcommittee is to plan concerning the future, with time allotted at each meeting of the full Committee in order to consider and coordinate long term goals and projects of the full Committee, with this section of the meeting guided by the general secretary.

The CCE postponed the question of whether or not to request the General Assembly to constitute the Subcommittee on Ministerial Training as a separate standing Committee on Ministerial Training and determined, God willing, to take it up again at its Stated Spring Meeting in 2004.

III ACTIVITIES OF THE CCE

A. Direct Ministries of the CCE

1. In order to help encourage, equip, and assist the members of the OPC to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ—as individuals, as families, and as congregations:

   a. The CCE produces and supplies *New Horizons* free of charge for all OPC member households ($15/yr. for other interested parties). The CCE seeks to focus NH especially on informing members about OPC ministries, and on instructing and propagating central matters concerning faith and life which reflect the position of the OPC standards. Besides issues relating to the resurrection and the incarnation in the Spring and in December, we are rotating through themes prompted by the four membership vows (commitment to (1) Scripture, (2) salvation, (3) Christian living, and (4) church involvement; or, in other words, confession of Christ as (1) Prophet, (2) Priest, (3) King, and (4) Head of the church).

   The CCE would point out that it is not clairvoyant and that it therefore relies on clergies of sessions or pastors to keep our mailing list current. The CCE earnestly requests these parties to be more diligent in this easily overlooked but nevertheless important task. This is a matter of the faithful stewardship of our Lord's money.

   b. The CCE maintains and develops the *opc.org* website. The website provides information about the OPC and its ministries, and includes a directory of all OPC congregations with links to their individual websites. In addition, it provides an e-mail “alias” address system for all OPC ministers. But these common services are only a small part of the tremendous potential for ministry that the Internet technology opens up for us. We are amazed at the worldwide exposure that our website has. Statistics recently collected indicate that inquirers from more than 120 different countries have visited our website during the past six months. When they visit, they have an opportunity to read about our church, our ministries, and our doctrinal standards, to ask questions about God, His world, and His church, to seek advice on spiritual problems and to be directed to the text of the Bible in their own language. Our Internet website provides opportunities for ministry in all five of our listed objectives—to church members, to ministers, to church officers, to the church catholic and to the world. The extent of this ministry is limited only by the vision of the church and the resources available to us. An increase in the Internet Ministries’ budget is included in the 2003 CCE budget request. We believe that the OPC should be prepared to invest even more in the future for this unprecedented opportunity.
Some of the projects held in abeyance, which the CCE plans to implement when proper funding becomes available are:

1. Questions and answers, frequently updated to draw return visits
2. A map of the churches and foreign mission field locations with links
3. Recommended book lists and full text of selected books such as *Fighting the Good Fight*
4. Brief evangelistic audio messages frequently changed
5. Evangelistic messages at log-on to quickly catch the attention of visitors
6. A daily devotional
7. Ability to directly type in letters to the *New Horizons* editor and to the doctrinal respondent
8. A newsletter which advertises new web entries e-mailed to users
9. Use of credit cards for receiving contributions and orders for recommended books
10. Correspondence courses
11. “This Week in Presbyterian History”

c. The CCE makes available the following videos:
   1. *Catechetical Instruction* ($10)
   2. *The OPC* ($10)

d. The CCE makes available the following booklets:
   1. *God or Mammon?* ($1.50)
   2. *Personal Evangelism* ($2)
   3. *What Is the OPC?* ($1)

2. In order to help encourage, equip, and assist *ministers and prospective ministers of the gospel* for faithful and effective ministry:
   a. The CCE makes available to all men under care the following free resources on OPC history and distinctives:
      2. *Fighting the Good Fight* (book)
      3. *The OPC* (video)
   b. The CCE provided financial aid for men preparing for gospel ministry by administering the *Coie Memorial Scholarship Fund* in order to supply qualified applicants with a loan of up to $1,500 and/or a limited grant.
   c. The CCE makes available to all presbyteries free resources toward helping to equip prospective ministers.
      1. *A Suggested Guide for Taking Men Under Care of Presbytery*
      2. *Steps for Men Considering the Gospel Ministry in the OPC*
      3. *The Ingredients of a Meaningful and Successful Intern Program*
      4. *A Word to Men Seeking the Gospel Ministry*
   d. The CCE coordinates an Internship Program for the OPC
      1. *Summary of 2001 Internships*:
         The CCE assists the church in preparing men for the ministry by recruiting both prospective interns and mentoring churches and by helping to match them up and to give some guidance to them. The Committee assists in funding these internships, both summer and year-long.
The CCE assisted in funding eleven summer internships during 2001. These short internships are designed to give seminarians a taste of pastoral ministry and to allow them and the church to test their gifts and their calling by God.

The CCE also assisted in funding nine year-long internships during 2001. 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 sincerely thank the dedicated core of congregations, pastors, and sessions who have committed themselves to the sacrificial service of providing this critical training and ministry. This is a very important ministry to these men and to the broader body of Christ. The CCE provided $78,850 in 2001 to assist churches in funding internships.

(2) Policies which guide internship decisions include the following:

(a) The Committee will not fund second summer internships for men not committed to the OPC.

(b) OPC and PCA men contemplating summer internships are required ordinarily to be under care of a presbytery.

(c) Year-long interns must be members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

(d) Year-long interns must apply to a presbytery of the OPC for licensure no later than the commencement of the internship with a view to his being licensed at least by the mid-point of the internship.

(e) A separate document entitled “Committee Policy on Selecting Mentoring Churches” will be sent to all OP churches by December of each year.

(f) Failure to return evaluations will be considered as a negative factor on a church’s next application for an internship.

(g) Churches having a year-long intern are strongly encouraged to incorporate enrollment in an MTIOPC course in the plan for the internship, and the mentoring pastor should consider the advisability of enrolling in an MTI course together with his intern.

(h) Churches participating in the internship program, but which do not receive funding, are asked to assist us by submitting evaluations of interns.

(i) The Intern Evaluation form will include “preaching” as a separate category.

(4) Recruiting:

The General Secretary, as Intern Director, regularly visits these seminaries:

(a) Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(b) Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido, California

(c) Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana

(d) Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida

(e) Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Greenville, South Carolina

Other seminaries occasionally contacted or visited are:

(a) Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri

(b) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts
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(c) Knox Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ft Lauderdale, Florida
(d) Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina
(e) Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
(f) Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pennsylvania
e. The CCE operates the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC, providing classes in:

(1) The Westminster Standards
(2) Presbyterian Polity
(3) Practical Theology (including Homiletics, Pastoral Theology [Poimenics], Catechetics, and Reformed Worship [Liturgics])
(4) Presuppositional Apologetics
(5) The OPC: history, character, distinguishing characteristics

The committee is also seeking to develop classes in Pulpit Speech (Rhetoric) and Ecclesiology. The MTIOPC is demonstrating itself to be a very important ministry, filling a vacant niche by providing OPC-specific equipping for men aspiring to the gospel ministry and continuing education for OPC pastors. The semester-long classes are taught by assignments and correspondence and are concluded with an intensive training session. The intensive training session are held in different parts of the country in order to give greater opportunity for involvement by men from the whole OPC.

Our Administrator, Dr. James H. Thomas, is an OP ruling elder. His recent testimonial gives a sense of the flavor of the MTIOPC:

After returning from an intensive training session of the Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida, I am more and more convinced of the tremendous blessing that the Institute is to men under care, licentiates, ruling elders, and pastors. I was privileged to observe four students discuss the finer points of the Westminster standards with the Rev. G. I. Williamson. I watched as six students reviewed the crucial events in the history of the OPC with Mr. John Muether. I sat amazed as six men worked through the details of our Form of Government and Book of Discipline with the Rev. Stuart Jones. Finally, I saw five men grow in their understanding of the knowledge and energy required to prepare for preaching on the Lord’s Day as they grappled to exegete texts, provide feedback, and practice sermons with the Rev. William Shishko and the Rev. Peter Vosleen.

There were benefits to these MTIOPC students beyond the particular class or classes in which they were enrolled and the specific faculty with whom they were studying. First, they interacted with the current director of the MTIOPC, Larry Wilson, the former director, Thomas Tyson, the pastor of the host church, Larry Mininger, and other faculty who sit in on the classes. Second, the MTIOPC students were able to observe and participate in classes in which they were not enrolled. Third, they had an opportunity to develop close relationships with men from different parts of the country. Fourth, the students had time to ask questions of the MTIOPC faculty in a question-and-answer session. Fifth, the students experienced firsthand the joy of serving, through the gracious hospitality of the host church, Lake Sherwood OPC in Orlando.

The MTIOPC is also a blessing to the host church, which becomes in this denominational ministry. Members of the local congregation get to know what the...
MTIOPC is all about, share meals with faculty and students, and teach us about hospitality and service.

Let me close by emphasizing that the MTIOPC is valuable to men preparing for the ministry, as well as men currently serving as pastors and ruling elders. For seven semesters of the MTIOPC, so far, I have seen wonderful interaction between men at the early stages of their training, men moving through the licensure process, and men who have years of experience in the pastorate and eldership. The sharing of experiences and perspectives, the working through issues together, and the developing of relationships have been a blessing to the students at all stages of their ministry.

Continued prayers for the MTIOPC by the saints throughout the OPC are greatly appreciated. May the Institute continue to serve the church and the greater glory of God.

f. The CCE is developing a plan for providing books for pastors, particularly for those just getting started in their ministries.

g. The general secretary of the CCE participates in three CHMCE Readiness for Ministry seminars per year, on three different seminary campuses.

3. In order to help encourage, equip, and assist the officers and prospective officers of the church for the faithful and effective discharge of their responsibilities:
   a. The CCE produces and supplies the magazine, *Ordained Servant*, free of charge for all officers, licentiates, and men under care. The CCE relies on pastors or clerks of sessions to keep the mailing list current. Again, we earnestly request these parties to be conscientious in helping us to be faithful stewards.
   b. The CCE prints and makes available the following booklets:
      1. *Taking Heed to the Flock* ($3)
      2. *The Biblical Qualifications for Elders and Deacons* ($3)
   c. The CCE prints and makes available *The Book of Church Order* (hardbound with an index) ($10)

4. In order to help encourage, equip, and assist the OPC to reach out to unbelievers with sound, biblically Reformed evangelism:
   a. As mentioned previously, the CCE maintains and develops the opc.org website, and related Internet ministries. A directory of all OPC congregations is kept current on our website, providing links to Mapquest to help inquirers locate each local church. Direct links from the OPC website to local OP church websites are also provided. On our website, we have posted *Biblical Evangelism Today* (CCE, 1954), a rather dated but nevertheless challenging manual on evangelism for OP churches. From time to time we post articles commenting on a Christian response to significant current events like the 9/11 terrorist attack. The committee is taking steps to add short evangelistic visual and audio messages and correspondence courses.
   b. The CCE intends to print, develop, and provide evangelistic pamphlets and tracts. Ideas and submissions from the churches and presbyteries are very welcome.

5. In order to help encourage, equip, and assist the OPC to serve uninstructed and misinformed believers in the church catholic:
   a. The CCE provides a means for inquirers to ask questions about God, the Bible, and other aspects of the church by sending an e-mail to doctrine@opc.org. We are privileged to have the volunteer services of the Rev. Lawrence Eyres, who, as the doctrinal respondent, masterfully answers a variety of questions from believers and unbelievers on a wide range of topics, with clarity and great pastoral concern. The
committee plans to provide a page on the website where selected questions and answers will be posted for public viewing.

b. The CCE is adding didactic/polemical pages and links to the opc.org website, including edited versions of the questions and answers just mentioned.

c. The CCE makes available communicant membership material:

1. Confessing Christ ($3—through Great Commission Publications)
2. Professing Your Faith ($3)

d. The CCE is taking steps to reprint, develop, and provide didactic/polemical booklets, pamphlets and tracts. Again, ideas and submissions from the churches and presbyteries are very welcome. Presently the CCE makes available the following:

1. Get To Know Us Better (tract)
2. Modern English Study Version of the Westminster Confession ($3)

B. Great Commission Publications (GCP)

1. GCP is a ministry of the CCE.

The CCE again takes this opportunity to remind the church that GCP is a joint ministry of the Christian Education committees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. GCP is overseen by the OPC Committee on Christian Education (CCE) and the PCA Committee for Christian Education and Publications (CE&P) through a Board of Trustees comprised of six members from each church's committee. In reality, the two Committees are the joint publishers of the GCP materials. In that light, comments from within the OPC concerning content of GCP materials are properly and most helpfully addressed directly to the OPC CCE.

Originally, GCP was nothing other than the publication ministry of the OPC CCE. During the 1950's, the CCE chose the name, Great Commission Publications, in order to signal the gospel-orientation it wanted to permeate its materials and in order to propagate the Reformed faith by opening the door for other churches to purchase and use these materials. In 1975, with the approval of the General Assembly, the OPC CCE entered into a partnership with the PCA Committee for Christian Education and Publications (CE&P). Great Commission Publications became the joint publishing arm of the two denominational committees. It was intended to provide Sunday School and VBS materials, worship materials, and outreach or didactic materials, as requested by the parent committees. It continues to be exactly that. GCP is a joint-ministry of the OPC Committee on Christian Education (CCE) and the PCA CE&P.

At the beginning of the partnership, GCP was very dependent upon its parent committees, especially the OPC CCE. In the last several years, GCP has become financially self-sustaining. While we rejoice in the Lord's evident blessing and provision, it is becoming evident that this has given rise to a new challenge both for the OPC CCE and the PCA CE&P. The challenge is that many in the churches perceive GCP to be either independent (a problem for both the CCE and the CE&P) or to be a ministry of the PCA (a problem for the CCE). In fact, GCP continues to be a joint-ministry of the OPC Committee on Christian Education (CCE) and the PCA Committee for Christian Education & Publications (CE&P).

2. How is GCP overseen?

GCP is supervised by a Board of Trustees. There are twelve trustees. Six are appointed by CCE and six are appointed by CE&P. They serve in three classes having
three year terms. Moreover, the general secretary of the CCE (Larry E. Wilson) and the coordinator of the CE&P (Charles H. Dunahoo) serve as *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees. The administration of GCP is accountable to the Board of Trustees and has proved to be very responsive to concerns expressed by the parent committees.

The Board of Trustees has two stated meetings each year. Also, an executive committee meets two additional times each year. Douglas B. Clawson and Larry E. Wilson represent the OPC on that committee. In addition, Larry E. Wilson and Charles H. Dunahoo meet regularly with the Executive Director of GCP, Thomas A. Patete.

The CCE members of the GCP Board of Trustees function as a subcommittee of the CCE. They confer together both before and after meetings of the Board of Trustees, and they report to the entire CCE.

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3. Some developments at GCP
   a. The CCE trustees are making concerted efforts to make the GCP materials even more consistently *covenantal, Christocentric, and confessional*. Through GCP, the CCE makes available:
      (1) Sunday School materials
      (2) VBS materials
      (3) Catechetical materials
      (4) Basic Christian Doctrine booklets
      (5) Worship resources:
           (a) *Trinity Hymnal*
           (b) Aids for Worship Leaders
           (c) Bulletins
   b. GCP has begun a process of reassessing the appropriateness of its use of the NIV in terms of three criteria: (1) integrity of translation; (2) usage and acceptance within the OPC and the PCA; and (3) instructional value for the particular materials published by GCP.
   c. GCP is looking into ways to develop a children's curriculum based on *Promise and Deliverance* by S. G. De Graaf.

IV RESPONSE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIONS

A. Printing the OPC Standards with Proof Texts
   1. The General Assembly action.
The 68th General Assembly took the following action in connection with the work of the Committee to Prepare Proof Texts for the Larger Catechism (*Minutes of the 68th General Assembly*, §164 to 168, pp. 38-40):

1. That the General Assembly authorize these proof texts for publication and forward them to the CCE along with corrections A-E of Advisory Committee 8.
2. That the CCE be authorized to publish our doctrinal standards with these proof texts attached.
3. That the following statement be included in any published version: “The Scripture proof texts were originally prepared by the Westminster divines, revised over the years by a succession of committees, and approved for publication by various General Assemblies of the OPC, but are not a part of the Constitution itself. At the direction of the 68th General Assembly, these proof texts are presented largely in full. The King James Version has been used, without prejudice to other translations, since this is the English text that was in use at the time of the Westminster Assembly, the language of which is at times reflected in the Confession and Catechisms.”
4. That this work be forwarded to other churches with which the OPC has fraternal relations.
5. That the GA forward to the CCE, with the Scripture proofs, a request that Scripture and subject indices be included in the proposed edition of the doctrinal standards of the OPC.

2. The response of the CCE.

The CCE is eager to publish the OPC doctrinal standards with the approved proof texts according to the General Assembly directives. The CCE requested Larry Wilson and Stephen Pribble to bring a proposal to the Fall 2002 meeting of the CCE.

B. The Committee on Rules for the Historian.

1. The General Assembly action.

The 68th General Assembly took the following action: “That the General Assembly request the Committee for Rules for the Historian to meet with the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee for the Historian to determine the desirability and feasibility of making the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian subject to the review of the Committee on Christian Education and coordinate it with the overall educational ministry of the church and, if desirability and feasibility be determined, to bring a plan for implementation to the 69th General Assembly” (*Minutes of the 68th General Assembly*, §119 and 120, pp. 26-27).

2. The response of the CCE.

The CCE did meet with the Committee on Rules for the Historian and took the following action: “That the CCE respond to the Committee on Rules for the Historian that it does not believe it best serves the interests of the church to place the work of the Historian under a subcommittee of the CCE, recommends that the Standing Rules proposed by the 65th General Assembly (1998) to the 66th General Assembly (1999) for the Historian and the Committee on Rules for the Historian be adopted, and furthermore recommends the election of John Muether as Historian as soon as possible.”

Grounds:

a. Given the reorganization of the subcommittee structure of the CCE, together with the already immense and diverse responsibilities given to the CCE and its
General Secretary, the CCE does not believe that it is either “desirable or feasible” for the CCE to assume the responsibility for the work of the Historian. We believe that this approach would only further overburden the CCE and would not provide the amount or kind of attention warranted by the work of the Historian.

\( b. \) We believe that the proposed Standing Rules presented by the 65\textsuperscript{th} General Assembly to the 66\textsuperscript{th} General Assembly provide adequate safeguards for accountability of the Historian while they also allow the Historian the liberty to carry out his duties as “a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly” (proposed Standing Rules III.D.1).

c. Having worked with Mr. Muether on various projects, seeing his enthusiasm in his current role as Acting Historian, and knowing of his utility as a member of the CCE, we believe that Mr. Muether is the most suitable candidate for the position of Historian. We further believe that he should be elected to this position as soon as possible so that the work of the Historian may be expedited.

\[ \text{V \hspace{1em} BUDGET} \]

The CCE again earnestly requests the church to ponder the strategic importance of the work of the CCE for the cause of the gospel. In the last several years, the CCE has dramatically multiplied its ministries—particularly in the areas of ministerial training and internet ministries. The CCE has developed its Intern Program and has established the Ministerial Training Institute to provide continuing education for pastors and supplemental preparation for men preparing for the gospel ministry, specifically in the OPC. The Internet provides one of the greatest opportunities ever available, especially to a small church, for broadcasting to the whole world the full-orbed gospel of God’s grace in Christ Jesus. To that end, some years ago the CCE registered the domain name, \textit{opc.org}, and began developing the OPC website, e-mail alias system, and related Internet ministries. These steps have already been instrumental in enlarging the OPC’s ministry. The CCE has sought to develop its website and Internet ministries with as much volunteer labor as possible, and will continue to do so, but we have an earnest desire to be able to do more. The CCE reported to last year’s General Assembly that it anticipated that this growth of the church’s ministry demands that we capitalize on the opportunity in its earliest stages, and that doing so was going to require substantial growth in the funds needed to accomplish this work both in the near term and in the long term. As the CCE’s ministries have multiplied, its staffing has stayed virtually the same.

We have increased our budget request, particularly for the area of Internet ministries. Nevertheless, we have still limited our requested budget to a much smaller amount than what we think is really needed to do our part in serving the full-orbed mission of the church. As the church considers our requests, we beseech her to reflect on the strategic importance of the work of the CCE for the cause of the gospel, and to pray that our exalted King in heaven might provide and enable its ministries to continue to develop and grow for the glory of his name and the good of his church.

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V **ELECTIONS**

A. Present Composition

The CCE is composed of three classes, each composed of five members—three ministers and two ruling elders. The class of 2005 is to be elected by this Assembly. The present composition of the CCE is:

2002

- John S. Deliyannides, Ph.D.
- The Rev. John P. Galbraith
- The Rev. Rodney T. King
- Mr. Paul S. MacDonald
- The Rev. William Shishko

2003

- The Rev. Douglas A. Felch
- The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson
- Stanley D. Wells, M. D.
- The Rev. G. I. Williamson
- Mr. David Winslow, Jr.

2004

- The Rev. Douglas B. Clawson
- James S. Gidley, Ph.D.
- Mr. John R. Muether
- The Rev. Stephen A. Pribble
- The Rev. Alan D. Strange

In distinction from its other subcommittees, the members of the CCE’s Subcommittee on Ministerial Training (SMT) are elected directly by the Assembly. The SMT is composed of three classes, each composed of two members, ministers and/or ruling elders. Among the six members there must be at least two ministers and two ruling elders. The present composition of the SMT is:

2002

- The Rev. John P. Galbraith
- The Rev. William Shishko

2003

- The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson
- David Winslow, Jr.

2004

- James S. Gidley, Ph.D.
B. Commissioners whose terms expire at this Assembly are:

Dr. John S. Deliyannides
The Rev. John P. Galbraith — Subcommittee on Ministerial Training
The Rev. Rodney T. King
Mr. Paul S. MacDonald
The Rev. William Shishko — Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

The Assembly may elect to the class of 2005 one minister and one ruling elder or two ministers. The men elected to the SMT are at the same time elected to the CCE. Therefore, the Assembly must first elect the two members of the SMT class of 2005. When that election is completed the remaining vacancies in the CCE class of 2005 can be elected. Moreover, the Rev. Douglas B. Clawson has been called to serve as Associate General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions. In that light, he has resigned from the Committee on Christian Education. Therefore, the General Assembly will need to elect a minister to the class of 2004 to fill the remainder of his term.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

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I INTRODUCTION

"Besides everything else," explained Paul to the Corinthians, "I face daily the pressure
of my concern for all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:28). In a similar way, the Committee
on Home Missions bears a constant concern for the churches of the Orthodox Presbyterian
Church, especially the newest ones. In spite of the necessity to cut back on the number
of new mission works it was able to assist with denominational financial aid, God continues
to build and grow the OPC. So in addition to the six new Committee-assisted mission works
reported in these pages, at least another four will probably be reflected in the report of the
Statistician. The maturity of the OPC is such that her divine expansion no longer relies on
the expertise and resources of a central denominational committee. Rather, a robust attitude
that hastens church planting endeavors has permeated the presbyteries of the OPC. Now the
sixteen Regional Churches expect and substantially help to fund the start of an ever-
increasing number of new mission works.

As the year 2002 unfolds, the year's ten approved mission works are busy finding their
organizing pastors, and still more new groups come to us. And we watch as Bible studies
and preaching points develop into worshipping congregations looking for pastors. The harvest is truly plentiful right now in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Committee finds itself increasingly in a support role to its presbyteries—helping, encouraging, and coordinating efforts and finances. It is in this vein that we take pleasure in an announcement later in these pages of the availability of a church planting manual for the organizing pastors, overseeing sessions, presbyteries, and home missions committees of the OPC.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension submits to the 69th General Assembly the report which follows, in praise to God who has made our labors productive. We ask you to read it as a recounting of his mighty acts among us and as a statement of faith that he will continue to provide all that is needed to accomplish what he has laid out for us to do.

II FIELD SUPPORT IN 2001

A. Fields Supported

The following mission works were provided with financial assistance in 2001 (listed by presbytery):

- **Central U.S.**
  - Bentonville, Arkansas (James B. Hollis)

- **Dakotas**
  - Bismarck, North Dakota (Edward S. S. Huntington)
  - Broomfield, Colorado (Greg Thurston)
  - Salt Lake City, Utah (D. Jason Wallace)

- **Mid-Atlantic**
  - Germantown, Maryland (James Stastny)

- **Michigan & Ontario**
  - Brighton, Michigan (Brian L. De Jong)
  - Holland, Michigan (Martin A. Novak)
  - London, Ontario (John R. Ferguson)

- **Midwest**
  - Batavia, Illinois (James A. Megchelsen)
  - Evansville, Indiana (Michael R. Shipma)

- **NY & New England**
  - Jaffrey, New Hampshire (Stephen P. Migotsky)
  - Manchester, New Hampshire (Gregory E. Reynolds)

- **Northern Calif.**
  - Eureka, California (Andrew J. Preston)
  - Hughson, California (Mark E. Richline)
  - Las Vegas, Nevada (Michael L. Babcock)
  - Rocklin, California (P. Michael DeLozier)

- **Northwest**
  - Anchorage, Alaska (D. Leonard Gulstrom)
  - Colville, Washington (Jack D. Bradley)
  - Mount Vernon, Washington (David J. Klein)
  - Roseburg, Oregon (W. Ralph English)

- **Ohio**
  - Dayton (North), Ohio (L. Charles Jackson)
  - Pickerington, Ohio (Luis A. Ortega)

- **Philadelphia**
  - Broomall, Pennsylvania (Timothy G. Walker)
  - Philadelphia, Penna. Hispanic (Benjamin Alvira)
  - Pottstown, Pennsylvania (Wendell S. Stoltzfus)

- **South**
  - Birmingham, Alabama (Joseph Puglia)
  - Key West, Florida (William V. Welzien)
  - Madison, Alabama (Mark T. Smith)
  - New Orleans, Louisiana (Russell J. Hamilton)

- **Southeast**
  - Chattanooga, Tennessee (Robert Y. Eckardt)
Appendix

Cookeville, Tennessee (William J. Gorrell)
London, Kentucky (Patrick Ramsey)
Mount Airy, North Carolina (Brenton C. Ferry)
New Bern, North Carolina (Daniel A. Fincham)

Southern California
Paso Robles, California (Marcus J. Serven)
San Fernando Valley, California (C. Lee Irons)
Temecula, California (Benjamin J. Wikner)
Westminster, California Vietnamese (Kim Dang)

Southwest
Denton, Texas (W. Daniel Lipford)
Fort Worth, Texas (Todd S. Bordow)
Houston, Texas (Adam A. York)
Plainview, Texas (Kevin W. Van Der Linden)

B. New Fields
Six new mission works began receiving financial assistance in 2001: Birmingham, Alabama; Broomfield, Colorado; Cookeville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

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 church planter.

   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.

   d. The Committee remains firm in 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.

   e. Monthly and annual reports are presented by church planters to the Committee as well as to 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. These report forms were redesigned and issued in e-mail form at the end of 1998 to assist church planters with the ease and speed of filing. Items for praise and petition are
also gleaned from these reports, with some being passed on through *Home Missions Today* 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. Such prayer support will be 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 *Home Missions Today*, 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 2001 ten churches concluded their support relationship with the Committee as follows:

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Northwest to Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, Alaska, for the support of David W. Inks and D. Leonard Gulstrom from 1996 through 2001 totaling $42,630.

   Aid totaling $29,125 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Midwest to Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church in Batavia, Illinois, for the support of James R. Megchelsen from November 1997 through February 2001, after which the session and the presbytery indicated that further financial assistance was not required.

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the South/Southeast to Cornerstone OPC in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the support of Robert Y. Eckardt from 1997 through 2001, totaling $42,630.

   Aid totaling $29,125 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Ohio to Covenant OPC, in Dayton (North), Ohio, for the support of L. Charles Jackson from July 1998 through April 2001, after which the session and the presbytery indicated that further financial assistance was not required, and the congregation returned $14,525 of their field support as a gift to the Committee.

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the Southwest to Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas, for the support of W. Daniel Lipford from 1997 through 2001, totaling $36,040.

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario to New Life Fellowship in Holland, Michigan, for the support of Martin A. Novak from 1998 through 2001, totaling $30,450.

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of New York and New England to Jaffrey OPC in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, for the support of Stephen A. Migotsky from 1997 through 2001, totaling $42,630.

   Aid was provided at the request of the Presbytery of the MidAtlantic/Southeast to Covenant Presbyterian Church in New Bern, North Carolina, for the support of M. Daniel Fincham from 1997 through 2001, totaling $30,450.

   Aid totaling $27,900 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Southern California to Redeemer OP Chapel in the San Fernando Valley of California for the support
of C. Lee Irons from February 1998 through January 2001, after which the session and the presbytery indicated that further financial assistance was not required.

Aid totaling $50,550 was provided at the request of the Presbytery of Southern California to Resurrection OPC in Westminster, California, for the support of Kim Dang from June 1999 through November 2001, after which the session and the presbytery indicated that further financial assistance was not required due to the dismissal of the pastor from the work.

III  REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES

God has raised up a wonderfully gifted group of men to serve as regional home missionaries and has used their labors to establish many new Orthodox Presbyterian churches. These men serve as church planting representatives of their presbyteries and as liaisons with CHMCE. They perform a wide variety of church planting tasks for their presbyteries and for the denomination. They meet with groups interested in establishing new mission works. They provide wisdom and counsel to organizing pastors and supervising sessions. And they assist presbytery home missions committees with their expanding administrative responsibilities in an enlarged OPC in the process of finding, calling, and caring for the evangelists who become new church planters. During 2001, the OPC employed the services of five full-time regional home missionaries.

The Rev. James L. Bosgraf continued his ministry as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Midwest and the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario by assisting with the establishment of new works in New Berlin, Wisconsin, and Hudsonville, Michigan, and the beginning of a new outreach effort in Columbia, Illinois. Though undergoing heart by-pass surgery during the year, he also assisted in the development of new mission works in Manistee, Michigan; Shedden, Ontario; and Reedsburg, Wisconsin, and provided help to several of the Presbytery’s on-going mission works and groups of people in Ontario and Michigan exploring the possibility of seeking to become new mission works.

The Rev. Gary W. Davenport continued his ministry as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southwest by focusing much of his attention on assisting in the development of new works in Houston, Texas, and in the northeastern section of Dallas, Texas. He continued to assist with recently planted churches in Fort Worth, Texas, and Plainview, Texas, after the arrival of their organizing pastors. And he began preliminary exploration of several potential new fields in Texas and New Mexico.

Ruling Elder James A. Heemstra continued his ministry as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the South by assisting in the development of mission works in Birmingham, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; Pensacola, Florida; and Natchitoches, Louisiana. He also assisted several groups which were exploring affiliation with the OPC.

The Rev. Donald M. Poundstone continued his ministry as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Southern California. He assisted the mission work in Moreno Valley, California, until the arrival of their organizing pastor. He also assisted in the development of a mission work in Escondido, California. And he also spent considerable time assisting the mission work in Mission Viejo, California, as they search for an organizing pastor.

The Rev. Thomas E. Tyson continued his labors as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He assisted the mission work in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, (which was begun in 1997 through the labors of his predecessor, the late Chip Stonehouse)
until the arrival of an organizing pastor. He assisted with the development of a mission work in Perkasie, Pennsylvania. And he began the development of a new mission work in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

The Committee gives thanks to God for each of these dedicated and mature men in their effective labors as church planters and church planting coordinators for their presbyteries. It also praises him for the addition of two new regional home missionaries who began their labors in early 2002. The Rev. Danny Olinger took up his labors as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Ohio on January 1, 2002, with substantial denominational financial assistance. The Rev. DeLacy Andrews also began his labors as regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Southeast at the beginning of 2002, though denominational financial assistance for this RHM program will not begin until January 2003.

IV WORKING WITH THE PRESBYTERIES

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension sees its work as that of assisting the presbyteries in their establishment and care of new churches throughout the country. It is the presbyteries which authorize the beginning of new mission works and oversee their progress and development. It is the presbyteries which approve and call qualified men to work as church planters. The Committee stands in support of the work which the presbyteries do. Each year the general secretary and the associate general secretary visit at least half of the presbyteries at the time of their regular stated meetings and spend time with the home missions committees of those regional church bodies in an effort to assist, encourage and coordinate.

Each fall, the Committee sponsors a Regional Church Extension Conference in order to enable presbytery regional home missionaries and home missions committee chairmen to confer together with the CHMCE staff in an effort to coordinate, as much as possible, their ministries and finances. These gatherings have proved increasingly beneficial to the whole church. They have enabled the Committee and its staff to understand more precisely the needs and challenges faced by the presbyteries and have enabled presbytery home missions committees to work together with each other as well as with the denominational Committee in their efforts to start new churches. The 2001 gathering was held November 1-3 in the facilities of Church of the Covenant OPC in Hackettstown, New Jersey.

In a continuing effort to foster a spirit of cooperation and partnership with the presbyteries, the Committee continues to distribute and use its Manual for Presbytery/CHMCE Partnership which was updated in December 1997. This document is also published in electronic format on the OPC's web site. The manual is a description of the outworking of FG XXIX and also provides assistance to presbytery home missions committees in their work.

The Committee and its staff are constantly seeking new and better ways of being of service to the presbyteries of the OPC. The staff is regularly in contact with presbytery home missions committee chairmen and regional home missionaries. Information about potential church planters, procedural suggestions, and financial arrangements is constantly being shared via visits, phone calls and e-mail. The concept of a true partnership between the presbyteries of the OPC and the denominational Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension has become a welcome and working reality.

From this partnership with our presbyteries and those within them who work most closely with church planting endeavors has come a recent new development. At the
Regional Church Extension Conference in 1999, the regional home missionaries and presbytery home missions chairman began to discuss a need for a document detailing how the OPC does its church planting work. The need had arisen from the denomination's rapid expansion in previous years which added many new pastors and people, and the observation that God was causing this expansion trend to continue. The need was for a single source book to which new organizing pastors, overseeing sessions, emerging groups, and presbytery home missions committees could turn for the biblical and governmental principles which undergird the OPC's church planting practice, as well as for sound and proven methods for accomplishing the church planting task.

Over the next several years the general secretary and the associate general secretary collected information that would be useful to include in such a manual. In December 2000, the Committee requested General Secretary Ross W. Graham to devote significant time during calendar year 2001 to the writing and production of such a manual, with a corresponding request that Associate General Secretary Richard R. Gerber handle a larger share of the administration of the Committee’s work. In September 2001 the Committee reviewed a partial first draft of the manual and urged the general secretary to complete work on the document and to submit it to the regional home missionaries and home missions committee chairmen for their review.

This extensive review of the completed document took place in November 2001. In response to this comprehensive, three-day critique, the general secretary revised the document and submitted it for review by the Committee in December 2001. The Committee spent considerable time discussing and perfecting the pages of the manual and then took action to “approve the revised manual and authorize that it be printed in booklet format and distributed to each presbytery clerk, to the members of each presbytery home missions committee, to each organizing pastor supported by the Committee, and to each session of the OPC; that it also be published in electronic format on the OPC’s web site; and that it be reviewed by the Special Ministries Subcommittee and updated by the Committee at least every three years.”

By the time the 69th General Assembly convenes, the Committee’s manual, *Planting An Orthodox Presbyterian Church*, will have been in printed form for several months and will have begun to be used by the church planters, presbyteries, and churches of the OPC. It is the Committee’s hope that the manual will prove to be of valuable assistance to our presbyteries in an Orthodox Presbyterian Church which God continues to expand.

V TRAINING AND PROMOTION

The Committee seeks to provide encouragement and tangible assistance to those who do the work of church planting in the OPC. One of the means of doing this is by bringing together the OP church planters and regional home missionaries from around the country for an annual CHMCE-sponsored Home Missions Training Conference. The conference theme in May 2001 was “Reviewing the Doctrine of the Church.” Dr. Robert L. Reymond, Professor of Systematic Theology at Knox Theological Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, gave seven lectures. The Rev. Larry Wilson, general secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, gave two presentations: “Expectations in Worship” and “Leading in Worship.”

In its continuing effort to identify men who possess church planting skills, the Committee sponsored “Readiness for Ministry in the OPC” seminars on three campuses

In 1995 a fund was established for the receipt of special gifts to be used for the purchase of books published by the Committee for the Historian and for their distribution to OP mission works. This distribution continues. Mission works which began in 2001 received copies of all available titles.

In an attempt to provide the churches with timely prayer request information about OP mission works, a biweekly prayer bulletin of current items of praise and petition is made available. Items are gleaned from the reports of the mission works and received from organizing pastors by special request. Home Missions Today, as this bulletin is called, is available by recorded telephone message, by printed transcript (mailed to OP congregations along with Foreign Mission's Telenews), and by e-mail transcript (to all OP congregations with e-mail and to individuals who have requested it). It is also posted on the OPC website.

The Committee staff also maintains and updates a current listing of all denominationally supported mission works, seminars, and training events in a brochure titled Home Missions Ministries.

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

VI FINANCES

In 2001, the Committee saw God graciously provide the needed financial support for its work. We praise God for the grace of faithful giving evident throughout the churches. The year-end figures showed that 87.1% of the Worldwide Outreach portion of the 2001 CHMCE budget had been provided. During 2002, the OPC will be supporting 43 mission works (as compared with 42 in 2001) along with six full-time regional home missionaries. In 2000, $590,239 went to assist new churches and RHMs. In 2001, $562,450 went for that purpose. In 2002, $561,230 is budgeted for assisting new churches and RHMs.

The Committee has taken significant draws from its reserves in order to be able to respond to the many requests for financial assistance to new mission works. In 2000, the Committee took a $134,000 draw from its reserves, and in 2001 it took a draw of $142,945. Since the Committee cannot sustain such large draws from its reserves, it has had to limit the number of new mission works it could begin to support. Compared with twelve to fourteen new mission works started in a number of recent years, funding for six mission works began in 2001. But because several mission works voluntarily discontinued aid early, the Committee made provision for the support of ten new works and one new regional home missionary program during 2002, though that stretch will require a draw of $57,000 from its dwindling reserves during the year. Requests from two other presbyteries for support of their regional home missionaries are anticipated in 2003. We look to the Lord to provide the needed increased support for the church’s ministry of home missions.
VII  BUDGET—2001-2003

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| Surplus (Deficit) | $0          | $0            | $0            | $0             |

VIII  CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

As reported to previous assemblies, 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 in order to purchase a Note(s) in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund (OPCLF).

The balances due on all loans from the Church Extension Fund as of December 31, 2001, are as follows:

- Austin, TX—Providence Presbyterian Church: $594,112.87
- Bonita, CA—Bonita Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 37,725.68
- Cape Cod, MA—Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod: 18,000.00
- Dayton, OH—Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 45,101.87
- Easton, PA—New Life Presbyterian Church: 25,924.43
- Frederick, MD—New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 56,878.57
- Hamden, CT—Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 135,630.56
- Hanover Park, IL—Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 30,894.15
- Hialeah, FL—Sharon Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 32,721.08
- Lake Worth, FL—Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 45,017.65
- Orland Park, IL—Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 412,894.34
- Philadelphia, PA—Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 43,462.22
- Reading, PA—Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church: 58,845.21

Total: $1,537,208.63

Notes outstanding on December 31, 2001, were as follows: demand, $331,903; five-year, $219,554; ten-year, $767,531; for a total of $1,318,988. Additional financial reports on the Church Extension Fund are available upon request.
IX ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOAN FUND

The Committee established a new corporation in 1993 called the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund, Inc., (OPCLF) to replace the Church Extension Fund. Members of the Board of Directors of the OPCLF are elected by CHMCE. The Board is comprised of the following:

Class of 2002: Messrs. Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Sidney O. Smith
Class of 2003: Messrs. Richard A. Barker, David J. O'Leary
Class of 2004: Messrs. George W. Knight III, Peyton H. Gardner

The following men serve as officers of the Board: president, Garret A. Hoogerhyde; vice president, George W. Knight III; secretary, Richard A. Barker; treasurer, Sidney O. Smith; assistant secretary, Ross W. Graham; assistant treasurer, David E. Haney. Messrs. Graham and Haney are ex officio members of the Board. Mr. David E. Haney serves as loan fund manager. Mrs. Kathleen W. Bube serves part-time as loan fund administrator. Mr. Gardner was elected to the Board by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension at its meeting June 21, 2001.

At the close of 2001, Notes in the OPCLF were offered in the following states (with others pending): Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Rigid regulations make it very difficult to offer Notes in some states. Notes are currently offered at the following fixed rates: 1-year, 3.0%; 3-year, 3.5%; 5-year, 4.0%; 10-year, 5.0%. At the close of the year the total of the Notes outstanding was $5,742,893.69.

Notes outstanding, including accrued interest, on December 31, 2001, were as follows: one-year, $983,009; three-year, $848,502; five-year, $1,667,741; and ten-year, $2,243,641; for a total of $5,742,893. This is an increase of more than $1,376,000 from the prior year. Additional financial reports on the OPCLF are available upon request.

During the year the Board granted the following loans: (1) an additional $50,000 (prior approved loan amount was $120,000) to Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (Germantown), Pennsylvania, to complete the renovation of its building into a worship facility; and (2) $10,000 to Living Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania, for a short-term loan to assist them with the completion of the renovation of a warehouse for use as a new worship facility. The additional loan granted to Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (Germantown), Pennsylvania, was not fully disbursed in 2001. A monthly commitment fee of 1/4 of 1% is ordinarily charged on loans granted by the Board but not disbursed within three months.

The balances due on loans from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Loan Fund as of December 31, 2001, are as follows:

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<td>Redeemer Presbyterian Church</td>
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Fort Worth, TX—OPC of Fort Worth 49,663.38
Franklin Square, NY—Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church 33,634.09
Glassboro, NJ—Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church 58,057.97
Green Bay, WI—New Hope Presbyterian Church 55,782.12
Hackettstown, NJ—Church of the Covenant 457,408.75
Haverhill, MA—Merrimack Valley Presbyterian Church 21,379.09
Manchester, NH—Amoskeag Presbyterian Church 98,904.05
Mansfield, PA—Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church 45,399.84
Matthews, NC—Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church 366,237.18
Philadelphia, PA—Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church 136,797.23
Phillipsburg, NJ—River of Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church 316,621.15
Phoenix, AZ—Calvin Orthodox Presbyterian Church 227,805.04
Rockport, ME—Lakeview Orthodox Presbyterian Church 154,132.60
San Diego, CA—New Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church 607,231.12
Vienna, VA—Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church 510,000.00
Williamsport, PA—New Life Orthodox Presbyterian Church 184,533.97
Total $4,603,814.06

During 2001, the loan to Merrimack Valley Presbyterian Church, North Andover, MA, was paid off.

X CONTINGENT FUND

The Contingent Fund was created through special gifts to the Committee and includes receipts from bequests. During 2001, $1,849 was received in new bequests. These funds have been used to provide loans for the purchase of church properties, to assist in building needs, and to supplement program funds to finance capital purchases. The Fund is also used to provide a cash reserve for the General Fund to cover any deficit in that Fund. The balances due on all loans from this Fund as of December 31, 2001, are as follows:

Bethlehem, PA—Rev. Richard R. Gerber $41,875.43
Caney, KS—Caney Orthodox Presbyterian Church 18,036.20
Marlton, NJ—Rev. Ross W. Graham 65,856.06
Presbytery of MI and Ontario (formerly Presbytery of the Midwest)—
  Living Hope OPC, Ionia, MI 41,882.66
  Presbytery of the Midwest, OPC 12,306.02
Sonora, CA—Oak Hill Orthodox Presbyterian Church 41,745.99
Stratford, NJ—Stratford Orthodox Presbyterian Church 126,011.21
Sub-total $347,913.57

The Contingent Fund has the following equity in real estate as of December 31, 2001:

Willow Grove, PA—Administration Building $44,000.00
Total $391,913.57

During 2001, the loan to Keys Chapel (OPC), Key West, Florida, was paid off.
XI AUXILIARY MINISTRIES

A. OPC Ministerial Information Form for Ministers/Licentiates

The GA has assigned to the Committee the responsibility of administering a file of completed Ministerial Information Forms submitted by licentiates and ministers of the OPC who desire to have their availability known to the churches without pastors. Ordained ministers from other denominations may also submit completed forms for consideration by pulpit committees and home missions committees. Completed forms are kept on file and distributed for six months. At the end of the six-month period a man may complete and file a new form with the Committee. All churches requesting this information are sent copies. An updated list of vacant pulpits is also maintained in conjunction with the stated clerk and is sent to those requesting it. The list is also posted on the OPC website.

B. 2002 Salary Scale Guidelines

Salary scale guidelines for assisting churches and presbyteries in arriving at compensation packages for church planters in the initial phase of a mission work have been adopted annually for many years by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. The Salary Scale reflects an earlier day when the Committee called men to church planting efforts and guaranteed their salary according to the Scale for a certain number of years.

In more recent times the Committee has stressed the fact that these are guidelines to serve as a starting point in arriving at an adequate salary package for those called to a church planting situation. The Committee is pleased that the Salary Scale has also been consulted by established churches in calling a pastor and in some instances evaluating annually the compensation for their pastor as well. While the approach to establishing the initial salary package for a church planter has changed, the Guidelines have continued to serve as an ongoing means to help determine beginning salary packages under our present policies for church planting.

In compiling a salary package in any instance (mission work or organized congregation) the ideal compensation package reflects the following:

1. Base Salary. The calling body should make adequate provision for the pastor and his family (factors include the size of the family, personal preferences, style of living, amount of debt, if any—such as car loans, education loans, etc.). The Committee suggests a base salary of $24,936 for the first year of service following ordination. The Committee suggests a base salary of $24,936 for the first year of service following ordination. Yearly increments should be given on the basis of each additional year of service with an inflation factor included, based on the local and national cost of living index.

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2. Housing considerations. Consideration should be given to housing costs in the area, the ability of the pastor to rent or purchase adequate housing for his family, and personal preferences. When a realistic amount has been mutually arrived upon between the pastor and the congregation, the proper body should record that amount as “Housing Allowance” (in addition to salary) for tax purposes. This Housing Allowance shall include all utilities and other house-related items recognized by the IRS as being covered under the Allowance stipulation.

3. Car allowance. A car is an important part of a man’s ministry. Providing for this cost depends upon several factors: condition of a car when a man is called to the field, type of car, and family circumstances that might substantiate having more than one car. In carrying out his ministerial tasks the pastor should be reimbursed at the rate of at least 34.5 cents per mile.

4. Hospitalization. The congregation should pay the cost for medical/hospitalization premiums for the pastor and his family. It is strongly suggested that this be done through participation in the OPC plan.

5. Pension. The church should pay the recommended 6% of the pastor’s salary (base salary and housing allowance) as a pension premium with the strong suggestion that he participate in the OPC Pension Plan.

6. Social Security. The church should pay one-half of the pastor’s Social Security premiums. For pastors not in the Social Security program, the church should pay one-half of the annual investment in an established investment or retirement income plan, this being on the same basis and in the same amount as though the pastor were in Social Security.

7. Other considerations. The calling body may also consider as part of the salary package items such as: arrangements to help in house purchase with a down payment if needed, disability insurance, and assistance in meeting Christian school tuition for children. The ability to implement any or all of the above suggestions is determined in part by the following:

   a. The congregation’s ability to meet the initial terms of the call with reasonable projections for annual evaluations, including increases as needed and prudent.

   b. In the case of mission works, financial aid from CHMCE, the presbytery and other possible outside sources as significant factors in determining the salary package. CHMCE support is premised on annual presbytery requests with a maximum commitment of four years.

XII GENERAL ASSEMBLY MATTERS

The Committee appointed the Rev. Ross W. Graham, general secretary, and the Rev. Richard R. Gerber, associate general secretary, as their representatives to the 69th GA.
XIII ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members
   Class of 2004
   Ministers: Mark R. Brown, George W. Knight III, Gerald S. Taylor
   Ruling Elders: Robert L. Ayres, John M. Mauldin
   Class of 2003
   Ministers: Randall A. Bergquist, John R. Hilbelink, Lawrence Semel
   Ruling Elders: Richard A. Barker, Garret A. Hoogerhyde
   Class of 2002
   Ministers: Jeffery A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger, William E. Warren
   Ruling Elders: Jack H. Julien, James W. Van Dam

B. Committee Officers
   President, John R. Hilbelink
   Vice President, Mark R. Brown
   Secretary, Gerald S. Taylor
   Treasurer, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Executive Committee
   Messrs. Barker, Hilbelink (Chairman), Hoogerhyde, Knight, and Taylor

D. Committee Representative to COC
   Mr. Hoogerhyde

E. Subcommittees
   Finance: Messrs. Barker, Hoogerhyde (Chairman), Julien, Mauldin, and Semel
   General Ministries: Messrs. Bergquist, Brown, Knight (Chairman), Van Dam,
   and Warren
   Special Ministries: Messrs. Ayres, Hilbelink, Landis, Mininger, and Taylor

F. Ministry Staff
   The current ministry staff consists of General Secretary Ross W. Graham, who
   began his service to the Committee in December 1990, and Associate General Secretary
   Richard R. Gerber, who began his service to the Committee in August 1999. The job
   description for these two men calls for a close working relationship between the general
   secretary and his associate and articulate a basic parity between them in their duties and
   responsibilities so as to allow for maximum care for the mission works and maximum
   presence in the presbyteries and the churches of the OPC.

   At its December 11-12, 2001 meeting the Committee noted in its minutes that
   the Rev. Ross W. Graham had begun his twelfth year of service as general secretary, and
   that Article 6.A.1.b. of its Operating Manual states that, “The general secretary will serve
   a three-year term. Normally he will serve a maximum of four terms totaling twelve
   years.” The Committee joined its General Ministries Subcommittee (which regularly
   reviews the labors of the general secretary) in expressing its gratitude for the outstanding
   labors of the general secretary and stating that this approval warrants engaging his
   continued service in his position beyond the normal maximum of twelve years.
Accordingly, the Committee took action to extend the term of service of the general secretary for at least three more years, that is, from December 1, 2002, until December 1, 2005.

G. Office Staff
   Beverly R. Mariani continues to serve the Committee as administrative assistant.

XIV ELECTIONS

The terms of the above-named Class of 2002 expire at this assembly.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

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I PURPOSE

The purposes of the Committee are to recommend to the General Assembly a combined budget for the three program committees (Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions and Church Extension) 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, to help coordinate the promotion of the work of the three program committees in the development of support for their work.

II OPERATION

   A. Membership
      1. Elected by the General Assembly
         a. Class of 2002
            (1) Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares
            (2) The Rev. Donald M. Poundstone
         b. Class of 2003
            (1) Ruling Elder Joseph LoGiudice III
            (2) The Rev. James L. Bosgraf
         c. Class of 2004
            (1) Ruling Elder Bruce A. Stahl
            (2) The Rev. Stephen D. Doe
      2. Elected by the Program Committees
b. Foreign Missions—The Rev. Gary W. Davenport

c. Home Missions—Ruling Elder Garret A. Hoogerhyde

3. General Secretaries (ex officio)

a. Christian Education—The Rev. Larry E. Wilson

b. Foreign Missions—Ruling Elder Mark T. Bube

c. Home Missions—The Rev. Ross W. Graham

B. Officers

1. Chairman—The Rev. Donald M. Poundstone

2. Vice-Chairman—The Rev. Ross W. Graham

3. Secretary—Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares

4. Treasurer—Ruling Elder Bruce A. Stahl

C. Standing Subcommittees

1. Administration

The Administration Subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Doe, LoGiudice and Stahl, is principally responsible for arranging 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. Bosgraf, Poundstone and Tavares, is principally responsible for approving guidelines for promotion of the work of and developing support 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. Davenport, Felch, and Hoogerhyde, plus the three general secretaries, is principally responsible for organizing the review of the program committees' programs and budgets and preparing a proposed Worldwide Outreach budget for the following year for the Committee's approval.

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

D. Meetings

The Committee met three times since the last Assembly: June 18, 2001; December 10, 2001; and April 12-13, 2002.

III ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Worldwide Outreach Program

In 2001, the church experienced a 1.51% increase in giving to Worldwide Outreach, with total Worldwide Outreach receipts for the year up from $2,104,868 in 2000 to $2,136,711 in 2001. These 2001 receipts represented a shortfall of the approved 2001 budget of $2,318,475 by 7.8%. The New Horizons magazine received only $185,674 (97.72%) of its full budget amount of $190,000, while the Committee on Coordination spent $202,346 (86.94%) of its budgeted $232,750. The Committee on Christian Education received 78.94% of its approved budget; the Committee on Foreign Missions received 99.65% of its approved budget; and the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension received 88.23% of its approved budget.
In light of these events and historical giving patterns, and after prayerful consideration, the Committee is recommending a total Worldwide Outreach program for 2003 of $2,400,000, which represents a 2.1% increase over the approved 2002 budget and 12.3% over 2001 actual receipts (see the recommendation in VI, below).

B. Coordinated Promotional Efforts
   The 2001 Thank Offering was the only coordinated promotional effort in 2001.

C. Administrative
   Our Director of Finance and Planned Giving, Mr. David E. Haney, after working half-time for more than a year, resumed his full-time work for the Committee in November 2001. He expects to expand his efforts in the area of planned giving in 2002. The Rev. Douglas A. Watson continues his service as Staff Accountant. Mrs. Janet L. Giandomenico also serves the Committee as the Assistant to the Director of Finance and does duty as office manager for the three program committees.

D. Estate and Gift Design Policy Guidelines
   The Committee submitted the proposed *Estate and Gift Design Policy Guidelines* to the 66th (1999) General Assembly, indicating that it planned “to present them to the 67th (2000) General Assembly for its approval before final adoption.” The Committee continues to follow these provisional guidelines and hopes to present them for approval to the 70th General Assembly.

E. Promotional Video
   The Committee has ceased actively to investigate the wisdom and feasibility of a promotional video. Plans are under way in 2002 to discuss new and better ways to promote the work of Worldwide Outreach with representatives of the three program committees.

IV ITEMS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to paragraph E.4.o of the Instruments of the General Assembly, the Committee on Coordination has granted its approval to the undertaking of the following special relationships, which must be reported annually to the Assembly:

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### 2003 BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE

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#### Expenses

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<td>64,080</td>
<td>66,287</td>
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(See detail below)

- **Staff travel & expenses** | 2,222 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
- **Office rent** | 8,250 | 8,250 | 8,250 | 8,250 |
- **Telephone** | 1,444 | 2,100 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
- **Postage** | 2,829 | 3,810 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
- **Office equip./maint.** | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
- **Office expenses/copier** | 4,714 | 4,500 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
- **Committee meetings** | 5,655 | 5,000 | 5,500 | 6,000 |
- **Printed materials** | 314 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
- **Audit** | 9,300 | 9,000 | 9,500 | 9,500 |
- **Promotion** | 7,084 | 7,500 | 6,500 | 7,250 |
- **Computer/Support/Supplies** | 12,547 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 8,750 |
- **Miscellaneous** | 5,452 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| **Total Expenses** | **$246,652** | **$270,750** | **$286,804** | **$292,500** |

#### Planned Giving Program

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Note: These totals are included in the overall Committee budget above.
VI RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the following Worldwide Outreach program for 2003 (see III. A, above):

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New Horizons

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VII ELECTIONS

The terms of the Rev. Donald M. Poundstone and Ruling Elder Paul H. Tavares expire at this assembly. Under Standing Rule X.2.i., Mr. Poundstone is not eligible for re-election. This Assembly should elect one minister and one ruling elder to the Class of 2005.
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

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**WWO: Sources of Funds 2001-2003**

![Graph showing sources of funds for 2001-2003]
## WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

### Use of Funds

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| **SUPPORTING SERVICES** |             |               |                |
| CASH RESERVES          | $879,316    | $961,210      | $1,082,381     |

| **TOTAL FUNDS USED**   | $2,480,722  | $2,656,199    | $2,736,909     |

**WWO: Use of Funds 2001-2003**

![Bar graph showing the use of funds from 2001 to 2003. The graph differentiates between reserves, NH, CFM, CE, Sppt.Serv., and CHMCE.]
### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH
Total Budgets and Receipts: 1980 - 2001

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<th>Total WWO Receipts</th>
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<th>% Incr.</th>
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<th>Increase</th>
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<td>78.3%</td>
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#### WWO: Receipts and Budgets 1980-2003

- **Receipts**: $500,000 - $2,500,000
- **Budget**: $1,000,000 - $5,000,000

[Graph showing a trend of receipts and budget from 1980 to 2003]
WWO: 2001 Sources of Funds

Pie 1

OPC 89.1%

Reserves 9.6%

Misc 3.3%

Non OPC 1.0%

WWO: 2001 Uses of Funds

CFM 25.5%

CE 6.7%

CHMCE 24.9%

NH 7.5%

Supt. Serv. 35.4%
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**Notes:**

- **2001 "Actual":** Based on Auditor's reports
- **2002 "Approved":** Based on Committees' reports, allocated as near as possible in the same manner as the Auditor.
- **2003 "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.
### COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
#### General Fund: Revenue and Expenses

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**Note:**
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25% 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.

Missionary Support figures include funding of shortfalls and anticipated shortfalls in the Direct Missionary Support Fund. The shortfalls are $262,401, and $247,882, and $200,426 for 2001, 2002, and 2003 respectively.
COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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Funding of Deficit (Surplus):
- Inter-fund transfers: $142,945
- Decrease (increase) in cash: $0

Deficit (Surplus) funded: $142,945

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):
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- Decrease (increase) in cash | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- Deficit (Surplus) funded | $0 | $0 | $0 |

# COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
General Fund: Revenues and Expenses

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### WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

#### Percent of Approved Budget Funded: By Committee 1983-2000

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1983-2001 Average: 93.9

Last 5 Years Average: 99.3

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#### Percent of Budget Funded: By Committee 1983 - 2001

- **CE**: Christian Education
- **FM**: Foreign Missions
- **HM**: Home Missions

[Graph showing trends from 1983 to 2001]
# The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

## Unrestricted Liquid Cash Reserve Levels

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### Liquid Cash Reserves

- **C.C.E.**
- **C.F.M.**
- **C.H.M.C.E.**
- **Other**
The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise jor the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. Isaiah 61:1-4

I INTRODUCTION

The ministry of Jesus abounds with surprising and amazing things. Luke begins the ministry of Jesus with his preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. This was his ground one, his home territory. According to Luke 4:15, his teaching was generally received with the people glorying in what he said, and praising him because of it. The surprising thing is introduced in verse 16 where we are told about Jesus' preaching in his hometown Nazareth. This is where he grew up. His audience consisted of friends and relatives. Apparently, his reputation had grown, for he was asked to give the Sabbath devotional from the Scripture (verse 16). By divine providence he was handed the scroll opened to the book of Isaiah. He went directly to chapter 61 and began to read starting with verse 1. He read through the first half of verse 2. Upon completion, the eyes of the congregation were “fixed” on him. He had their attention. At this climactic moment Jesus declared, “today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears” (4:21). Consequently, all who heard rejoiced and marveled at his message. They are all surprised at what he said, and, especially so, because of what they had heard about him.

It appears from this incident that the minds of the Jews in Galilee were resounding with the hopes of the coming Messiah and the kingdom he would introduce. According to Mark's Gospel, the ministry of Jesus in Galilee opened with preaching summarized with the words, “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.” This was accompanied with various miracles. Luke reports that the miracles done in Capernaum were known in Nazareth (4:23). The congregation in Nazareth had not only heard about the miracles of Jesus, but they recognized him as a relative and probably anticipated an even more generous blessing from him than what he had extended to their neighbors (4:22). Jesus' reaction
shows that they did not truly grasp the message he had been preaching throughout Galilee. For he not only declared the kingdom of God was upon them, but that they should repent. The incident in the synagogue takes a sour turn when Christ pointedly calls those gathered there to repentance.

Isn’t it surprising that the Jews had missed the point of Jesus’ preaching? Their minds were full of the miracles and promised blessings. This caused them to rejoice and glorify God and Jesus, but they recoiled at the preaching of repentance. The works of Jesus, the diaconal ministry of Jesus, were accompanied by and rested upon his preaching.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church has long objected to the ministry of those who substitute diaconal ministry for the faithful preaching of the Word. There are differences among us as to some of the details, but the General Assembly has walked a straight path of insisting that the message of Jesus accompany the preaching of his Word, just as Jesus himself ministered.

Like our Lord, our hearts go out to those in need. Like our Lord, we especially, although not exclusively, focus on the members of the covenant. Like our Lord, we see the deeds of mercy as occasions for the preaching of the Word. God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

We are glad to report that, to the best of our knowledge, everywhere your Committee extends diaconal aid is a place where the gospel is preached clearly.

II OVERVIEW

The chart below provides a comparison and overview of the ministry of this Committee for the years 2000 and 2001.

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In 2001 this Committee disbursed $218,978. This is $48,445 less than the disbursements during 2000. As of the end of the fiscal year 2001 the Committee held $282,728.61 in Janus Money Market Fund.

Notice that the administrative costs continue to be very low. The CPA who does the annual review of our books has noticed that for the last few years the disbursements from this line item are considerably below the budgeted amount. This is due to the sacrificial giving by Committeemen. Since we are not inclined to presume upon the good graces of the men, we continue to budget what we estimate is closer to the actual administrative costs of the Committee.

Year 2001 saw disbursements of $10,000 more in the “Ministry Foreign” category. This difference is due to the fluctuation in helping in disaster relief causes. We gave $10,000 in 2000 to help replace equipment and materials for Uganda. In 2001 we sent $20,000 through Middle East Reformed Fellowship Ltd. (MERF) to help provide various kinds of relief in war torn Sudan.
The Aged, Infirm Ministers, and their Widows and Orphans Fund (AIMWOF) disbursements decreased a little due to the passing of one of the recipients. The amount disbursed to this cause now appears in the total for “Ministry USA.”

III ADMINISTRATION

The Committee consists of seven members, three ministers, two ruling elders and two deacons. The ministers are the Revs. Leonard Coppes (Secretary-Treasurer), David King (President), and Ronald Pearce. The ruling elders are Messrs. Frode Jensen and George MacKenzie. The deacons are Messrs. Roy Ingelse (Vice-President) and Robert Wright.

The Committee met twice during 2001, once in the spring and once in the fall. These meetings are presided over by the President (or, in his absence, the Vice-President). The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible to maintain much of the correspondence for the Committee, and keep the financial records (including making disbursements and keeping a record of the monthly financial status of the Committee). He is responsible to make a full and detailed report of his activities to the entire Committee when it meets. He also sends each member the monthly financial statement to keep them abreast of the Committee activities and status.

Requests for aid may come to the Committee through any member of the Committee. The executive committee that consists of the three officers makes most decisions between the Committee meetings. Budgeted items and providing for insurance premium payments for ministers who are unable otherwise to have such coverage does not require any action of the executive Committee, but the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to take care of these matters. If there are any questions about any item, he consults the executive committee for help in making a decision or for advice.

A local session or diaconal board should normally examine requests before sending them to the Committee. If they find themselves unable to meet the need financially, they may appeal to the presbytery diaconal committee for help and advice. If that committee is unable to provide the needed help, they may appeal to this General Assembly Committee. This Committee expects the request to come before it with the needed financial statements from the needy party and the recommendations of the nearest courts of jurisdiction. Only in the most rare instances does the Committee on Diaconal Ministries provide help apart from the help and advice of a closer court of jurisdiction. This is for at least three reasons. First, the General Assembly has specifically directed us to follow such a policy. Second, often needy parties need personal ministry, and it is usually much more practicable that this be done by someone more local than we are. Third, there is almost always the need for financial or medical counsel and help in preparing the needed documentation to appeal to the Presbytery and, perhaps, to our Committee.

IV FOREIGN MINISTRIES

The financial report will show that budgeted disbursements to foreign ministries include help given through our missionaries in Lebanon, Sudan, Suriname, Kenya, Japan, Eritrea, and Uganda.

As in years past, the $9,000 given to help in Kenya all went to the hospital there. We co-operate in this ministry with the PCA. It brings much needed medical aid to thousands.
As always, it is our policy that we give aid only when we can also offer the clear preaching of the gospel. The $1,500 sent to Suriname is disbursed through our missionaries there as they see fit. Eritrean aid ($3,500) was sent through our Committee on Foreign Missions. It went to help relieve the Christians who were members of the OPC work we pursued there for many years. The Japanese relief causes are relief to the destitute, scholarship aid, aid to the center for the blind, and help for the rehabilitation center. Our gifts are small, but as always, such benevolences can use every penny they receive.

The Committee sent $20,000 in special relief aid through MERF earmarked for Sudan. We requested and received a clear financial statement through them. We received a copy of the audits for 1998 through 2000 done by an independent CPA group named The C.P.A. Group, P.C.

Mr. Atallah has reported:

"We want to thank you for the generous gift of $20,000 received a few weeks ago for the needs of the Sudanese brethren. As you know MERF has a very active and growing work among Sudanese people in North and South Sudan, where we work through our two MERF field Committees through SPEC (Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church) and PCOS (Presbyterian Church of Sudan). In addition MERF has also active ministries among Sudanese refugees in Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Eritrea, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. MERF’s ministry is both Word (evangelism, church-extension, and biblical training) and diaconal. Already the Lord has enabled us to provide small but regular support to well over 200 pastors and evangelists within Sudan itself and about 15-20 others who work among refugees (seven of them work among tens of thousands of refugees in Egypt). In addition, we are trying to provide diaconal support programs for many homeless, sick, and/or hungry Reformed Sudanese brethren among whom these fellow workers are laboring.

We rejoice in the great outpouring of God's mercy and grace among these war torn people.

Committeeman Robert Wright returned from Uganda this year. During our meeting in the fall he described his attempts to see to the building needs of our mission there. Mr. Wright continues seeking to help the people of Uganda.

V HOME MINISTRIES

Home ministries has for many years been focused largely on making certain the church’s employees and retirees have adequate hospitalization insurance. In the past some of our ministers have been caught without insurance when they were facing various serious medical problems. The result was that the church sought to care for its own in obedience to the command of the Lord. But the costs were very high. In recent years we thank the Lord that we have not faced such a situation. We trust this is because all of the ministers have hospitalization and major medical coverage. We continue to urge our presbyteries to see to this matter when calls come before them. It would also be appropriate for presbytery diaconal committees to interview all of the ministers on the presbytery’s roll seeking to make certain they all have proper coverage.

Some ministers have opted for coverage that has a large co-pay provision. This could be disastrous. It may still leave the church with the responsibility of bailing the insured out. Other plans involve some kind of volunteer mutual coverage by a co-op of Christians. This,
too, could create serious problems in the face of major medical bills. We encourage the presbyteries to interview those who participate in such plans, seeking to determine if the coverage is adequate.

In 2001 the AIMWOF continues as a line item under Ministries USA. This year expenditures were considerably lessened due to the passing of a recipient (as mentioned above). We rejoice that the Pensions Committee has taken over much of this task but are reminded that they do not provide for ministers and those left behind unless the funds were already deposited in the retirement fund. Hence, it may be that in the future some will need help from the Committee on Diaconal Ministries.

There has been a noteworthy increase in disbursements for insurance premiums for ministers whose income does allow for adequate hospitalization. Expenditures in 2001 exceeded the budget by about $27,000. Our budget for 2003 nearly matches the expenditure for 2001 and represents almost a third of our budget request. This increase in 2001 is due, in part, to the increase in premiums per client. On the other hand, we note that there are more and more calls from mission churches to help them by paying hospitalization insurance premiums for the prospective minister. This certainly is a perplexing situation.

We all rejoice in the birth of new congregations. On the other hand, your Committee has a growing feeling that we are becoming a source of income to the churches. We are not certain but that this constitutes a way of supplementing the income of ministers rather than restricting our funds to help those who are in need. It is one thing to help those in need of diaconal help and another thing to place a man in a position of such a need.

We wish to draw the church's attention to the decreased need in the AIMWOF fund. We encourage the churches not to designate funds for that cause unless they are unable in good conscience to support the entire ministry of this Committee. We wish to avoid a situation where we have a large amount of funds designated for this particular need and are unable to dip into the funds when there are emergency diaconal needs in other areas. On the other hand, we appreciate the desire of those who choose to designate funds to this (or other) items in our ministry and will honor those designations by not using the funds for other matters.

For many years we have helped support students in Philadelphia, enabling their parents to remove them from the dangers, physical and spiritual, threatening them in the public schools. Elsewhere in the nation we have helped parents remove their students from similar dangers. The amount of money we direct to this ministry is small, but the effect on the life of each child is major. The Committee on Christian Education was started with a view, among other things, to promoting Christian day schools. However, we understand that that Committee feels other tasks they have undertaken have made it impracticable for them to fund any kind of financial aid for Christian day school education. Several years ago the General Assembly gave this orphaned cause to the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. The need truly has a dual source. It is both educational and diaconal in stimulus. The latter stimulus underlies the work of this Committee. We rejoice to report that, of the several requests and inquiries made concerning this fund, local churches and presbyteries have been able to see that the needs were met.

VI ELECTIONS

Currently the Committee consists of:
Class  Minister        Elder          Deacon
2004  Ronald E. Pearce Frode M. Jensen Roy W. Ingelse (vice-pres.)
2003  Leonard J. Coppes (secr.-treas.)
2002  David W. King (pres.) George S. MacKenzie

Terms expiring at this Assembly: David W. King and George S. MacKenzie

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.

VII RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2. 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 adequate retirement and for payment of hospitalization, surgical, and major medical insurance.

3. That the General Assembly request the presbyteries to investigate whether all their ministers have adequate medical insurance coverage and retirement provision, including looking into the sufficiency of co-pay and other alternative plans.

4. That for the year 2003 the General Assembly request the churches of the OPC to support the work of this Committee at the suggested rate of $29.00 per communicant member.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2003
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### Rehab
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- 500.00

### Scholarship
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- 1,000.00
- 1,000.00

### Emerg. Relief
- 8,000.00

### Disas/Emerg. Relief
- 20,000.00
- 12,000.00
- 12,000.00

### Total
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- 41,000.00
- 49,000.00

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### Diaconal Ministries—USA

#### Special Relief
- 500.00
- 15,000.00
- 15,000.00

#### Emergency Medical
- 24,000.00
- 24,000.00

#### Student Scholarships
- Phila
  - 12,700.00
  - 12,700.00
  - 12,700.00
- Other
  - 9,000.00
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#### Hosp. Premiums
- 90,829.68
- 63,000.00
- 100,000.00

#### Comm. on Pensions
- 35,000.00
- 35,000.00

#### AIMWOF
- Pension Fund
  - 16,300.00
  - 44,000.00
  - 44,000.00
- Other
  - 49,000.00
  - 49,000.00

### Total
- 155,329.68
- 251,700.00
- 253,700.00

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### Total General Budget
- 218,977.54
- 311,200.00
- 321,700.00

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### Total receipts 2001
- 290,025.93

### Total disbursement
- 218,977.54

### Difference
- +71,048.39

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HEIDER, TANNER, & DIRKS, INC.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT’S

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Thornton, Colorado

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities and net assets—cash basis of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements and changes in net assets—cash basis and cash flows—cash basis for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the Committee’s management.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Committee personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit 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, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are 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, as described in Note 2.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them
to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 2. The information in the accompanying Schedules is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements. This information is presented on the cash basis of accounting, and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

Heider, Tanner, & Dirks, Inc.
January 29, 2002

COMMITTEE ON DIACONAL MINISTRIES
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
December 31, 2001

Assets (all current)
Cash in bank
Checking $ 11,248
Share account 41,182
Total Cash 52,430
Money Market account 282,729
Loan receivable — 300
Total assets 335,459

Liabilities

Net Assets
Unrestricted 316,031
Temporarily restricted 19,428
Total net assets 335,459

Total liabilities and net assets $335,459

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
Year ended December 31, 2001

Receipts
Contributions
General—OP churches $225,393 $44,939 $270,332
General—OP other 7,700 6,284 13,984
Total contributions 233,093 51,223 284,316
Interest and dividend income 5,339 — 5,339
Total receipts 238,432 51,223 289,655

Disbursements
Administrative 14,648 — 14,648
Foreign ministries 49,000 — 49,000

Temporarily
Unrestricted Restricted Total
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<td>Funds Transfer (Note 3)</td>
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<td>Assets, 12-31-01</td>
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See accompanying notes and accountant’s report.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS—CASH BASIS

Cash Flows from Operating Activities
- Excess of receipts or (disbursements) $70,677
- Cash provided (used) by operations 70,677

Cash Flows from Investing Activities
- Cash invested in money market account (282,729)
- Cash used by operations (282,729)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities
- Loans made -
- Collections on loans 600
- Cash provided (used) by financing activities 600

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash (211,452)
- Cash, December 31, 2000 263,882
- Cash, December 31, 2001 52,430

See accompanying notes and accountant’s report.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2001

Note 1: Organization and Purpose
The Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (the “Committee”) receives funds primarily from Orthodox Presbyterian Churches and church members to support various domestic and foreign ministries and various retired ministers as directed by the Committee members.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
Accounting Method: The Committee’s policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, income is recorded when received, rather than when pledged or earned, and expenses are recorded when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash is deposited in two accounts, checking and “share” or savings, maintained at the Space Age Federal Credit Union, Aurora, Colorado. There are no cash equivalents.

Note 3: Restricted and Unrestricted Receipts and Net Assets
Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted or temporarily restricted net assets, depending on the nature of any donor restrictions. There are no permanently restricted net assets.

In January 2001, the temporarily restricted net assets or “designated fund” of $19,278 was transferred to unrestricted net assets or “general fund” in recognition of prior expenditures of unrestricted funds for restricted purposes.

Note 4: Loans Receivable
The Committee makes loans to recipients in cases where the recipient requests a loan instead of a grant or donation. Loans are non-interest bearing, and any unrepaid balances are forgiven after seven years. At December 31, 2001, there was one loan outstanding with a remaining balance of $300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year ended December 31, 2001

Schedule 1: Administrative Disbursements
<table>
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Schedule 2: Foreign Ministries Disbursements
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<tbody>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sudan</td>
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<td>Eritrea</td>
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<td>Suriname</td>
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<td>Relief</td>
<td></td>
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<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blind Center</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation</td>
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<td>Disaster relief—Sudan</td>
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Schedule 3: Domestic (USA) Ministries Disbursements
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<td>$2,543</td>
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

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The primary responsibility of the Committee on Pensions is to provide a retirement plan for the ministers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Committee also provides health insurance and group life insurance plans for the ministers, officers, and full-time employees of the church and their families. Finally, the Committee makes supplemental payments to certain ministers with inadequate pensions.

The Committee on Pensions seeks to assist the churches in providing for the health, welfare, and retirement needs of ordained officers and full-time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian churches and committees. As the Committee does so, it is constantly aware of the complexity of the administration of its various plans. In addition to the changing needs of its constituency, the Committee must also take into consideration the multiplicity of governmental regulations on both the national and state levels. The Committee strives to function as a good steward of the work entrusted to it by the Assembly and earnestly covets the prayers of the church as it labors in its task.
I PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

A. Investment Policies

1. The investments of the Retirement Equity Fund are managed by two investment managers: Fahnestock & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Beacon Trust Co., Madison, New Jersey. Both managers function under guidelines established by the Committee. Those guidelines state in part that the managers should select investments with the optimal combination of quality and future growth prospects. Equity investments under the guidelines are restricted to a maximum of 65% of the total funds under their management.

2. At the end of 2000 the investments of the fund were allocated as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Investment Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Money Market Funds</td>
<td>10.73%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mutual Funds</td>
<td>.24%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corporate Bonds</td>
<td>5.80%</td>
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<tr>
<td>U.S. Governments and Agencies</td>
<td>27.41%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>55.82%</td>
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B. Investment Results

1. The investment results for the year 2001, while not a positive number, were not as bad as was anticipated as the year developed, particularly after the September 11 tragedies. While the majority of pension funds showed double-digit decreases for the year, we were thankful with a decrease of under 5%. The net assets of the Fund at the end of the year amounted to $15,533,931. There was a net loss of 4.43% ($719,913) for the year 2001. The growth of the Fund over the years is shown in the following:

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Net Assets</th>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1971</td>
<td>$439,923</td>
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<tr>
<td>December 31, 1981</td>
<td>1,122,620</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 31, 1991</td>
<td>6,234,687</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 31, 2001</td>
<td>15,533,931</td>
</tr>
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3. At the end of 2001, each participant’s account was credited with 3.16% income and charged with 7.45% in decreased market value, amounting to a total charge of 4.29%. The investment results over specific periods is shown in the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Period</th>
<th>Average annual percentage of gain</th>
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<tr>
<td>the last 5 years</td>
<td>10.151%</td>
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<td>the last 10 years</td>
<td>10.430%</td>
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<tr>
<td>the last 15 years</td>
<td>11.282%</td>
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<tr>
<td>the last 20 years</td>
<td>13.725%</td>
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C. Term Life Insurance

Included as part of the pension plan is $20,000 of term life insurance, which remains in force until a participant retires and begins to receive pension payments. The annual premium for this coverage per individual for 2001 was $130. This coverage is underwritten by Union Central Life Insurance Company.

D. Eligibility and Participation
1. All ministers and permanent full-time employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church or its congregations and organizations, including those serving in any capacity and beyond the borders of the United States of America, shall be eligible for coverage under this plan. A minister shall be eligible upon his ordination or reception by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. A non-ministerial employee shall be eligible upon being declared a "permanent employee" by his employer.

2. At the end of 2001, the participants in the plan consisted of the following:

| Participants Making Contributions | 150 |
| Participants Not Making Contributions | 46 |
| Retired—Drawing Pension | 38 |
| Surviving Spouses—Drawing Pension | 20 |
| Retired—Receiving Annuity | 4 |
| Total | 258 |

E. Benefits

1. During the year 2001, the following retirement payments were made:

- Annuity payments—insurance companies $7,243
- Pension payments—Committee $405,625

The average pension payment by the Committee was $577 per month.

2. The Committee has designated for the calendar year 2002 that $750 per month of pension distributions to an ordained member shall constitute a housing allowance, provided, however, that such housing allowance is not to exceed the actual expenditures for housing, utilities, maintenance, repairs, and other expenses related to providing a house.

II PENSION SUPPLEMENT FUND

A. Eligibility and Participation

Benefits from this fund are available to ministers (and their surviving spouses, unless they remarry) who have at least 20 years of service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, were at least 65 years of age prior to January 1, 1988, and are receiving regular pension payments from the Retirement Equity Fund. At the end of 2001, there were 12 ministers and 15 surviving spouses receiving supplementary 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 a decrease in earnings in the fund, combined with the projected cost-of-living increases, the Committee had requested contributions for the years 1995-2000. The Committee is not requesting any contributions for the year 2003.

C. Benefits

1. During the year 2001, payments made to eligible participants were $160 per month. Those participants whose regular pension accounts have been exhausted or who are receiving commercial annuity payments purchased with their pension account monies
received $170 per month since they no longer benefit from the investment results of the
Retirement Equity Fund.

2. The pension supplement payments made to retired ministers were
designated as housing or rental allowances paid in recognition of, and as compensation for,
their past services. These payments were not subject to federal income tax.

D. Summary Financial Report

1. Income and expense

The summary financial report of the Pension Supplement Fund for the year 2001 is as follows:

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<th>Balance—January 1, 2001</th>
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<td>Receipts</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>4,630</td>
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<td>Dividends</td>
<td>10,603</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Receipts</strong></td>
<td><strong>29,143</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Disbursements</strong></td>
<td><strong>327,797</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Pension supplements</td>
<td>52,680</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance—December 31, 2000</strong></td>
<td><strong>$275,117</strong></td>
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</table>

2. Investments

The assets of this Fund are invested primarily in money market funds, fixed
income mutual funds, and government securities. The Fund also holds some equities which
were received as gifts to the Fund.

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 under age 19, or age 25 if a full-time student.

B. Coverage

The maximum individual coverage available is as follows:

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<th>Participant</th>
<th>$300,000</th>
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<tr>
<td>Spouse</td>
<td>50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Children</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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C. Enrollment

The enrollment in the plan decreased during the year, and at the end of 2001 had
52 participants. Total insurance in force at year end was as follows:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Participants</th>
<th>$3,194,500</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Spouses</td>
<td>1,260,000</td>
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</table>
D. Insurance Carrier
As of January 1, 2001, the coverage has been through Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

IV HOSPITALIZATION

A. Description of the Plan
1. The plan is designed to provide medical benefits to participants and their families, including hospitalization and prescription drug costs. As of April 1, 1997, the Committee added to the plan a network of medical providers. This change was made to keep the costs of medical care to Plan participants as competitive as possible while improving the benefits at the same time. In summary, if participants use the providers in the network, the deductible is decreased, the co-pay is increased to 90%, and the maximum out-of-pocket costs will be less. Participants are still able to choose non-network providers, and the benefits remain as before. The revised plan design is as follows:

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<th>Non-Network Individual/Family</th>
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<td><strong>Deductible</strong></td>
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<td>Medicare Primary</td>
<td>$250/$750</td>
<td>$250/$750</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>$250/$750</td>
<td>$500/$1,500</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Co-Insurance</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Medicare Primary</td>
<td>80% of $2,000/$4,000</td>
<td>80% of $2,000/$4,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>90% of $5,000/$10,000</td>
<td>80% of $5,000/$10,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Maximum out of Pocket</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Medicare Primary</td>
<td>$650/$1,550</td>
<td>$650/$1,550</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>$750/$1,750</td>
<td>$1,500/$3,500</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generic/Name Brand</td>
<td>$5/$25</td>
<td>$5/$25</td>
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</table>

2. The plan is structured as a self-funded plan with stop-loss insurance policies carried with an insurance company. The plan is similar 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 were paid to an insurance company to insure the fund for individual claims that exceeded $50,000, and for total claims in a year that exceeded $1,221,345 and $837,071 in 2001 and 2000, respectively. The remaining funds are used to pay claims. In effect, the experience of the participants' claims and increases in medical costs determine 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.

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 wait for an open enrollment date that is designated by the Committee. 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. The open enrollment dates designated by the Committee are January 1 and July 1 of each year.

At the end of 2001, the enrollment in the plan was as follows:

<table>
<thead>
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<th></th>
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<th>Ministers</th>
<th>Elders &amp; Deacons</th>
<th>Employees</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single Individuals</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Group</td>
<td>108</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Surviving Spouses</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>128</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>4</td>
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</table>

C. Financial Summary

1. The year 2001 continued in the direction of the prior year in showing a decrease in the fund deficit of $96,366. The deficit balance at the end of the year was $28,438, a substantial reduction from the January 1, 2000 amount of $388,716. This reduction was the result of the contributions of the churches to reduce that deficit, together with the efforts to bring the premiums to a level to cover the claims and expenses.

2. A regional rate structure is used for the plan in order to reflect costs and competitive rates in the various parts of the country. The regions were those set up by one of the major insurance companies. The regions established were as follows:

Region 1: AK, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, KS, MA, NV, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TN
Region 2: AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, GA, IN, MI, MO, MT, NB, ND, OH, OK, SD, TX, VA, WV, WY
Region 3: IA, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NH, NM, NC, OR, SC, UT, VT, WA, WI

The monthly rates by category and region are as follows:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Region 1</th>
<th>Region 2</th>
<th>Region 3</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single Individual</td>
<td>$343</td>
<td>$308</td>
<td>$275</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Group</td>
<td>834</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special 65—Single</td>
<td>258</td>
<td>258</td>
<td>258</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special 65—Husband and Wife</td>
<td>458</td>
<td>458</td>
<td>458</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Single (65) &amp; Dependent (under 65)</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>566</td>
<td>532</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The above rates are those in effect as of February 1, 2002.

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. There are, however, 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 having to change their 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 premiums which are available in that area.

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

1. 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 ten 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; the plan could not have continued without these additions, and the Committee is submitting a similar recommendation for the year 2002 (see Recommendation 1 below).

2. Over the life of the plan, the Committee has become aware of the fact that almost every time rates are increased a number of participants leave the plan for coverage in a plan that they are able to get at a lesser rate. Unfortunately, since these reduced rates are not available in every area or to many older participants, the result is to decrease the number of people to absorb the costs of the group and, in effect, generate new increases in the future.

The Committee is desirous of bringing more stability to the plan in hope of encouraging younger men to enroll and remain in the plan. In an attempt to do this, as a first step, the Committee's recommendation to the 67th General Assembly was adopted as follows: "That the 67th General Assembly request the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to supplement the denominational hospitalization plan at the rate of up to $35,000 per year for the next three years (2000-2002) in order to moderate premium increases that could jeopardize the continuation of the plan."

The Committee is now proposing a second step in the same direction (see Recommendation 2).

V ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Members

Class of 2004

Minister: William E. Warren
Ruling Elders: Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington

Class of 2003

Minister: Robert L. Broline, Jr.
Ruling Elders: Roger W. Huibregtse, Bruce A. Stahl
Class of 2002
Minister: Gary W. Davenport
Ruling Elders: David E. Haney, Garret A. Hoogerhyde

B. Officers
President: Roger W. Huibregtse
Vice President: Gary W. Davenport
Secretary: Robert M. Meeker
Treasurer: Garret A. Hoogerhyde

C. Executive Committee
Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Roger W. Huibregtse (Chairman), Robert M. Meeker, and Gary W. Davenport

D. Staff
Administrative Assistant - Kathleen Kline

VI RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request a contribution of $15.00 per communicant member from the churches in 2003 to reduce the deficit in the hospitalization fund.

2. The Committee recommends that the 69th General Assembly request the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to supplement the denominational hospitalization plan at the rate of up to $75,000 per year for the next three years (2003-2005) in order to moderate premium increases that could jeopardize the continuation of the plan.

VII ELECTIONS

The terms of the class of 2002 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Committee on Pensions
Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Pension Fund

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Pension Fund (the “Plan”) as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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, 2001 and 2000 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Schedule I, Assets Held for Investment as of December 31, 2001 is presented for purposes of additional information and is 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.

Radics & Co., LLC
April 29, 2002

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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<td>Accrued interest and dividends receivable</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous receivable</td>
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<td>Cash in interest-bearing accounts</td>
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<td>15,539,797</td>
<td>16,261,410</td>
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Liabilities
### ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PENSION FUND
#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

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<th>Year Ended</th>
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<td>Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments</td>
<td>$(741,835)</td>
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<td>Realized (loss) on sale of investments</td>
<td>(432,595)</td>
<td>(209,153)</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>364,984</td>
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<td>Dividends</td>
<td>171,972</td>
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<td>(637,474)</td>
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<td><strong>Investment expenses</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>(672,647)</td>
<td>698,233</td>
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<td><strong>Contributions</strong></td>
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<td>Employer</td>
<td>461,292</td>
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<td>495,423</td>
<td>442,315</td>
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<td><strong>Other additions</strong></td>
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<td>Transfer from supplemental fund</td>
<td>52,680</td>
<td>51,935</td>
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<td>Total additions</td>
<td>(124,544)</td>
<td>1,192,483</td>
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<td><strong>Deductions from assets attributable to</strong></td>
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<td>Premiums on life insurance</td>
<td>22,762</td>
<td>19,518</td>
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<td>Pension distributions</td>
<td>464,338</td>
<td>388,760</td>
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<td>Supplemental pension</td>
<td>52,680</td>
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<td>Lump sum withdrawals</td>
<td>6,030</td>
<td>489,825</td>
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<td>Administrative expenses</td>
<td>49,559</td>
<td>51,150</td>
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<td>Total deductions</td>
<td>595,369</td>
<td>1,001,188</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net (decrease)/increase in net assets available for plan benefits</strong></td>
<td>(719,913)</td>
<td>191,295</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets available for plan benefits—beginning</strong></td>
<td>16,253,844</td>
<td>16,062,549</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets available for plan benefits—ending</strong></td>
<td>$15,533,931</td>
<td>$16,253,844</td>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.
1. 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 the congregations or organizations thereof. The normal retirement benefit is based on a participant's equity in the Pension Fund at the time of retirement and on the income option selected. The Pension Fund also provides death benefits. Participants' contributions are limited to a percentage of their annual compensation which is determined by the individual congregations. The current recommended percentage is 6%. Contributions are generally made by the participating churches, and allowances are 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>
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<td>10 and over</td>
<td>100%</td>
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Participants who leave the Plan before the fifth anniversary of their participation in the Plan receive a percentage of their total equity in the Pension Fund corresponding to a share of the total contribution 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.
2. 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 fair value, as determined by the quoted market prices on the last business day of the year. The change in the difference between current fair 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 fair value of marketable securities.

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued as earned and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Plan maintains cash balances at one banking institution which is in excess of FDIC insurance limits. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, such cash amounted to $37,465 and $40,577 respectively.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investment securities consist of the following:

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>12/31/00 Market Value</th>
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<td>Marketable securities</td>
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<td>Mutual fund</td>
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<td>Common stocks</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>13,681,690</td>
<td>15,392,231</td>
<td>15,512,035</td>
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Total $11,480,615       $15,325,372       $10,920,664       $16,040,468

The unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) of the Plan’s investment securities is summarized below:

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<td>Common stock</td>
<td>(835,844)</td>
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<td>U.S. Government securities</td>
<td>76,935</td>
<td>235,725</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$(741,835)</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 Baker & Hoogerhyde LLC, CPA's received fees of $39,600 in 2001 and 2000, respectively, for the accounting and administration of the Plan.

6. **PLAN TERMINATION**
   Although it has not expressed any interest to do so, the Trust has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. **CONCENTRATION OF RISK**
   The Plan's investments include a mutual fund, corporate bonds, common stocks and U.S. Government securities. Such investments are subject to market risk.

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**ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PENSION FUND**

**SCHEDULES OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT**

December 31, 2001

Table 1: U.S. Government securities

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<th>Fair Value</th>
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<td>Total U.S. Government Securities</td>
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**Table 2: Corporate Bonds**

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<td>BankAmerica Corp., 7.20%, due 09/15/02</td>
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<td>Bear Stearns Co., 7.80%, due 08/15/07</td>
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<td>85,000</td>
<td>Citicorp, 7.125%, due 05/15/06</td>
<td>88,493</td>
<td>91,072</td>
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<td>88,000</td>
<td>Ford Motor Credit Notes, 6.75%, due 08/15/08</td>
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<td>General Electric Capital Credit, 6.50%, due 12/10/07</td>
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<td>General Motors Corp., 6.75%, due 01/15/06</td>
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<td>Morgan Stanley Group, 6.10%, due 04/15/06</td>
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<td>85,000</td>
<td>Norfolk &amp; Southern Corp., 6.95%, due 05/01/02</td>
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<td>Total Corporate Bonds</td>
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**Table 3: Common Stocks**

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Table 5: Money Market Funds

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Total Investment Assets  
11,480,615  
15,325,371

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Committee on Pensions  
Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Hospitalization Trust

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Hospitalization Trust as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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, 2001 and 2000 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Trust will continue as a going concern. As shown in the financial statements, the Plan's liabilities at December 31, 2001 and 2000 were $28,438 and $124,805 greater than Plan assets at those dates, respectively. Because of that and other matters discussed in Note 5, 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.
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

Year Ending  | 2001  | 2000 |
---|---|---|
Assets
Cash and cash equivalents | $234,695 | $84,157 |
Accounts receivable | 18,038 | 15,533 |
Re-insurance receivable | - | 23,908 |
Total assets | 252,733 | 123,598 |
Liabilities and net assets available for plan benefits
Claims payable | 200,773 | 185,730 |
Premiums collected in advance | 79,863 | 62,574 |
Accrued expenses | - | 99 |
Due to Pension Fund | 535 | - |
Total liabilities | 281,171 | 248,403 |
Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits | $(28,438) | $(124,805) |

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

Year Ended  | 12/31/2001  | 12/31/2000 |
---|---|---|
Revenue
Premiums - members | $996,068 | $818,760 |
Service charges | 600 | 648 |
Investment income | 8,374 | 1,993 |
Deficit reduction fund | 81,150 | 198,182 |
Stop loss reimbursements | 49,821 | 268,894 |
Premium subsidy | 35,000 | 35,000 |
Total revenue | 1,171,013 | 1,323,477 |
Expenses
Claims paid and incurred | 870,378 | 896,647 |
Premiums - insurance companies | 139,387 | 96,794 |
Trust administration fees | 59,701 | 58,822 |
General and administrative expenses | 5,180 | 2,328 |
Interest | - | 4,975 |
Total expenses 1,074,646 1,059,566
Excess of revenue over expenses 96,367 263,911
Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits, beginning (124,805) (388,716)
Liabilities in excess of net assets available for plan benefits, ending (28,439) (124,805)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOSPITALIZATION TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2001

1. 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 may participate in the Plan.

2. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
   The Welfare Benefits Funding Plan for Employees of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc. (the "Hospitalization Trust" or "Trust") was established on July 1, 1984 when the church's prior hospitalization plan was terminated.
   The Trust uses the accrual method of accounting.
   The Trust considers money market accounts to be cash equivalents.
   The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. PARTY IN INTEREST
   The accounting firm of Baker & Hoogerhyde LLC, CPA's received management fees of $7,200 and $7,200 for the accounting and administration of the Hospitalization Plan during the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

4. TAX STATUS
   The Trust is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(9) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code as a voluntary employees' beneficiary association.

5. GOING CONCERN
   The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, which contemplate continuation of the Plan as a going concern. However, the Plan has sustained losses in prior years, and at December 31,
2001, the Plan's liabilities exceeded its assets by $28,438.

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 meet its obligations. Management believes that actions presently being taken provide the opportunity for the Trust to continue as a going concern.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICITY AND INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

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B. Other Churches
   1. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC)
   2. United Reformed Churches of North America
   3. Protestant Reformed Churches
   4. Free Reformed Churches in North America (FRCNA)
   5. L’eglise Reformee du Quebec (ERQ)
   6. Others
IV FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD
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I THE COMMITTEE
A. Meetings
The Committee has held two full meetings since the previous General Assembly. The first was October 10-11, 2001 and the second was April 4-5, 2002, both in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

B. Officers
The officers of the Committee are Jack J. Peterson, Chairman and George W. Knight, III, Secretary.

C. Regarding the exceptions taken to the Minutes of the Committee by the 68th GA, the Committee adopted the following: “The Committee regrets our lack of precision in the phrase ‘led in devotions’ in not specifying that this included prayer and also regrets our lack of giving a reason for the change of date, i.e., so that the chairman could perform a funeral service.”

D. Subcommittees/liasons
The Committee has assigned individual members as “liaisons” whose duty it is to represent the Committee as contact persons with specific churches or organization 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. In addition to the liaisons, there are continuing subcommittees and subcommittees for specific tasks. The liaisons and subcommittees at present are:

1. Liaisons
   a. ARPC—John P. Galbraith
   b. CRCNA observer—Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
   c. KAPC—Mark T. Bube
   d. PCA—George W. Knight, III
   e. RPCNA—Richard A. Barker
   f. RCUS—Thomas E. Tyson
   g. CANREF—Gaffin
   h. BPC—Robert B. Needham
   i. FRCNA—G. I. Williamson
   j. PRC—Williamson
   k. EPC—Needham
   l. URCNA—Williamson
   m. ERQ—Bube
   n. KPCA—Galbraith
   o. HeritageRC—Galbraith
   p. Presbyterian Reformed Church [PresRC]—
   q. ICRC—Peterson
   r. EPCEW—Knight

2. Subcommittees
   a. Fraternal delegates—Barker
   b. Asia/Pacific—Bube, Tyson
   c. Africa [except South Africa]—Bube, Peterson
   d. Europe—Barker, Knight
   e. South Africa—Gaffin, Peterson
   f. South and Central America/Mexico—Needham, Williamson
   g. Theological Training Assistance Fund—Peterson
h. International Ecumenical Organizations (Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF), World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), etc.)—Galbraith

II FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES

A. Fraternal Delegates/observers
1. Since the last General Assembly, fraternal delegates were sent to the major assemblies of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (F. Kingsley Elder), the Presbyterian Church in America (Gary W. Davenport), the Reformed Church in Japan [M. Uomoto], the Reformed Church in the United States (Randall K. Klynsma), and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (Danny E. Olinger).
2. Since the last General Assembly, fraternal observers were sent to the major assemblies of the Bible Presbyterian Church (Tyson), the Korean American Presbyterian Church (Theodore Hard), and the Presbyterian Church of Japan (Stewart E. Lauer).
3. This year the Committee plans to send fraternal delegates to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in America, the Presbyterian Church in Korea/Kosin, the Reformed Church in Japan, the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, and the Reformed Church in the United States.
4. This year the Committee plans to send observers to the Bible Presbyterian Church, the Free Reformed Churches of North America, and the Presbyterian Church of Japan.
5. Our 68th (2001) General Assembly received fraternal delegates and observers from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Canadian Reformed Churches, the Presbyterian Church in America, the Reformed Church in the United States, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and the United Reformed Churches in North America.

B. Churches in “Ecclesiastical Fellowship”
1. The document that defines the position of the OPC in its ecumenical service is “Biblical Principles of the Unity of the Church.” That document has been adopted by 63rd (1996) GA, and it is also found on the OPC website.
2. At present we are in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with 13 churches, which are:
   a. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church [www.arpsynod.org/]
   b. The Canadian Reformed Churches [www.canrc.org]
   d. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales [www.epcew.org.uk/]
   e. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland [http://web.ukonline.co.uk/epc/]
   f. The Free Church of Scotland [www.freechurch.org/]
   g. The Presbyterian Church in America [www.pcanet.org/]
   h. The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) [http://upc.or.kr]
C. Churches in “Corresponding Relationship”

At present we are in “Corresponding Relationship” with three churches, which are:

1. The Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church [AEPC]
2. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated) (de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (Vrijgemaakt)) [www.gkv.nl]
3. The United Reformed Churches in North America
4. The Church of Christ in the Sudan Among the Tiv (Nongo u Kristu u ken Sudan hen Tiv) In Nigeria (invited but have not responded)
5. The Presbyterian Church in Uganda [PCU] (invited but have not responded)

D. The Committee has adopted a program to better discharge our mutually covenanted responsibilities to other churches in our relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship (EF) and to strive for the unity of the church contemplated in Biblical Principles of the Unity of the Church. The goal is to meet annually with representatives of the interchurch relations committee of churches in North America with which the OPC has EF on a rotating schedule, and invite them to meet with us. The agenda of items to be discussed with respect to both churches during such a meeting will include: Are there specific occasions where you believe we have failed to live up to our commitments to you or have caused you grief? Speaking the truth in love, where do you perceive our testimony or practice to be weak? What, if any, significant changes in polity, doctrine, or practice are pending in your church(es)? What are the significant issues presently under study in the various assemblies of your church(es)? Are there ministries in which we can more closely cooperate? What are the impediments, real or perceived, to the two churches achieving organic unity? We desire to do this also with churches outside of North America, where possible. This will implement the relationship of EF set forth in the Minutes of the 64th [1997] General Assembly, §178, pp. 53 and 283–284, such as, “Joint action in areas of common responsibility, consultation on issues of joint concern, particularly before instituting changes in polity, doctrine, or practice that might alter the basis of the fellowship,” and “The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting Christian unity.” Also in view is the document Biblical Principles of the Unity of the Church, specifically part IV, which is entitled, “Towards Perfecting Biblical Unity” and concludes: H. In seeking unity with faithful presbyterian and Reformed churches: “I. There is also responsibility to call all churches, including our own, to faithfulness in order to seek the unity of the whole church.” It is difficult to see how the OPC’s responsibilities under either of the above can be faithfully discharged without periodic substantive face-to-face meetings with our brothers.
Appendix

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 churches that are not members of NAPARC.

A. Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship in North America
1. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
2. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
The 29th GA met in Dallas, TX, June 18-22, 2001. Ruling Elder Steve Fox from Trinity PCA of Montgomery, AL was elected Moderator. Total communicant members (as of 2000) were 243,814.
   a. MNA (Mission to North America): 24 churches were received into the PCA last year, of which 22 were newly organized church plants. The GA dissolved one presbytery, redrew the boundaries of two others, and erected four new presbyteries.
   b. MTW (Mission to the World): They report that they have the largest missionary force in presbyterian church history with over 800 missionaries (of which 519 are career) in 47 countries.
   c. RUM (Reformed University Mission): Has ministries on 56 campuses and expects to grow to 62 in 2001-2002. The presbyteries and GA made RUM a full Permanent Committee of the GA.
   d. The GA declined the request of the Westminster Presbytery to leave the PCA.
   e. Creation Issue: In response to overtures, the GA stated, “It is the responsibility of the lower courts to determine if a man’s views are in accord with the constitution, not the man himself, not the General Assembly, except in case of judicial process.”
   f. Leaders in the PCA formed the World Reformed Fellowship in October 2000 from the World Fellowship of Reformed Churches and the International Reformed Fellowship.
   g. Covenant College: President Frank Brock announced his retirement effective the end of June 2001.
3. Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
4. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA)
5. Canadian Reformed Churches (CANREF)
   a. The 68th General Assembly affirmed its approval of the agreement formulated jointly by the Committee on Contact with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of the Canadian Reformed Churches and the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church submitted to the 64th GA (1997). Synod Neerlandia 2001 of the Canadian Reformed Churches determined to approve the agreement and to “establish Ecclesiastical Fellowship” with the OPC “upon their acceptance of the proposed agreement.” The two churches therefore are now in Ecclesiastical Fellowship.
   b. The Committee is working with the Committee for Contact with Churches in the Americas of the Canadian Reformed Churches to implement the new relationship.

B. Other Churches
1. Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC) [http://bpc.org/]
   In February of this year, four members of the CEIR (Galbraith, Needham, Peterson, Tyson) met in Philadelphia with three representatives of the Bible Presbyterian
Church, viz., Dr. Kevin Backus (NY), Dr. John Battle (WA), and Pastor Mark Evans (SC). The purpose of this meeting was to fulfill the mandates of the General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church and the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church respectively, "to identify where the OPC perspectives of ecclesiastical separation differ from that of the Bible Presbyterian Church."

Documents discussed included the CEIR position paper "Biblical Principles of the Unity of the Church," the "Bible Presbyterian Response and Rationale for Our Membership in the ACCC," the BPC "Short Statement on Ecclesiastical Separation," the paper entitled "Separation and Fraternal Relations" (which was unanimously adopted by the South Atlantic Presbytery of the BPC), and the Interchurch Relations Committee Report to the BPC Synod of 1995 on (Their) "Foundational Principles."

Out of these discussions the following items are of note:

a. **Bible Presbyterian Perspectives**

1. A key issue is what is meant by "fellowship" and what are the "degrees of fellowship."
2. On the basis of the General Synod-adopted position on Separation, fraternal relationship(s) is not ruled out.
3. However, there is still a segment of the BPC resistant to any fraternal relationship.
4. The BPC sees the OPC's fraternal relationship with the ARP as problematic, given the ARP's long standing "connection" with the UPCUSA.
5. The OPC brethren conceded that the issues that divided the BPC and the OPC in 1937 are virtually moot today (e.g. eschatology and Christian liberty).
6. A major concern of the BPC is neo-evangelicism, from which they believe they have a duty to be separate—this being illustrated (from their perspective) by the membership in the NAE of the PCA and the RPCNA.
7. The BPC representatives knew of no instance where the OPC is in direct fellowship with an apostate church, but they believe it is problematic if the OPC has fellowship with one or more churches who DO have direct fellowship with an "apostate" church.
8. The BPC brethren view apostasy as a fundamental denial of Christian doctrine (e.g., a fundamental Methodist is not apostate, a liberal PCUSA member is apostate).
9. While the BPC sees separation mainly in terms of apostasy, they understood the OPC representatives who stated that the OPC sees the issue as also reformed or non-reformed (e.g., BPC doesn't associate with Billy Graham because they see him as apostate—the OPC doesn't associate with Billy Graham because he is not reformed.)
10. The BPC does not see their connection with the ACCC as problematic because they view it strictly as a "service organization" and not a church (or even a parachurch organization?).
11. Years ago one BP pastor objected strongly to the Murray and Stonehouse book, "The Free Offer of the Gospel" But that is no longer an issue either.
12. One BPC representative opined that the BPC position on separation is like the emperor's new clothes. "We think we have worked it out in great detail, but in other ways, we are oblivious."

b. **Orthodox Presbyterian Church Perspectives on Separation**
(1) We see the BPC as very serious about being Reformed, committed to breaking with those aspects of their past history which were not Reformed, and, as far as the 1937 break, they were not justified in their part in it.

(2) The BPC is no longer exclusively pre-millennial nor requiring total abstinence, but its elders are still predominantly so.

(3) The lack of BPC definition of “apostasy” is problematic from the OPC perspective, given their strong emphasis upon it, relative to their commitment to separation.

(4) We see the ACCC as a para-church organization; the BPC does not, and therefore that the OPC makes common cause only with other churches, not subjecting itself to other than Christ’s authority (by the vote of non-churches).

(5) This point is of particular concern to the OPC, since the BPC’s membership in the ACCC allows single congregations and individual persons to be voting members (on a par with a denomination). From the OPC perspective, this involves them in unequal fellowship/yoking.

(6) Both the OPC and the BPC practice some kinds of fellowship with non-Reformed evangelical churches in matters which do not involve a joint witness.

(7) The OPC representatives do not believe that the BPC position on “indirect association” with apostasy is supportable scripturally, but it is nevertheless a pivotal hindrance to fellowship between our two churches.

(8) The OPC representatives disagree that the ACCC is only a “service organization,” and from our perspective it does do (some of) the work of the church.

(9) We agree that neo-evangelicalism is a serious problem but believe that we have a duty first to address it (with the RPCNA and PCA) and only if that is unsuccessful, to consider separation.

(10) We expressed sympathy with the BPC concerns about the ARP’s long standing relationship, and this should be a matter we consider addressing with the ARPC.

(11) We did not see the BPC brethren as providing a decisive answer to the indirect association problem—e.g., if the OPC “touches” a church which “touches” a church which the BPC deems apostate, does that justify not having a fraternal relationship with the OPC?

(12) The OPC is committed to separation from apostasy and separation from that which is not Reformed. We believe our differences lie primarily in how we apply these distinctions.

(13) We would like to see the BPC define (undesirable) “fellowship” as well as “apostasy.”

(14) We believe that the OPC is, in actual practice, more separate than the BPC, and that the BPC “looseness” is different than the OPC “looseness” as exhibited by our withdrawal from the ICCC when their unbiblical doctrinal (creedal) position was finalized.

c. Conclusions

The discussions were most helpful in understanding both our differences and similarities and gave opportunity to encourage each other to examine some problematic areas of denominational thought more closely. Hopefully, discussions between the BPC and OPC will continue—not the least because we are similar in so many significant ways.

d. The Committee plans to continue to invite the BPC to send observers to our GA, and to send observers to the BPC General Synod, if so invited.
e. The Committee plans to continue discussions with the BPC with the express purpose of continuing to seek the establishment of formal ecclesiastical fellowship.

2. United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)
   a. Our 64th (1997) General Assembly invited the URCNA to enter into corresponding relations with the OPC. Their Synod 1997 accepted the invitation.
   b. They have a committee studying the Westminster Standards and will consider our invitation to enter into a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship after that committee reports.
   c. The URCNA is a member church of the ICRC and has been attending the meetings of NAPARC as observers.
   d. The URCNA “Guidelines for Ecumenicity and Church Unity” follow:

   (1) Phase One: Corresponding Relations

   The first phase of ecumenicity is one of exploration, with the intent that, by correspondence and dialogue, mutual understanding and appreciation may develop in the following areas of the two churches lives:
   
   (a) view and place of the Holy Scriptures
   (b) creeds and confessions
   (c) formula of subscription to the confessions
   (d) significant factors in the two federations’ history, theology, and ecclesiology
   (e) church order and polity
   (f) liturgy and liturgical forms
   (g) preaching, sacraments, and discipline
   (h) theological education for ministers

   Ecumenical observers are to be invited to all broader assemblies with a regular exchange of the minutes of these assemblies and of other publications that may facilitate ecumenical relations.

   (2) Phase Two: Ecclesiastical Fellowship

   The second phase of ecumenicity is one of recognition and is entered into only when the broadest assemblies of both federations agree this is desirable. The intent of this phase is to recognize and accept each other as true and faithful churches of the Lord Jesus, in preparation for and commitment to eventual integrated federative church unity, by establishing ecclesiastical fellowship entailing the following:

   (a) the churches shall assist each other as much as possible in the maintenance, defense, and promotion of Reformed doctrine, liturgy, church polity, and discipline
   (b) the churches shall consult each other when entering into ecumenical relations with other federations
   (c) the churches shall accept each others’ certificates of membership, admitting such members to the Lord’s Table
   (d) the churches shall open the pulpits to each others’ ministers, observing the rules of the respective churches
   (e) the churches shall consult each other before major changes to the confessions, church government, or liturgy are adopted
   (f) the churches shall invite and receive each others’ ecclesiastical delegates who shall participate in the broader assemblies as much as regulations permit
Entering this phase requires ratification by a majority of the consistories as required in Church Order, Art. 36.

(3) Phase Three: Church Union

The third phase of ecumenicity is one of integration with the intent that the two federations, being united in true faith, and where contiguous geography permits, shall proceed to complete church unity, that is, ecclesiastical union. This final phase shall only be embarked upon when the broadest assemblies of both federations give their endorsement and approval to a plan of union which shall outline the timing, coordination, and/or integration of the following:

(a) the broader assemblies
(b) the liturgies and liturgical forms
(c) the translations of the Bible and the confessions
(d) the song books for worship
(e) the church polity and order
(f) the missions abroad

e. The joint meeting of the CEIR and the Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Church Unity (URCNA) was held at the OPC office building on April 4.

(1) The roll showed that all members of both committees were in attendance.

(2) The joint meeting followed the outline of a paper presented by the URCNA entitled, “Working Proposal for Discussion for the Meeting of the Committee for Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations (OPC) and the Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Church Unity (URCNA) Willow Grove, PA April 4, 2002.” The discussion was focused on two documents. The first was the URCNA-OPC Study Committee Report to the 2001 Synod held at Escondido, CA. comparing the Confessional Standards as well as the books of church order of the OPC and the URC. The second was the “Guidelines for Ecumenicity and Church Unity,” which outlines a three-phase process to unity. Phase One is “Corresponding Relations.” Phase Two is “Ecclesiastical Fellowship.” And Phase Three is “Church Union.” In our meeting we concentrated on the first four items specified in Phase One, namely, 1. View and place of the Holy Scriptures, 2. Creeds and confessions, 3. Formula of subscription to the Confessions, and 4. Significant factors in the two federations’ [churches’] history, theology, and ecclesiology. (We hope later to discuss 5. Church Order and Polity; 6. Preaching, Sacraments, and Discipline, and 7. Theological Education for Ministers).

(3) In this meeting there was vigorous discussion of The Covenant of Works, Regenerated Infants, Assurance and Faith, The Fourth Commandment, Marriage and Permissible Divorce, Visible and Invisible Church, Power to Depose, Prayer as a Means of Grace, True and False Churches Easily Distinguished, and Covenant and Election. The committee of the URCNA asked the OPC committee to indicate where the OPC is with reference to union with any other denominations. The OPC committee members responded. The URCNA committee was asked about how its Synod functioned, and they responded to these questions.

(4) The URCNA committee agreed to give us, through our designated liaison, their consensus as to the extent of our agreements about the matters we have discussed, and then we as an OPC committee are to respond to that document. We can already report that we did not sense any major doctrinal differences. We also sensed that we may have a more difficult task in the area of church polity.

(5) We hope to meet with the Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Church Unity again next spring.

3. Protestant Reformed Churches (PRC)
A subcommittee of the CEIR had arranged for an April 2002 meeting with the PRC Committee for Contact with Other Churches. A further discussion of the Free Offer of the Gospel and a discussion of binding beyond the Reformed Confessions had been planned. But the meeting was cancelled by the PRC because some members of their Committee had to go overseas to deal with urgent concerns of one of their missions.

4. Free Reformed Churches in North America (FRCNA) [www.frcna.org]
   Representatives of the Committee met with representatives of the FRCNA in conjunction with the meetings of ICRC.

5. L'eglise Reformee du Quebec (ERQ)
   The OPC Foreign Missions Committee has a cooperative work agreement with the ERQ. See Recommendation 1.

6. Others
   The Committee is seeking to have contact with other North American churches by means of our liaisons.

IV FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCHES ABROAD

The Churches. The Committee seeks to maintain an active fellowship with churches abroad, especially through our membership in the ICRC, though not limited to that.

The Reformed Fellowship, International (RFI) has been formed out of the merger of the World Fellowship of Reformed Churches and the International Reformed Fellowship as a fellowship rather than a council. It shall function in association with the World Evangelical Fellowship. The Committee responded to the invitation to attend by informing them that we were members of the ICRC and that we preferred an ecclesiastical council rather than a fellowship of churches, congregations, individuals, and parachurch groups.

A. Presbyterian Church in Korea/Kosin (PCKK)
   The PCKK, with whom we have had a very close relationship dating back almost to the start of our church, is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. See Recommendation 2.

B. Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)
   The RCJ is continuing the discussion of the issue of women in ruling and teaching office.

C. Presbyterian Church of Japan
   The Committee responded to the request of the Presbyterian Church in Japan by asked the Japan Mission to appoint an observer to their GA. Messrs. Lauer and Yaegashi were the observers. They reported that the assembly operated smoothly and efficiently, but without suppressing debate. They also had some lively but healthy debate.

   The PCA missionaries who are evangelists/pastors at chapels are treated as any other minister and are full members of the GA. The PCA mission currently has one team east of Tokyo and another in and around Nagoya. They seem to have a great deal of respect among the PCJ men. One evening was spent in an informal conference discussing covenant children and infant baptism. Presentations and discussion showed good knowledge of reformed theology.
They also met with their fraternal relations committee. The PCI, as of 1999 statistics, had 2,884 total members; 5 presbyteries including 27 churches and 26 chapels. In the preceding year it grew by 12 members. We were very encouraged about the fidelity of the PCJ to the reformed faith.

See Recommendation 3.

D. The Free Church of Scotland

1. The split

a. On January 20, 2000, 22 ministers (15 serving, 3 suspended, and 4 retired) walked out of the meeting of the Commission of the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland which served libels on them for defiance of the church court and suspended them on full pay pending mediation and trial. This culminated an unrest and division in the church which began in the middle 1980s. The documentation, the media releases, and email are extensive, and often vitriolic. The seceders are organized into the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing).

b. The official statements of the two groups have been included in our reports to recent General Assemblies and may be found on their websites: The statement of the Free Church of Scotland, “The Free Church Division of January 2000—A Free Church Perspective,” may be found on their website www.freechurch.org; and the declaration of the Free Church of Scotland Continuing, “Declaration of Reconstitution of the Historic Free Church of Scotland,” may be found on their website www.freechurchcontinuing.co.uk.

2. Subsequently a subcommittee visited the Free Church of Scotland (FCS) and the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) (FCSC). Their report is found in our report to the last GA.

3. Communications were sent to both groups and responses received from both groups. The Committee has responded to the responses. The text of those communications follow:

Ecumenical Relations Committee
Free Church of Scotland
Care of Rev. James Maciver, Principal Clerk of Assembly
Free Church Manse
Garrabot, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0PW, Scotland

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for your findings sent to us by Mr. Maciver and for a copy of the letter from the General Treasurer.

We have only one item that we would wish you could clear up for us. The committee indicated that they were not aware of any publicly acknowledged sin and thus they cannot see the validity of our 1.a which said that when “a person’s acknowledgment of a matter as inappropriate becomes widely known, the Church ought to admonish him openly.” We thought that the document written by Iain H. Murray, Professor Donald Macleod and His ‘Opponents’, was a work somewhat well known, and that the writer of the letters, as far as we know, has not challenged the accuracy of the quotations from his letters in that work. It was these statements that we had in mind. They are as follows: The first is in a letter of August 19, 1987, in which he says “I am very conscious of the terrible state I was in and have seriously wondered whether I was converted at all. The truth is that I was really backslidden.” The second consists of two quotations cited from the letter of August 26,
1987, in which he says “Please believe the sincerity of my repentance...the relationship was never lustful but we did get indefensibly close and emotionally dependent.” He concluded that letter by saying “Cover my sins...” (page 5). We think that these statements indicate his acknowledgment of something that is inappropriate, and therefore we are of a mind that at least the acknowledgment and repentance should be taken up by the Church, and whatever admonition and forgiveness also be given.

Could you be so kind as to give us your consideration of this matter again? We only want the best for you, our brothers and for the well-being of your Church and the individual involved.

Cordially yours in Christ,

For the Subcommittee of the
Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations
of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
George W. Knight, III, Jack J. Peterson and Thomas E. Tyson

December 17, 2001

The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
The Rev. John MacLeod,
Principal Clerk of Assembly
Free Church Manse Portmahomack
Tain, Ross-shire, IV20 1YL, Scotland, UK

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for the response to our statement to you, and that the Assembly considered the matter and also expressed their gratitude to our practical concern. Our committee as a whole has asked us who served on the subcommittee that met with you to follow up on one item in your response. This letter is an attempt to do that.

There is one item in our statement to which you have responded and which we desire to express ourselves even more clearly to take away any misunderstanding that might arise. This statement of ours had to do with the nature of the action of the Free Church.

You wrote, “Although the communication from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church refers to a judicial matter, it is not clear to what the OPC communication refers. If it be construed as referring to matters relating to Professor Donald Macleod, there never was any case against Professor Macleod heard in the courts of the Church.” We perceived of that situation and their action of not hearing any case about it as a judicial case, even though it was never brought to trial. Also, we perceived it to be a judicial matter not involving heresy and therefore our judgment was that the unity of the church should not be disrupted where there was no heresy case (even though the actions taken that brought about your departure were very serious and grievous to you).

We would ask your further reflection on our statement and any further response that you may like to make.

Cordially yours in Christ Jesus,
Appendix

Thomas E. Tyson, George W. Knight, III, Jack J. Peterson
Subcommittee of the
Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

4. The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) has requested the OPC to sponsor them in their application to become a member of the International Council of Reformed Churches. See Recommendation 4.

E. Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW)
   1. The OPC has a relationship of Ecclesiastical fellowship with the EPCEW.
   2. Dr. Kingsley Elder has acted as observer to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW). He has visited each congregation in the EPCEW and reports that encouraging things are going on in the EPCEW. That church is a member of the International Conference of Reformed Churches [ICRC].

F. Other churches
   There is intense persecution of Christians in many areas of the world. It is urged that these persecuted brothers and sisters be included in our prayers.

V INTERCHURCH BODIES

A. International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC)
   1. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church was the host church for the fifth Assembly of the ICRC 2001. The conference was held at Westminster Theological Seminary/Philadelphia, particularly at Van Til Hall, June 20-29, 2001. The facilities of Beaver College were used for billeting.
   2. The delegates of the OPC were Messrs. Peterson and Williamson, and Messrs. Bube and Knight served as advisors.
   3. The officers of the Assembly were Messrs. Jack Peterson (OPC), chairman; Bort deGraaf (CGKN), vice-chairman; Peter Naylor (EPCEW), secretary.
   4. The official press release follows:

Press Release

The International Conference of Reformed Churches, which meets every four years, held its 5th meeting in Philadelphia, USA from 21 to 27th June 2001. A prayer service preceded the official opening and had the appropriate theme of Passion for the Glory of God. The venue for the Conference was the Van Til Hall of the Westminster Theological Seminary. The Seminary has had a long association with the host church, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Members

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North East India was, by unanimous vote, welcomed as the 22nd member church. The member churches represent about 560,000 people across the world in churches adhering to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures as summarized in the Reformed Confessions.

Updates on current work were presented by delegates from the Canadian Reformed Churches, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, the Reformed
Pilgrim Churches, the Reformed Churches in Indonesia, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North East India.

Introductions were given by representatives from the following non-member churches: Church of Christ in Sudan among the Tiv; Compassion of Jesus Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Eritrea); Independent Reformed Church (Korea); Presbyterian Church in America; Presbyterian Church in Uganda; Reformed Church in Japan; Reformed Churches in South Africa; Reformed Church in East Africa; Lanka Reformed Church; and Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe. Some of these reports showed the great difficulties under which the faith is being propagated and yet the wonderful faithfulness of the Lord in building his Church.

The Conference noted the sad division which had occurred in the Free Church of Scotland in January 2000, but the ICRC being a Conference, not a church court, did not have jurisdiction to evaluate the claims of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). Without prejudice to the claims of the churches involved, the Conference decided to invite the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) to be seated at the meeting as a non-voting participant, and encouraged her to apply for membership. The ICRC also encouraged the two Scottish churches to seek reconciliation with each other.

The current list of member churches is:

- The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- The Canadian Reformed Churches
- The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands—De Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland
- The Free Church in Southern Africa
- The Free Church of Central India
- The Free Church of Scotland
- The Free Reformed Churches in South Africa
- The Free Reformed Churches of North America
- The Reformed Pilgrim Churches—Gereja Gereja Reformasi Musyafir N.T.T.; (Formerly Gereja Gereja Masemhi Musyafir N.T.T.)
- The Reformed Churches in Indonesia—Gereja Gereja Reformasi di Indonesia
- The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
- The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia
- The Reformed Church in the United States
- The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (liberated)—De Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (vrijgemaakt)
- The Reformed Churches of New Zealand
- The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland
- The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
- The United Reformed Churches in North America

Missions

An important aim of the Conference is to encourage co-operation among the member churches in fulfillment of the missionary mandate. The Conference received the Report of its Missions Committee, and noted the successful regional gatherings held since 1997. The mandate of the Committee was revised and its composition expanded so that it might more
effectively stimulate and encourage Mission interest and facilitate co-ordination of the efforts of member churches.

Papers

The first paper was presented by Dr J. de Jong of Canada on Biblical Principles of the Unity of Church—a Reformed Perspective. This paper was complemented by a second paper by Dr W. D. J. Mackay of Ireland entitled, The Unity of the Church in the Westminster Tradition. These two papers had been commissioned to assist member churches to understand the biblical principles of the church and its unity as they had been expressed in the European Reformed tradition and in the Scottish Presbyterian tradition. While there were differences between and within both traditions, they did not appear to be insuperable. Indeed, the Conference was delighted to hear of closer ties established by the Canadian Reformed Churches with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church in the United States, and the prospect of federative unity between the Canadian Reformed Churches and the United Reformed Churches of North America.

Dr Jakob van Bruggen of the Netherlands presented a synopsis of his paper on Hermeneutics and the Bible in which he stressed among other things the importance of attention to the historical context in the history of redemption when interpreting and applying the Scripture. He turned the session to good advantage by involving a number of delegates in discussion on different problems of Biblical interpretation. He demonstrated clarity and surefootedness in this presentation, which all found stimulating.

The Rev John Ross of Christian Witness to Israel delivered an informative overview of the reasons for Scottish Presbyterian sympathy for and interest in the evangelization of the Jews as it developed in the 19th century. This was an adjunct to his paper entitled, Work Among the Jewish People: Historical Perspectives and the Contemporary Challenge. It was evident that not all churches had a developed interest in work among the Jews, but all believed that Jewish people are included in the Great Commission. There was general opposition to the replacement of gospel witness by Christian Zionism. Systems of belief such as dispensationalism and some forms of Messianic Judaism, which threaten the visible unity of Jewish and Gentile believers in the one church of Christ, were also matters of real concern.

The Rev G. I. Williamson of the United States presented a paper on The Regulative Principle of Worship. The initial definition provided was drawn from the Heidelberg Catechism Q 96: we must not worship God in any other way than he has commanded. The treatment provided by the speaker focused on the content of sung praise (inspired songs/psalms or hymns) and the religious observance of days (such as Christmas). His contention was that changes in the generally common approach of the Presbyterian and Reformed traditions in the 16th/17th centuries have become evident in later times and reflect a neglect of the Biblical principle. There was insufficient time to discuss all the matters arising from this paper. It is clear that discussion in the Reformed tradition has not followed the same path as in the Presbyterian tradition, while some Presbyterians also wish the case formulated somewhat differently. Clearly there is need for on-going dialogue to avoid misunderstanding and reach a greater measure of consensus.

The final paper was presented by the Rev. Cornelis Pronk of Canada and discussed The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer, particularly personal guidance and illumination enjoyed by the believer. The issues raised by this paper also received close attention. The importance of clear distinctions and careful terminology was stressed by a number of respondents. In this way not only the obvious errors of intellectualism and
charismaticism are avoided but the powerful work of the Spirit in causing us to abound in love and joy in Christ and his service should increase.

Next meeting

A four year budget of 30,000 USD p.a. (or about 5 cents per church member) was adopted. The next meeting is to be held in 2005 in South Africa with the Free Reformed Churches in South Africa as host. A revised arrangement for the delivery of papers was approved which should ensure greater participation and relevance to the needs of all Conference members.

5. The Rev. Marinus. van Beveren, who has served as the corresponding secretary of the ICRC since the beginning, has resigned. The Rev. Cornelius Van Spronsen has been appointed the new Corresponding Secretary of the ICRC.

The Committee has sent the following letter to Mr. van Beveren:

The Rev. Marinus. van Beveren
13904 - 86 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T5E 3C1

Dear Ries,

On behalf of myself; of the Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations and of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, deep thanks and appreciation for your long labors for our Lord and his church through the International Conference of Reformed Churches [ICRC].

From the constituting meeting in 1982 in Groningen, the Netherlands, through 1985 in Edinburgh, 1989 in Langley, Canada, 1993 in Zwolle, the Netherlands, 1997 in Seoul, Korea to 2001 in Philadelphia, you have served tirelessly, with distinction and enthusiasm. You have been the glue that has kept the ICRC bonded together, or, the oil that kept the machine working smoothly and well and moving forward.

Thank you, dear brother. You have served well.

Peace,

B. North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)

1. The North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council met on November 13-14, 2001, in Philadelphia with the OPC as the host church. The delegates of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church appointed by the Committee were Messrs. Galbraith, Duff, Peterson and Tyson.

2. All seven member churches were represented.

3. NAPARC is still working on the reports of the churches to “discern and enumerate those issues of belief, practice, and government that, to the best of their knowledge, distinguish them from other NAPARC churches so that it may evaluate the Biblical and confessional basis for such distinctive positions and the degree to which these issues necessitate continued separation.”

4. The PCA will host the Twenty-seventh Meeting of NAPARC to be held on November 12 and 13, 2002.

5. The treasurer reported that the dues for member churches was set at $300.00 per member church in 2000.

6. NAPARC has taken the initial step in the process of the termination of membership of CRCNA in NAPARC. See Recommendation 5.
VI  BUDGET

2003 PROPOSED BUDGET

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VII  RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church invite The Reformed Church of Quebec (l’Église réformée du Québec (ERQ)) to enter into Corresponding Relations with the OPC.

   **Grounds:**
   
   (1) The official expression of beliefs of the ERQ, to which all office bearers must adhere, are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Heidelberg Catechism.
   
   (2) The Committee on Foreign Missions labors under a Cooperative Agreement with the Interchurch Committee of the ERQ to strengthen the Reformed witness among the French-speaking of Québec, and has initiated a “Québec Project” to help the ERQ meet the urgent need for preachers (Minutes of the 68th [2001] General Assembly, pages 164–167).
   
   (3) The ERQ has approximately 300 members in six churches.

2. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church send the following letter to the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin):

   The Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin)
   The General Assembly
   The Rev. Ho-Jin Jun Ph. D., General Secretary
   58-10 Banpo-dong
   Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea
Our dear brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Congradulations! Praise be to God!

On this occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin) the Orthodox Presbyterian Church rejoices to celebrate with you a half century of distinguished service to our God. In the words of 1 Corinthians 1:3-4, we remember “without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God.”

How good and how gracious our sovereign God has been. After the terrible destruction visited on the northern part of your nation by the Communist armies in 1950-53 which killed so many Korean Christians and forced thousands of others to flee to the south into widespread poverty, you reestablished the church there even before the war was over. Praise be to God!

Like such Reformers as Luther and Calvin in the Reformation, and like J. Gresham Machen of our church, who had taught some of your ministers, God raised up stalwart Koreans for their day and need, such as Pak, Yune Sun and Han, Song Dong, with many others who gave clear voice to our precious Reformed faith. They were followed by thousands more who were of like heart and mind; so the faithful witness of those from the north was joined with that of those in the south and it grew and grew. Today there is hardly a town in all of today’s South Korea where your witness is not heard. When it became necessary to repent of the national shrine worship of previous years you not only repented but also added the word “Kosin” to your name to make sure that your church would be distinguishable from the Presbyterians who would not repent. That new name became your banner; and today, where your name is known people know that there is a presbyterian church that stands firmly on the Word of God. Praise be to God!

In the meantime the Orthodox Presbyterian Church returned its missionary, the Rev. Bruce F. Hunt, to Korea where he had been before the conflict. Others were to follow him and you welcomed them all with arms opened in love and faces beaming in joy. There we saw come to pass before our very eyes the fulfillment of God’s promise that, “there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God who shall not receive many times more in this present time” (Luke 18:29-30), as well as everlasting life in the age to come. Our churches have lived as brothers and sisters ever since. Further, when we were not allowed by law to hold title to our missionaries’ houses in Korea your Seminary, at the initiative of the Rev. Han, Song Dong, even offered to hold the property in trust for us; we gladly accepted, and that arrangement continues to this day. Without fear of loss we have trusted your godly men. And now an Orthodox Presbyterian name—The Bruce F. Hunt Mission Center—has been given to the portion of your new denominational building in Seoul that houses the Missionary Training Institute. We are one in the Lord, are we not? Praise be to God!

While you were doing all this God gave you the grace also, even while money was still very scarce, to see the necessity of training your young men for the ministry and you founded Korea Theological Seminary in Pusan. At the same time you responded with godly compassion to the plight of the many people who were suffering from the ravages of war by establishing the Gospel Hospital, also in Pusan. And God has prospered both, undoubtedly beyond the wildest dreams of those godly people who founded them. But even more, the sun now never sets on your ministry as, like those who brought Christ’s gospel to your land, you are carrying that same gospel with your missionaries to still other lands. Praise be to God!
We have been addressing you as Koreans, as members of the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), but you are more than that. You are worldwide Christians. You are also a member, with others of like faith, of the International Conference of Reformed Churches. You have unhesitatingly associated yourself with churches from other nations of the world who with you affirm without reservation the Bible to be the Word of God, the one and only truth, that His Son Jesus is the one and only Savior of the world, and that we live now and into eternity with God only by grace through faith in Him. Praise be to God!

So it is that we have come to greet you on this happy occasion. We have looked back on some of God's blessings. As we look forward your dependence is entirely on God's grace. As God has been the source of your past blessings, so can He only be in the future. He has seen you through many fires. He is able to see you through present and future ones also as you follow His Word and trust Him. May you be as faithful as your fathers. Our prayer is that God will keep you steadfast until that great and glorious day when our beloved Jesus returns in power and great glory to give to His people a crown of righteousness that will never be taken away.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Soli Deo Gloria!

(Signed) The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, your fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters, one in Christ Jesus.

Donald J. Duff
Stated Clerk

3. That the 69th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church invite the Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ) to enter into Corresponding Relations with the OPC.

Grounds:
(1) The OPC and the PCJ share the same confessional standards.
(2) The OPC Japan Mission has recommended we seek to pursue further discussions with the PCJ that might result in a relationship of Ecclesiastical Fellowship between the two churches.
(3) The PCJ has approximately 2,900 members in approximately fifty churches and chapels in five presbyteries.
(4) The PCJ is the result of a union of two lines of missionary endeavor: the "old" PCJ (with post-World War II Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions roots) and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Japan.
(5) The PCJ has fraternal relations with several churches with which the OPC also has Ecclesiastical Fellowship, including the Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ), the Presbyterian Church in Korea (Kosin), and the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).
(6) The Mission to the World (PCA) Japan Mission (which includes OPC affiliated missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Craig C. Coulbourne and Miss Linda E. Karner) labors to plant PCJ congregations.

4. That the Orthodox Presbyterian Church recommend to the International Conference of Reformed Churches (ICRC) that the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) be received into the membership of the ICRC.

Grounds:
(1) The confessional standards of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) are the Westminster Confession and the Larger and Shorted Catechisms.

(2) We deeply regret the division that has taken place in Scotland. The Committee sent a subcommittee to meet with both sides. We have made no judgment on the situation. However, de facto, there are two churches in Scotland where there two years ago was one.

(3) ICRC 2001 Philadelphia recommended to the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) that it apply for membership in the ICRC.

5. That the general assembly adopt the following resolution, presented to it by 27th (2001) Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC):

That membership of the Christian Reformed Church of North America in NAPARC be terminated no later than the 2004 Meeting of NAPARC for the following grounds:

1. We believe that the CRCNA has had opportunity over the last several years to reverse the controversial action of the 1995 CRCNA Synod in response to NAPARC's suspension of the CRCNA from voting status in NAPARC. In 1996, the process was begun in NAPARC (initiated by the PCA) to suspend the CRCNA from NAPARC membership after the 1995 CRCNA Synod has approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister. The underlying hermeneutical issue was cited by the PCA in correspondence between the two highest judicatories of the PCA and the CRCNA (Minutes of the 25th PCA General Assembly, 1997, pp. 375-383). In 1998, the suspension from membership in NAPARC was effected. The CRCNA 2000 Synod did not reverse, but rather reaffirmed and approved the ordination of women to the offices of ruling elder and minister.

2. We believe that the CRCNA has acted contrary to the NAPARC Constitution (II. Basis of the Council) against the teaching of the Word of God and the Belgic Confession, Article 30, by declaring the word male in Article 3-a of the CRCNA Church Order is inoperative, and authorizing the churches under its jurisdiction to ordain and install women to the offices of ruling elder and minister, thus circumventing her own constitution.

VIII ELECTIONS

Terms expiring at this GA are those of Messrs. Galbraith, Peterson and Tyson. The Committee adopted the following:

You, John P. Galbraith have informed the Committee that you do not intend to have your name placed in nomination for another term of service on the Committee. We knew that one day we would hear such a thing. Yet hearing from you that we would be without you on the Committee was a shock. We understand your desire and we bid you farewell and pray that our faithful Lord will continue to lavish his grace on you.

The Committee on Ecumenicity and Interchurch Relations gives thanks to God for the service of you, John, Mr. Galbraith, for your service to our Lord and to his church. Your life has been lived in our church. You were present at the first General Assembly and have missed none since. You are a stalwart representative of the Scottish heritage of our church. Your ancestry resides in that country. Your middle name, Patton, reflects your missionary vision and interest from birth. You served as General Secretary of Missions and later of
Foreign Missions. You have taught us especially by your example, how to be presbyterian.

You have served the Committee since 1971, as Chairman for many years. Before that you served on the Committee, prior to its change in name, in 1954—a half century in the arena of the world-wide church of Christ. You have led the Orthodox Presbyterian into a world-wide ecumenical vision. You have taught us by word and example how to work with the people of God in his church. You served the world-wide Reformed body of Christ as a delegate to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod/Council in 1963, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988, as President for three terms stretching over 12 years, 1976-1988, with distinction, and under extremely trying and difficult circumstances.

Thank you, dear and respected brother, you are a sweet aroma of Christ.

Peace,

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 SUMMARY

The Committee has met once since the last General Assembly. One complaint on appeal from Mr. John Garrisi (Southern California) has been received by the Committee to date. A second matter, not yet formally received, may become a matter for a supplemental report. An item of old business from the Committee is a proposed amendment to Book of Discipline VI.C.2 (cf. Minutes of GA, 2001). The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic has proposed an amendment similar to a draft that the Committee has been considering.

II THE GARRISI COMPLAINT

His complaint follows in the wake of an earlier GA decision to uphold the censure of admonition against Rev. George Miladin with respect to his teaching. As such the 67th GA affirmed the judgment of Presbytery of Southern California. In the wake of that affirmation, presbytery determined that sufficient progress had been shown in the clarification of Mr. Miladin’s views or teachings (the tendency to equate views and teachings has been largely assumed in this case) that the term “toleration” need not be applied to his current views or teachings. This “revised judgment,” is the occasion of the current complaint.

A. Chronology

9/28/00—Mr. Miladin offers a document (3 pp.) entitled “Response to the forthcoming Admonition.” The document combines reaffirmation of some statements made earlier by Mr. Miladin (para. 2) with an apology for some confusing expressions (para. 3).

1/26/01—The Session of the church pastored by Mr. Miladin offers a document (4 pp.) to presbytery re: its possible realignment. On p. 2, para. 4, second sentence (orange highlighted in document sent to CAC, possibly by complainant), session articulates its view that the teachings of Mr. Miladin “have only been clarified and definitionally modified, never substantially changed.”

Not Dated—An e-mail from Mr. Wagner to Mr. Garrisi expresses the view that “some kind” of repentance or change of views or mode of expressing views took place “during the judicial process.”

2/6/01—Mr. Garrisi complains against the Presbytery of S. California for telling “the Rev. George Miladin, after having been found guilty of teaching false doctrine, that his concern that his views be tolerated by the presbytery is unnecessary since it appears that his
views are no longer in substantial disagreement with those of the presbytery and the General Assembly.”

5/1/01—Presbytery responds to the letter of session. Rather than accepting session’s view that presbytery is inconsistent, presbytery “suggest[s] that the action is better viewed as a modification of our previous judgment based on Mr. Miladin’s clarification of his teachings.” This is further responded to in the report to the 2/1-2/02 meeting where the session’s view of the degree of change and the presbytery’s view may differ.

9/23 and 9/29/01—Messrs. Garrisi and Miladin exchange communications. Mr. Miladin refers Mr. Garrisi to the paper presented to presbytery by session for his view on glossalalia.

10/19-20/01—Presbytery meets. The judicial committee reports. The complaint of Mr. Garrisi is found in order.

2/1-2//02—Presbytery meets. The judicial committee presents a clarifying statement per earlier directive. The complaint is denied.

4/14/02—The complaint is carried to GA on appeal.

B. Observations
The focus of the complaint is neither the formulation of the charge nor is it the specific censure chosen by the presbytery at the completion of the trial in view. In addition neither the revelatory nor the non-revelatory nature of the gift(s) in question are crucial to the complaint. A further disclaimer is that the issue is not found in the question: “Has the requirement of the censure been fulfilled?” But rather, the heart of the complaint’s appeal is the response of the presbytery to Mr. Miladin’s inquiry of the presbytery.

C. RECOMMENDATION
That the complaint be found in order and properly before the Assembly.

III THE GILBERT CASE

A. Instruments Filed/Recommendation
The first question to be determined is what documents need to be considered in this case. Mr. Steven Gilbert has filed two instruments to contest a judicial case in which he was found guilty by his session of obtaining an unbiblical divorce. Both an appeal and a complaint of this case were dismissed by the Presbytery of Ohio.

The first instrument is a copy of an appeal dated 6/7/01, that was filed with the Presbytery of Ohio and presents nine specifications of error in a document four pages long. The second instrument is a complaint dated 1/14/02 filed with Westminster OPC, Holidaysburg, PA. This document sets forth ten points and seeks three amends.

The Book of Discipline sets forth no specific procedure for contesting the dismissal of a case (whether charges, appeals, or complaints). It is reasonable to allow either a complaint or appeal to contest the dismissal of a judicial appeal. A complaint is the means of correcting errors of a judicatory through administrative discipline. As such, a complaint might argue for an order that a judicial appeal be heard. Since complaints are arguably not a proper means for reversing the judgment of a judicial case (being concerned with administrative discipline), they arguably have a limited ability to affect the actual judgment of a judicial case. A judicial appeal might also be used to contest the dismissal of a judicial appeal. Such an appeal might be entertained on the basis that
dismission of the appeal by the lower judicatory constitutes a *de facto* judgment of a judicial case. As such, that judgment is subject to appeal (cf., the second Lofton case, 64th GA Minutes [1997]).

Only one instrument should be considered in such a case, but potential confusion about which instrument is proper makes it understandable that both modes of requesting review and modification of the case be filed.

Since Mr. Gilbert's second instrument (the appeal to presbytery) is unchanged and presents no specifications of error by the presbytery, it is arguably not a valid appeal as presented to the General Assembly. It fails to interact with the findings of the presbytery. A complaint, on the other hand, must be the same complaint that was originally instituted, though supplemental material may be appended to it. The choice of which instrument to consider may seriously affect the ability of Mr. Gilbert to gain a hearing at the GA, however (cf., Observations, below).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the complaint dated January 14, 2002 be deemed the only document under proper consideration, without prejudice to the question whether it is in order.

**B. Partial Chronology**

This case was filed with the GA at the end of April. As such, official material from the presbytery was not available when the report was first drafted. A partial chronology based on materials from Mr. Gilbert is provided here.

1. 9/24/94—Mr. Gilbert moves out of family home “after an incident in which I struck my wife.” He is not disciplined based on the judgment (as he reports) that he had repented.

2. Summer 1996—Mr. Gilbert writes session about his intention to seek a civil divorce if his wife refused reconciliation (end to separation).


4. February 2001—Mr. Gilbert is tried, after several delays, and convicted by session.

5. 6/7/01—Mr. Gilbert files a judicial appeal with Presbytery of Ohio.
   a. Mr. Gilbert maintains he filed a notice of intention to appeal within 10 days.
   b. Mr. Gilbert maintains he did not receive his copy of the trial record in time to enable his filing of his appeal within the 30-day requirement.

6. 10/19/01—Presbytery refuses to hear the appeal.

7. 1/14/02—Mr. Gilbert files a complaint with the session.

8. 3/19/02—Mr. Gilbert brings the complaint before presbytery.

9. 4/6/02—The complaint is ruled out of order by presbytery. Two grounds are given.

**C. Observations**

Mr. Gilbert's judicial appeal document lists some specifications of error that included arguments touching on law (the doctrine of divorce) and procedure (set up of the trial). As such, it is not clear that hearing the appeal (at least in part) would require retrying the case by presbytery. Mr. Gilbert does not offer any specifications of error by the presbytery in this regard, however. As difficult as our system may seem, it is the responsibility of an appellant to do more than file the same appeal and expect a General Assembly to substitute its judgment for the presbytery on the same material.
Appendix

The complaint suffers from extreme lateness in its filing. It might be argued that failure to consider the appeal necessitated this lateness. At the same time, it is not reasonable to open the door to double consideration of a case by the same judicatory.

D. RECOMMENDATION
That the complaint on appeal be found not in order.

IV PROPOSED AMENDMENT

A possible recommendation for amending the Book of Discipline was provided to the General Assembly in 2001 (cf. Minutes and Yearbook, page 239). No intervening responses have been received by the Committee and the Committee has proposed no alterations to the 2001 text. The Committee notes that a similar and related overture from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic has been proposed to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Assembly propose for adoption a new BD VI.C.2 and 3 to replace BD VI.C.2 by: Adding bold heading to VI.C.1, adopting a new VI.C.2 with bold heading, and adding VI.C.3 with bold heading as follows:

1. Pronouncement of Censure
   [The rest of section 1 remains unchanged]

2. Review of Suspension
   a. In the case of indefinite suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction shall review the suspension, not later than twelve months after imposition of censure, to determine whether or not the offender has shown repentance and may be restored.
   b. When, in its review of suspension, the judicatory of original jurisdiction is not satisfied that the offender has shown repentance, the judicatory shall determine whether the suspension should be continued or increased to deposition or to excommunication or to both.
   c. Continued suspension for an indefinite time shall be reviewed again no later than twelve months after the conclusion of the previous review.

3. Increase of Censure
   a. No further trial is necessary to increase the censure of indefinite suspension from office to deposition or the censure of indefinite suspension from the privileges of church membership to excommunication.
   b. If increase of censure is imposed, without further trial, prior to the expiration of twelve months from the imposition of indefinite suspension, it shall be the duty of the judicatory so acting to record the circumstances in its minutes.
   c. The judgment to increase censure shall in any case be subject to appeal.

Grounds:
   (1) The current BD VI.C.2 arguably combines a requirement for reviewing indefinite suspensions with what is perceived by many to be a requirement to grant a one-year grace period prior to increasing censure without trial. The proposed BD VI.C.2 separates and clarifies procedure for the two requirements.
(2) The proposed BD VI.C.2 makes clear that increase of censure prior to the expiration of twelve months is permitted, with the requirement that the judicatory account for its action.

(3) Proposed BD VI.C.3 precludes an interpretation of current BD VI.C.2 which might allow indefinite suspension from office to be increased to excommunication without a trial.

V BUDGET

The Committee estimates a budgetary need of $1,500 for the next twelve months.

VI ELECTIONS

The term of Mr. Jones (2002) expires at this Assembly. The terms of Messrs Mallin (2004) and Jerrell (2003) continue. The alternate is chosen annually, which position has been filled by Mr. Foh (2002).
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

The Standing Committee on Chaplains met twice during the past year, once in conjunction with the meeting of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJC) and once at the home of the Committee Secretary. The first meeting was held 06 March 2002 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Robert Needham and Mr. Gordon E. Kauffman represented the Committee on Chaplains of the OPC. Because of illness, Mr. William Warren was unable to be present. The second meeting was held on 06 April 2002 at 2006 Hay Terrace, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042. Mr. Warren was also unable to be present at the 06 April meeting.

I COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

By general consent, which included a telephone conversation with Mr. Warren before the Standing Committee convened on 06 April, the Committee officers will continue in their present capacities until the next meeting of the Committee.

II ROLL OF CHAPLAINS

A. The PRJC currently endorses eight Orthodox Presbyterian chaplains serving on active duty, four serving in the reserves and national guard, two serving as part-time chaplains with the Veterans Administration, one serving full-time as a Federal Prison chaplain, one with the Civil Air Patrol, and one as a police department chaplain.

B. Those serving on active duty and their presbyteries are:
- CH David A. Bottoms, CPT, USA
- CH (MAJ) Jonathan C. Gibbs III, USA
- CH (LTC-S) Chester H. Lanious, USA
- LCDR Timothy J. Power, CHC, USN
- CDR (CAPT Selectee) Lyman M. Smith, CHC, USN
- CH (CPT) Earl W. Vanderhoff, USAR
- CDR Bryan J. Weaver, CHC, USN
- CH (MAJ) Christopher H. Wisdom, USA

   Philadelphia
   Philadelphia
   Central US
   Southern California
   Mid-Atlantic
   Northwest
   Ohio
   Southwest

C. Those serving in the active reserves and their presbyteries are:
- The Rev. William B. Acker, CAPT, CHC, USNR
- The Rev. Jack K. Unangst, Jr., (CAPT Selectee), CHC, USNR
- The Rev. Douglas M. Withington, LCDR, CHC, USNR
- The Rev. James A. Zozzaro, 1LT, NJARNG

   Midwest
   NY & New Eng.
   Southeast
   New Jersey

D. Those serving outside the Department of Defense are:
- The Rev. Gordon H. Cook, Jr., as a part-time Hospice Chaplain in Maine.
- The Rev. Martin L. Dawson, Sr., as Chaplain of the Stratford, New Jersey, Police Department.
The Rev. Edward S. S. Huntington as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain in North Dakota.

The Rev. Jack K. Unangst as a full-time Chaplain Coordinator with the Veterans Administration in southern California.

E. Candidates for endorsement are:
Mr. John Carter, a Chaplain Candidate for the Navy, and under care of the Presbytery of Southern California.
Mr. Graham Harbman, a Chaplain Candidate for the Army, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Southern California.
Mr. Ben Johnson, a chaplain candidate for the Air Force, and under care of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario.

III FINANCES

A. Contributions to the PRJC increased again in 2001. The Commission operated at a deficit, however, primarily because of the increased salary and travel costs for the Executive Director and two Associate Executive Directors as they conducted pastoral visits to 90 per cent of PRJC endorsed military, prison, and veterans' affairs chaplains around the world. The PCA denominational contribution to the PRJC was $72,791.00, or $983.66 per active duty chaplain. Additionally, PCA congregations contributed $92,971.00 directly to the PRJC. The Mission to North America (MNA) of the PCA estimated the value of administrative staff support time for the PRJC at $20,000. The PRJC approved a revised 2002 budget of $205,264.00 and proposed a 2003 budget of $239,405.00.

B. The Executive Director noted that OPC active duty chaplains paid their fees to the PRJC last year. Chaplains in paygrades 0-3 and below are assessed $25.00 per month and those in paygrades 0-4 and above $35.00 per month.

IV MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS AND ISSUES

A. The following members were elected or re-elected to one-year terms on the PRJC:
1. Mr. James Pakala (PCA), Chairman.
2. Mr. Robert Needham (OPC), Vice-Chairman.
3. Mr. Gordon E. Kauffman (OPC), Secretary.
4. Mr. Stanley Beach and Mr. Beryl Hubbard (PCA), Associate Executive Directors.
5. Mr. Robert Needham (OPC), member of the Issues and Concerns Committee.

B. Mr. David Peterson, the PRJC Executive Director, reported that the War on Terrorism has significantly increased the work load for all military personnel, including PRJC endorsed chaplains. The pressures and uncertainties of the intensified operating tempo place great strains on uniformed personnel and their families. Thus, chaplains also have new opportunities for gospel ministry. The Chiefs of Chaplains of the Army, Navy and
Air Force continue to request more PRJC endorsed chaplains, a tribute to the effective ministry of Reformed chaplains serving now.

C. Mr. Peterson's report also included the statement of the Mission of the PRJC:

1. To recruit, ecclesiastically endorse, and send Teaching Elders (who are ordained to serve as evangelists) to minister to personnel in our government institutions.
2. To oversee, encourage, supervise, and train PRJC endorsed chaplains.
3. To provide pastoral guidance and support to all PRJC endorsed chaplains and their family members.
4. To continually enhance the sense of "connectionalism" between chaplains and their respective presbyteries and thus the denominations of which they are members.
5. To raise an annual budget for the purpose of supporting the mission of the PRJC.

D. The Commission discussed the nascent effort in the Department of Defense to change the historic term "endorse" to "certify" with respect to the accession of ordained ministers to the military chaplaincy. On motion, the Commission approved the following statement and requested that the Executive Director submit it to the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) and to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board:

1. Inasmuch as the terminology and wording of all legal documents is important, and particularly so in all matters concerning the Federal Government, and
2. Inasmuch as the prerogatives of legitimate constitutional authority, the obligations of specific responsibility and the implementation of ethical accountability are profoundly important in all circumstances in which one or more parties, institutions, or associations interface and interact with one or more governmental entities, and
3. Inasmuch as changes in contractual language always have a significant impact on the way relationships and public service evolve, especially when those changes impinge upon respective areas of authority of convening parties, and
4. Inasmuch as changes in legal and/or official nomenclature often precede changes in policy and procedure, therefore,

The Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel goes on record:

1. As unequivocally opposed to changing the term "endorsement" to "certification" in the acceptance and accession of properly ordained clergy to the military chaplaincies of the Armed Forces of the United States, and further,
2. As specifically requesting those military Chiefs of Chaplains, or others in the Department of Defense who are, or may be, considering such a descriptive change with respect to the longstanding term 'endorsement' to immediately abandon any such effort, and to reconfirm the traditional practice and definitional weight of the well-defined and long-accepted nomenclature and practice of endorsing properly ordained ministers to the military chaplaincy.

Grounds:
(1) 'Endorse' and 'endorsement' put the weight of responsibility for the active recognition and authorization for ordained ministry squarely on the ecclesiastical body that ordains a candidate for the chaplaincy. However, "certify" is not identical in meaning with "endorse" but is somewhat passive in its ordinary connotative emphasis, implying that ecclesiastical body somehow 'accepts' a candidate from within its own ranks only in terms of technical qualifications. In fact, a particular military service considers an already endorsed candidate and then weighs in with its authoritative approval or disapproval of military suitability.

(2) To use 'certify' or another term in the place of 'endorse' contributes to a loss of clear distinction as to (1) who authorizes an already ecclesiastically qualified individual to apply for ministry in one of the military services and (2) who either does or does not accept that endorsed candidate into the chaplaincy as meeting the military requirements for the same.

E. 2002 marks the twenty-fifth year of the PRJC. The occasion was observed with a Silver Anniversary Dinner the evening of 05 March. The following historical summary is taken from a more detailed history prepared by PRJC Chairman James C. Pakala:

A Brief History of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJC)

On September 13, 1976, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) answered in the affirmative an overture from its Pacific Presbytery requesting a study to consider whether a joint commission with "sister presbyterian denominations" or a PCA chaplain commission under the denomination's Mission to the U.S. (MUS, now MNA/Mission to North America) should be formed to represent and supervise PCA chaplains better than was possible through the chaplain commission of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), through whose good services the young denomination had been securing endorsements for its chaplains. The PCA Moderator appointed a committee consisting of five teaching elders and three ruling elders. This "Ad-interim Subcommittee on Chaplains" met in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 17, 1977, with Teaching Elder J. P. Clark as its chairman. It had already corresponded with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, other presbyterian chaplain endorsing entities, and world missions and interchurch relations personnel of the PCA.

As a result of that meeting, the PCA Assembly later that year adopted several recommendations. It instructed its Committee on Interchurch Relations (with Chaplains Don Clements and W. I. Philips added as ex officio members) to study the possibility of a joint commission with the OPC and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES). In Seattle on December 5 and 6, 1977, the PCA sponsored a "working group" that met in response to the Assembly's action as well as action by 155th Synod of the RPCES to "seek cooperation of the OPC and PCA in establishing a joint Chaplains Commission." The group consisted of D. Clements and D. Esty of the PCA, M. Stingley and P. Morison of the OPC, and W. Leonard and S. Leonard of the RPCES. Active duty chaplains at that time totaled two OPC (Foh and Lee), six PCA, and 11 RPCES. Correspondence from all three Chiefs of Chaplains
indicated that having a joint commission would not adversely affect current chaplains or the placement of new chaplains.

The working group proposed a name and structure that became official in June 1978 when the Assemblies/Synod met in Grand Rapids and approved the commission that the group had proposed. The RPCES chose Robert Bonner, Bill Leonard and John MacGregor as its representatives. The OPC named Elder Dortzbach and Dennis Prutow and the PCA appointed Don Clements, Jim Pakala and Tom Birr. On September 21, 1978, the Commission's initial meeting convened at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis to form the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission. The word “joint” was subsequently added at OPC request. The RPCES had the most chaplains and brought the most expertise, ranging from broad experience with endorsements to recognition among Chiefs of Chaplains. The PCA was only five years old but had initiated the idea and could commit significant financial and logistical resources. Though it had few chaplains at the time, the OPC maintained the most ecumenical contacts with Reformed denominations globally.

If ecumenicity and military requirements led to the PRJC’s founding, other reasons boosted its long-range credibility and growth. Rather than chaplains falling into the “Lone Ranger” syndrome, as many from smaller denominations can, the PRJC chaplains had the benefit of a visible and highly experienced Executive Director to serve both formally as endorser/advocate and informally as mentor/shepherd. Soon chaplains also had PRJC retreats, increased chaplain awareness at General Assembly/Synod, stronger representation in Washington and also among other endorsing agencies, timely assistance with both routine and unusual situations, and a newsletter all their own.

On Line begun in 1983, followed by The Guardian in 1997. Few of these benefits would have been possible if each denomination had gone its own way.

In 1984 at the request of the Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC), the PRJC granted tentative endorsement to the Rev. Young H. Kim. The Commission appointed Howard Cross and Lyman Smith to recommend an addition to the PRJC Constitution to permit chaplain endorsement for non-member denominations that are in doctrinal agreement and approved by the Commission. In 1996 the Korean American Presbyterian Church in America (KPCA) became the second such denomination.

By late 1985, the PRJC had taken increasing interest in non-military chaplaincies, even though not all require endorsement, at least at the national level. The number of OPC military active duty chaplains had tripled from two (both Army) to six (4 Army, 2 Navy), with a seventh in process. With the RPCES chaplains having been brought into the PCA as a result of “joining and receiving,” the PCA had thirty-four active duty chaplains (18 Army, 13 Navy, 3 Air Force).

In 1987 the OPC and PCA General Assemblies approved, upon recommendation of the PRJC, the admission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) as a member of the PRJC. In 1987 the PCA approved provisions for chaplains to baptize converts and see them, through a variety of means, placed in absentia as members of particular churches. The OPC had approved similar provisions.

In 1995, retired Army chaplain David Peterson succeeded William B. Leonard, Jr., as Executive Director. Bill, though officially part-time, had served essentially full-time since 1978. The position with its dual role of MNA Coordinator of Chaplains, became officially full-time.
By 2001, the PCA had 74 active duty chaplains (44 Army, 20 Navy, 10 Air Force) plus 10 Army National Guard, 20 Army Reserve, 7 Navy Reserve, and 4 Air Force Reserve chaplains. PCA chaplains in Veterans' Administration hospitals 8, 6 of them full-time. Over 50 other PCA chaplains were serving either full-time or part-time in a variety of settings such as businesses, prisons, medical centers, retirement homes, Civil Air Patrol, and local police and fire departments. The RPCNA had 2 active duty chaplains in the Army and two in the Army Reserve. The KAPC had 5 chaplains on active duty with the Army and 1 in a prison ministry. The KPCA had 1 active duty army chaplain. All 15 OPC chaplains are listed in the annual report to the General Assembly.

One of the ongoing challenges of the PRJC is to identify and minister to the part-time and/or volunteer chaplains who are serving in local settings without the need for a formal ecclesiastical endorsement process.

This history is based on minutes of the PRJC and of general assemblies/synods of the OPC, PCA and RPCES. Issues of the PRJC's periodical On Line also provided information. Deo gratias!

V BUDGET

A. The Committee on Chaplains requests a budget of $3,000.00 for travel and lodging to enable the three members of the Committee to attend the annual meeting of the PRJC in Atlanta on 25 and 26 February 2003, and the meeting of the Standing Committee on Chaplains to be held at the same time.

B. The Committee on Chaplains requests that the OPC financial support for the PRJC be increased from $300.00 per active duty chaplain to $500.00, an overall increase from $2,400.00 to $4,000.00 for our eight active duty chaplains.

VI RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the presbyteries be requested to urge their congregations to sponsor at least one chaplain and the chaplain's family in prayer and as otherwise appropriate. Such sponsored chaplains are strongly urged to communicate regularly with their sponsoring congregations, at least quarterly.

2. That the presbyteries be requested to strongly urge their endorsed chaplains to attend presbytery meetings whenever possible, even when they are serving outside the bounds of their own presbyteries. Chaplains are encouraged to attend in uniform.

VII ELECTION

The term of Mr. Kauffman expires in 2002. One member is to be elected to the Standing Committee on Chaplains, class of 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Warren, Chairman
Robert B. Needham, Vice-Chairman
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

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The members of the Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship are the Rev. Messrs. George R. Cottenden (Chairman), John P. Galbraith, and Larry E. Wilson, and Ruling Elder John O. Kinnaird.

I THE EVOLVED MANDATE

Besides the basic task of revising the Directory for the Public Worship of God, past General Assemblies have referred to the Committee several overtures relating to worship. Most of these either have already been reported on at previous Assemblies or will be addressed in the revision itself. The 56th (1989) General Assembly had given 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).”

This three-fold mandate is still being addressed.

The 60th (1993) General Assembly referred to the Committee the issues raised in Complaint #4 to that Assembly (concerning “special music” worship) and requesting a report to the 61st (1994) General Assembly. In part because of this task, involving the need to study again, in greater depth, the meaning and application of the regulative principle of worship, the 1994 Assembly expanded the Committee to five members.

The 60th General 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.

The 67th General Assembly (2000), in response to Overture 1 from the Presbytery of Ohio, adopted the following procedure concerning the consideration of adopting proposed revisions to the Directory for Public Worship.
1. That the 67th General Assembly request its Committee on Revisions to the Directory for Public Worship to provide any further proposed revisions to the Directory for Public Worship together with a document explaining its rationale for the proposed revisions of substance and to distribute these documents to the 68th General Assembly (2001).

2. That the 67th General Assembly request the presbyteries diligently and conscientiously to evaluate the proposed revision and to communicate their responses to the Committee on Revisions to the DPW by December 31, 2001.

The 67th General Assembly also referred Overtures 2-5 to the Committee for consideration, and the Advisory Committee recommended to the Committee that it consider Communication 4. The Committee’s disposition of these matters was reported last year.

II THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

At the time of the 68th (2001) General Assembly the Committee was still working through a backlog of communications from individuals and churches. Since that time it has received one letter from a session and one letter from an individual. In response to the mailing a year ago of a draft of the revision to churches with which we are in ecclesiastical relationship, with a request for comments, we received one letter indicating that a further response would be forthcoming, but none was received. In addition, other documents have been provided by committee members.

During the past year the Committee held six full-day meetings, with at least one more meeting being planned between the writing of this report and the 69th (2002) General Assembly. We have spent the time carefully reviewing each of the suggestions made and revising the draft where it seemed appropriate. Significant restructuring has been done in some sections for clarity and logical flow.

Last November the Committee sent to all sessions a questionnaire concerning the Bible translations currently used in our churches. With 131 responses, the results were as follows:

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(a) Some reporting more than one version.

In response to a question whether they were contemplating a change in the near future, 10 sessions answered yes and 102 answered no. When asked whether, if the translation they preferred were not used in the Directory, they would like to see multiple versions of the suggested forms, with different translations, posted on the OPC website, 83 answered yes and 29 answered no. In view of this response the Committee has determined that, should a revision to the Directory be adopted, it would ask the General Assembly to request the Committee on Christian Education to make available on the OPC website, as an appendix to the adopted version of the Directory, the suggested forms in the following Bible translations: KJV, NKJV, NASV, and NIV. In light of the variety of translations in use, the
Committee determined to make use of the NIV, NKJV, and ESV in various suggested forms as deemed appropriate.

According to the plan presented to earlier Assemblies, the Committee has prepared a recommendation that would move the portions of the present Directory dealing with ordination services to the corresponding place in the Form of Government, to bring all the materials used in such a service together into one place. It will bring this recommendation to the Assembly along with its draft of the Directory.

III PLANS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TASK

It is the intention of the Committee to submit a proposed revised Directory for Public Worship to the 69th General Assembly, accompanied by a general rationale for the revision. Throughout the long history of this Committee and its predecessors there has been a clear awareness of significant differences throughout the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on matters relating to worship, and particularly on the relation of office to worship; these remain unresolved. The church is committed to the regulative principle of worship. There is disagreement, however, over what embodies elements of worship, what embodies circumstances of worship, and what is more and less appropriate in the latter category. The composition of the Committee, through all of its existence, has reflected much of the diversity of understanding of what the Scriptures require that exists in the denomination at large. This has meant that we have been able to engage in painstaking evaluation of various sides of each issue. It has also meant that the work has taken much longer, for that reason, than might have been otherwise envisioned. The goal of the Committee continues to be to bring to the Assembly a proposal for a revised Directory for Public Worship that is faithful to the Word of God and in harmony with the church’s confessional commitment.

The Committee has reviewed the procedure followed at the time of the adoption of the present Form of Government (see Minutes of the 44th [1979] G.A., pp. 120-123). It has determined to follow the same pattern in submitting a revised Directory for Public Worship to the General Assembly for action. It submitted a schedule for completion of the task to the 67th General Assembly. That Assembly, in response to Overture 1, modified the assignment somewhat. The schedule proposed last year and given below takes those modifications into account.

2002 Committee presents to the 69th General Assembly its work in the form that it intends to propose to the 70th General Assembly for adoption, including revisions to the Form of Government referred to above, a rationale for proposed changes of substance, and any minority reports

General Assembly sends this document and the rationale to presbyteries and sessions for study

2003 Committee recommends to the 70th General Assembly adoption of the proposed revision of the Directory

General Assembly engages in seriatim consideration of the proposed revision, permitting only such amendments as may first be approved by the members of the Committee present at the Assembly and then by the Assembly itself

General Assembly votes on whether to approve the proposed revision and send it to the presbyteries for approval

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2004 General Assembly declares that the Directory has or has not been approved

IV SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Draft Revision of the Directory for the Public Worship of God to be proposed in 2003
2. Revisions to the Form of Government inserting certain portions presently part of the Directory to be proposed in 2003
3. Rationale for proposed changes of substance
4. Minority Report(s)

V BUDGET

The Committee requests a budget for 2003 of $1,000.

VI RECOMMENDATION

That the 69th General Assembly send to the presbyteries and sessions for study the proposed Revised Version of the Directory for the Public Worship of God, the proposed amendments to the Form of Government, and the rationale for the Committee's changes of substance.

George R. Cottenden, Chairman
John P. Galbraith
John O. Kinnaird
Larry E. Wilson

REPORT OF THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

SYNOPSIS

I THE CONCERN OF THE MINORITY

II RECOMMENDATION

I THE CONCERN OF THE MINORITY

The minority is strongly supportive of the work and recommendations of the Committee in all respects but one. The minority is of the opinion that worship services in the congregations of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church ought always to include all the usual parts of public worship. If the proposed Revised Version of the Directory for the Public Worship of God were to be adopted without further revision, it would allow for circumstances where a worship service might be less than a complete worship service.
In Chapter I, Section F of the proposed Revised Version, a section titled, “The Leadership of Public Worship,” provision is made for worship to be led “by ruling elders with appropriate qualifications whom the session has approved for this purpose.” Further, it is clear that this is intended to be the exception, not the rule, because the same section declares, “public worship is ordinarily to be led by ministers of the Word.”

However, in Chapter II, Section B, a section titled, “Blessings,” it is said, “They (blessings) are properly used only by the minister of the Word in a gathering of Christ’s church.” These two sections, I.F and II.B, come together to direct that in a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, when it is impractical or cannot be arranged without great inconvenience that the worship service be led by a minister of the Word, and it becomes necessary that the service be led by a ruling elder approved for the purpose, there shall, under these circumstances, be no salutation or benediction.

It is the opinion of the minority that this imperfection in the proposed Revised Version can be readily corrected. To this end the minority offers the following recommendation.

II  RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee be directed to amend the proposed Revised Version of the Directory for the Public Worship of God, prior to sending it to the presbyteries and sessions for study, in the following manner: Delete from Chapter II, Section B, paragraph I, the second sentence, “They are properly used only by the minister of the Word in a gathering of Christ’s church”, and set in its place the following; “In them, by the symbol of the outstretched hands of the minister of the Word, the blessing of God is placed on the heads of his people. In public congregational worship the Pastor of the church or another minister of the Word normally pronounces the blessings. However, when the worship service is being led by a ruling elder, God’s blessings may be read to the congregation, from Scripture, by the ruling elder.”

Grounds:

(1) This amendment will provide for all the usual parts of worship to be present in the worship service when necessity requires that the service be led by a ruling elder.

(2) This amendment maintains a distinction between the minister of the Word and the ruling elder.
REPORT OF THE ACTING HISTORIAN

In 1902, within the space of three days, Paul Woolley (March 16) and Ned B. Stonehouse (March 19) were born. Though born in different worlds (Providence, R. I. and Grand Rapids, Mich.), the two would meet as students at Princeton Theological Seminary, they would join J. Gresham Machen in the founding of Westminster Theological Seminary in 1929, and eventually both men numbered among the 34 constituting ministerial members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in 1936. What distinguishes these two men, beyond their long tenures as members of Westminster’s original faculty, were their efforts in cultivating the OPC as a community of memory. Indeed, in different senses they each can claim title to being our first historian, and so it is fitting for the church to commemorate the anniversaries of their births in 2002.

Stonehouse held that title in an unofficial way. His 1954 book, *J. Gresham Machen: A Biographical Memoir*, was for many Orthodox Presbyterians their introduction to the life of Machen and the founding of the OPC. Unhappily the book is now out of print, though the Committee for the Historian is eager to make it available again soon. As Charles Dennison wrote, “Every Orthodox Presbyterian should read this book, and there is no excuse for any OPC minister or elder who has not.”

Paul Woolley taught that to study church history was also to claim an identity. For Woolley, Orthodox Presbyterian identity was often an unpopular dissent from the prevailing fads within American fundamentalism and evangelicalism. In short, it was a doctrinal church in a non-doctrinal age. The General Assembly acknowledged his gifts by appointing him as the denomination’s first historian, in 1974. Retired by then from teaching and in declining health, Woolley served only a short time. But his legacy set the pattern that subsequent historians have followed, as Woolley also taught the church to be an historically-conscious community in an anti-historical age.

Among his former students, Woolley is often remembered for his provocative suggestion that modern, orthodox denominations have a fifty-year life span. If the OPC has beaten Woolley’s odds, and if the historian proved a poor prophet, surely that owes, at least in part, to his and Stonehouse’s efforts in developing within the church the art of remembering.

John R. Muether
Acting Historian
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE HISTORIAN

The Special Committee on Rules for the Historian (hereafter SCRH) consists of Messrs. Eric Bristley, Chairman, Darryl G. Hart, and John R. Hilbelink, Secretary. All three will be present at this assembly; Messrs Hart and Hilbelink will represent the report of the SCRH to the 69th General Assembly, and Mr. Bristley will represent the minority report.

The SCRH was elected and given its mandate in accordance with the following motion adopted by the 66th General Assembly (1999):

That the Assembly continue the special committee [i.e., Committee for the Historian], elect an Acting Historian, and establish a special committee of three (not members of the Committee for the Historian) to consider new proposed standing rules (cf. Section 151) together with the standing rules proposed to the 66th General Assembly [also in Section 151, Minutes of the 66th GA], report back to the 67th General Assembly, and request a budget of $2,000.

The mandate given to the SCRH by the 66th General Assembly was to consider new proposed standing rules for the Historian and report back to the 67th General Assembly. The rules from which we worked came in two sets, one proposed by the existing Committee for the Historian ("Proposed Standing Rules") and those suggested in the minority report of Advisory Committee 7 at the 66th General Assembly ("New Proposed Standing Rules"). The SCRH reviewed what was good in both proposals at the 66th GA, as well as the grounds given for the General Assembly's action, which were to delineate more clearly the Historian's accountability to GA. The majority in this report believes that a slightly modified version of the rules originally proposed to the 65th General Assembly (1998) by the Committee for the Historian, and submitted for ratification to the 66th General Assembly (1999), accomplishes these aims.

The Special Committee with its mandate was continued at the 67th General Assembly. During that year the committee met twice, first, on November 3 and 4, 2000 at the request of the 67th GA with the Committee for the Historian (hereafter CFH) and the Acting Historian, and a second time on March 30, 2001 with the Committee on Christian Education. At this second meeting the SCRH discussed with the CCE the possibility of making the Committee for the Historian a Sub-committee of CCE.

The 68th General Assembly (2001) continued the special committee with the added mandate:

That the General Assembly request the Committee for Rules for the Historian to meet with the Committee on Christian Education and the Committee for the Historian to determine the desirability and feasibility of making the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian subject to the review of the Committee on Christian Education and coordinate it with the overall educational ministry of the church and, if desirability and feasibility be determined, to bring a plan for implementation to the 69th General Assembly.

The committee met on March 26, 2002 with the Committee on Christian Education and also with Dr. John Deliyannides of the Committee for the Historian and with Mr. John Muether, the Acting Historian, to discuss the added mandate of the 68th GA. The
Committee on Christian Education answered (and noted, "without dissent"), with grounds as follows:

That the CCE respond to the Committee on Rules for the Historian that the Committee [on Christian Education] does not believe it best serves the interests of the Church to place the work of the Historian under a subcommittee of CCE, recommends that the standing rules proposed by the 65th GA (1998) to the 66th GA (1999) for the Historian and the Committee for the Historian be adopted, and furthermore recommends the election of John Muether as historian as soon as possible.

**Grounds:**

(1) Given the reorganization of the subcommittee structure of the CCE, together with the already immense and diverse responsibilities given to the CCE and its General Secretary, the CCE does not believe it is either "desirable or feasible" for the CCE to assume the responsibility for the work of the Historian. We believe that this approach would only further overburden the CCE and would not provide the amount or kind of attention warranted by the work of the Historian.

(2) We believe that the proposed Standing Rules presented by the 65th General Assembly to the 66th General Assembly provide adequate safeguards for accountability of the Historian while they also allow the Historian the liberty to carry out his duties as "a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly" (Proposed Standing Rules III.D.1).

(3) Having worked with Mr. Muether on various projects, seeing his enthusiasm in his current role as Acting Historian, and knowing of his utility as a member of the CCE, we believe that Mr. Muether is the most suitable candidate for the position of Historian. We further believe that he should be elected to this position as soon as possible so that the work of the Historian may be expedited.

The majority report, while believing it would be feasible at some future point that the Committee for the Historian be made a Subcommittee of the Committee on Christian Education, believes in view of its study of the proposals given to it by 66th General Assembly (1999) and by the response of the CCE above (March 26, 2002 meeting), that the 69th General Assembly would best serve itself and the OPC by adopting the two recommendations below. Further, while recommending the election of Mr. Muether as Historian is not part of the mandate of the SCRH, the majority concurs with the stated desire of the CCE and provides opportunity in the second recommendation for his election. The majority offers the following reasons for your consideration in favor of adopting its recommendations:

1. **The Uniqueness of the Historian and Committee for the Historian**

   One factor affecting the construction of standing rules for the Historian is the uniqueness of his work and the Committee that supports him. Our aim was to insure that the new standing rules for the Historian conform to those that exist both for other standing committees of General Assembly and for other officers of General Assembly. Here it is important to recognize that the work of the Historian and the Committee for the Historian up to this time have functioned both as that of an officer of General Assembly (Standing Rules and Instruments of GA, III.D) and as that of a standing committee (Standing Rules, X.2.k), respectively. In other words, the duties of Historian are analogous in many respects
to those of the other officers of General Assembly, namely, the Stated Clerk and Statistician. At the same time, unlike those officers, the Historian has worked in close connection with a committee (the Committee for the Historian). Trying to do justice to these different aspects of the Historian’s duties has contributed to some of the confusion in devising appropriate rules.

2. The Accountability of the Historian

The minority report of Advisory Committee 7 to the 66th General Assembly indicates the concern by some commissioners for greater accountability for the historian. This explains the proposal to change the work of the Historian as an officer to that of a committee in the Advisory Committee 7 minority report. After considering this concern and ways to address it, the majority finds that the existing structures regarding the Historian, the CFH, and the General Assembly provide oversight. The Historian reports every year to the General Assembly. At each assembly an advisory committee reviews his work. Further, his report is included in the General Assembly’s Minutes and circulated to presbyteries and sessions. The oversight for the Historian differs in some ways from that of General Secretaries of the Standing Committees, but it is not so different as to give the Historian autonomy. Still, to insure greater accountability, the majority report recommends the requirement that the Committee for the Historian consist of at least two ordained officers (one Minister and one Ruling Elder), and that the duties of the Committee for the Historian include “oversight” of the Historian, and that the Historian be “accountable” to the CFH.

3. The Effectiveness of the Committee for the Historian

The committee, majority and minority, is unanimous in judging the work of the Historian over the last fourteen years to be a valuable resource for the OPC. The majority would point out that another factor affecting our recommendation was our recognition that the work the Committee for the Historian (CFH) renders has been crucial to the Historian’s success. Moreover, the majority did not want to propose rules that would in any way hamper the work being done by the Historian or the Committee for the Historian. The rules proposed below, therefore, try to establish more clearly the structures of accountability for the work of the Historian while also trying to retain the organization and personnel that have made the Historian’s efforts such an asset to the church. The CFH consists of volunteers who market and distribute the publications of the Historian, and who monitor the Historian’s finances. This is a labor of love that the creation of a new standing Committee on History as proposed by the minority report of Advisory Committee 7 to the 66th General Assembly would have impaired, since the present members of CFH are not all ordained officers of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The majority came to the conclusion that, given the opportunity for the General Assembly to elect the present membership of the CFH, the proposal below would not only retain the existing structure, which has worked so well, but also give the CFH a greater measure of oversight by adding that two of its members be officers, and thereby provide a smooth transition for the CFH from that of a special committee to that of a standing committee of the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the proposed amendment to the standing rules on the Historian and the Committee for the Historian be adopted as follows:
Appendix

Delete paragraph III.B.5.m (Clerk’s duties: To serve as archivist for the denomination) and change letter headings “n” through “p” to “m” through “q,” respectively.

In the first line of paragraph X.2.a, change “eleven” to “twelve”, so it would read, “There shall be twelve Standing Committees, namely”

After the last line of paragraph X.2.a, add the line, “the Committee for the Historian”

Add line IV.17 (re: THE ORDER OF BUSINESS), “Election of Historian (in appropriate years)”

Add paragraph III.D. as follows (OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY):

D. The Historian

1. The Historian of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, who is a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly, shall be an ordained officer and shall be elected to his office of Historian by the General Assembly for a three-year term.

2. The Historian shall be in charge of the denomination’s effort to preserve her history through the collection and organization of historical documents, records, and memorabilia.

3. The Historian’s duties shall include the following:
   a. He shall have oversight and be responsible for the organization of the denominational archives.
   b. He shall encourage and assist the General Assembly’s Committees and agents as well as presbyteries, congregations, and interested individuals in their efforts to deposit materials of historical value to the OPC in the denominational archives.
   c. He shall oversee the production of materials, which shall promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian history. This effort includes:
      (1) The publication of books and other literature and the production of video and audiotapes.
      (2) The management of scholarship programs.
      (3) The organization of conferences and the church’s periodic anniversary celebrations.
      (4) The maintenance of the portion of the OPC website pertaining to the denomination’s history.
   d. He shall present an annual report of his activities to the General Assembly.

4. The Historian shall be accountable to and assisted by the Committee for the Historian in conducting his work.

Add the following as X.2.k:

k. The Committee for the Historian shall consist of four male members of the OPC, including at least one Minister and one Ruling Elder among the four, elected in three classes of two, one, and one, respectively. The Historian shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The function of the Committee shall be to give advice, assistance, and oversight to the Historian in carrying out the responsibilities of his office. The duties of the Committee for the Historian shall be:
(1) To prepare a budget and control expenditures of funds provided by the General Assembly for the work of the Historian.
(2) To raise capital needed for publication work.
(3) To promote and distribute the literature and tapes published and produced by the Committee.
(4) To provide accountability and encouragement to the Historian in the exercise of his duties.
(5) To provide an annual report to the General Assembly.
(6) To submit to the General Assembly a nomination for the office of Historian in the appropriate year.

2. That Mr. John R. Muether, the present Acting Historian, be elected Historian.

Respectfully submitted,
Darryl G. Hart
John R. Hilbelink

MINORITY REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE HISTORIAN

The minority concurs in judging the work of the Historian to be a valuable resource for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. As a teaching ministry, the work of the Historian has had a growing influence on the OPC in interpreting its history and identity through books and other resources.

The minority is convinced, however, that the Standing Rules governing this work should be consistent with those for other Officers of the General Assembly and existing Standing/Program Committees, since these embody the principles of accountability and parity intrinsic to our presbyterian form of government. The minority believes that this is what led to erecting this committee by the 66th General Assembly, as stated in the minority report of Advisory Committee 7 (Minutes of the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly, 1999, pp. 36-38):

As the General Assembly considers transforming a special committee into a standing committee, now is the time to reflect on the way in which this work is structured and how its business proceeds. The primary concern of the undersigned is this—should not the standing rules that govern this committee be patterned like other program committees?...The undersigned are persuaded that the report of the Advisory Committee 7 overlooked the need to bring this special committee into conformity with the existing program committees which were erected under the historic wisdom of the General Assembly.

The motion of Advisory Committee 7 was amended and adopted by the 66th General Assembly with the task: "to consider new proposed standing rules together with the standing rules proposed to the 66th General Assembly." The rules as proposed by the Committee for the Historian (CFH) made (1) the Historian an officer of the GA and (2) erect as a permanent standing committee, the Committee for the Historian. The new proposed standing rules of Advisory Committee #7 made the Historian a General Secretary of a Program Committee and saw his tasks carried out under its oversight.
The minority, as a member and chairman of the Special Committee on Rules for the Historian (SCRH), made diligent effort to find what compromises might be made between the above two sets of rules, and progress was made toward this end during the first year of its meeting. These efforts, however, were set aside after the committee met with the CFH. The acting Historian and a member of the CFH (both of whom also serve on CCE), suggested making the CFH a subcommittee of the Committee for Christian Education. The SCRH agreed to pursue this as a commendable proposal, but after a year of consideration the CCE determined that this was not feasible for them.

The minority brings this report and its two recommendations out of a conviction that:

1. Proposed rules should conform to the wisdom of existing Standing Rules.
2. Proposed rules for the Historian should follow the pattern set for other officers of GA.
3. Proposed rules for the CFH should follow the pattern set for other Program Committees.

There is no existing structure in the Standing Rules which provides for a Standing Committee to serve an officer of GA. The minority seeks to avoid this proposed inconsistency and what it views as non-specific accountability through two recommendations.

The first recommendation proposes rules for the Historian which conform to that for other officers of the GA. In the original rules proposed by the CFH, the Historian was given two sets of duties: (a) archival work in D.1-3.b and (b) publishing work in 3.c (1-4). The first set of duties agrees with the scope given to other officers of the GA, such as the Stated Clerk and Statistician. The second set of duties agrees with the pattern set for a General Secretary of a Program Committee. The minority's recommendations, therefore, divide the work of the Historian into: (a) the Archivist and (b) General Secretary for History.

The second recommendation proposes rules for the CFH which conform to those set for other Standing Committees. It therefore titles the CFH as the Committee on History in agreement with the titles for other Standing Committees which all use the preposition 'on' because of the focus and nature of their work (X.2.a). It further proposes a General Secretary for History to carry out the second set of duties of the Historian (publishing). This Committee should not be titled nor defined as one which merely serves the Historian and provides him with general accountability, but rather provides specific oversight of the work through two key duties: (a) approval of all proposed publications, and (b) careful critical review of them prior to publication.

The minority believes that this complies with the will of the Assembly for the SCRH, and therefore makes the following two recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following rules be adopted by the General Assembly:

   [Chapter III. OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY]
   Delete paragraph III.B.5.m. (Clerk's duties: To serves as archivist for the denomination).
   Add paragraph III.D as follows:

   D. The Archivist
1. The Archivist, who is a servant of the denomination and particularly of the General Assembly, shall be elected to his office by the General Assembly for a three year term.

2. He shall be in charge of the denomination's effort to preserve her history through the collection and organization of historical documents, records, and memorabilia.

3. His duties shall include the following:
   a. He shall have oversight and be responsible for the denominational archives and establish guidelines for acquisition of documents and access to the archives, which are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.
   b. He shall encourage and assist the General Assembly's Committees and agents as well as presbyteries, congregations, and interested individuals in their efforts to deposit materials of historical value to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in the denominational archives.
   c. He shall present an annual report of his activities to the General Assembly.

[Chapter IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS]

Add line IV.12 and renumber below: Report of the Archivist.

Add line IV.17 and renumber below: Election of Archivist (in appropriate years).

Grounds: The minority seeks to provide Standing Rules which conform to those for other officers for the GA. The term 'archivist' is used in the present Standing Rules to define a duty of the Stated Clerk (III.B.5.m). The description of the duties of Archivist are taken from the first set of duties proposed by the CFH (D.1.3.b), except the addition of a clause about establishing approved guidelines. This set of duties is consistent with the general nature of that done by the clerks and statistician (FG XIX). A denominational Archivist is also in line with the common practices of other presbyterian and Reformed denominations.

The term 'historian' is by definition a writer and a specialist, an authority in historical interpretation. Significantly different is an 'archivist,' who is occupied with developing a physical collection which preserves original documents. An historian focuses on analyzing such documents, defining and interpreting the significance of historical events, movements, and persons according to a particular philosophy of history. His goal is not merely to collect but to instruct others on how to view past events (Psalm 78; Acts 7). As such, an historian is a teacher who exerts a significant influence upon opinions and is an authority cited in matters of controversy. Thus an archivist, not an historian, corresponds to the definition of existing officers for the GA.

To establish an officer of the General Assembly with such teaching authority would be as inappropriate as electing one person with the title of 'The Theologian.' There are many theologians and many historians in the OPC. To establish the Historian as a regular officer with a three year term of office, with such broad duties and powers as proposed by the majority, is inconsistent with the limitations placed on other officers of the GA. As such, this is not only contrary to Scripture (Matt. 23:8-11), but neglects our historic presbyterian principles (e.g., John Knox, The Book of Discipline, 1560; Church Order of Dort, 1619, Art. 84)). It is therefore not in line with our existing Standing Rules which limit the role of such officers to serve only in a clerical and administrative manner.

Moreover, the OPC has reached an age where coordinated attention needs to be given to the systematic preservation and management of denominational records. Archival
work is a very specialized work which requires training in proper methods of preservation and management. It would best serve the interests of the church to have someone who is both gifted and trained to do this work. Since the denominational archives are located in Philadelphia, the Archivist should be located there. While the Archivist may not do all the work, he should be regularly and directly involved at that location. In this he would fulfill a function similar to existing officers.

2. That the following rules be adopted by the General Assembly:

[Chapter X. OF COMMITTEES]
In the first line of paragraph X.2.a, change eleven to twelve.
After the last line of paragraph X.2.a, add the line: the Committee on History.

k. The Committee on History
The Committee on History shall consist of six members in three classes of two, each class composed of one minister and one ruling elder. A General Secretary on History shall be elected by the General Assembly for a three year term. He shall carry out the decisions of the committee and oversee the production of materials which shall promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian history, including printed and electronic publications, scholarship programs, conferences, and anniversary celebrations. The General Secretary shall be an ex officio member of the Committee.

The duties of the committee shall be:

(1) To approve all proposed projects which promote a greater understanding of Orthodox Presbyterian Church history.

(2) To make careful editorial review of all projects prior to publication.

(3) To prepare a budget, oversee the expenditure of funds provided by the General Assembly for the work, and solicit additional funds for projects as needed.

(4) To promote and distribute materials approved by the Committee.

(5) To provide an annual report to the General Assembly.

Grounds:

(1) The Committee on History. The minority seeks to provide Standing Rules which conform to those for other Program Committees. The minority agrees with the majority in seeing a serious flaw in the original rules proposed by the CFH in regard to having it composed of church members, without requiring any of them to be male office-bearers. The majority, however, stops halfway in proposing only one minister and one elder in a committee of four.

This is viewed by the minority as inappropriate and inadequate. To make a rule which would permit even some members of a teaching committee to be unordained men is contrary to the biblical pattern (Eph. 4:11ff., 1 Tim. 4:14). The rules for the other Program Committees, since they involve teaching, require members to be either teaching or ruling elders. It has been the wisdom of the church to appoint such men to committees as have the approval of the church through prior ordination to office. Since historical publications should undergo careful critical review, one half of the members (three) should therefore be
ministers of the Word who have had seminary training in church history. And it would be helpful if some of these would have special expertise in such. The present composition of the Committee for the Historian includes only one minister and one elder. The proposal of the majority report seeks to make this practice the rule.

The specification by the minority of six members provides broad oversight of this work. A committee of four with only one minister provides limited review. “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” “Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established” (Prov. 11:14; 15:22; cf., 1 Cor. 14:26-33).

Zeal to conserve the present composition of the committee seems to be a key concern of the majority. Having members of the church serve as staff in matters of bookkeeping, shipping, and advertising, is regularly done by the other Program Committees. Non-ordained members, however, should not be placed in the position of overseeing such a teaching ministry, otherwise they would represent and teach the whole church who have no authority from Christ and his church (FG V2-3). Each of the other Program Committees employ staff, but the committee itself does not include staff. For this reason the rules set by the Assembly should conform to the pattern established for other Program Committees.

The minority affirms that there must be structures of accountability. Yet these must be specific and clearly delineated in fulfillment of being in “subjection to your brethren in the Lord” (Eph. 5:21; FG XXIII.8.4). This should be carried out through a committee which has the power to approve all projects and review them prior to publication. Since OPC historical publications represent and influence the whole church, our Standing Rules should secure concrete accountability and critical oversight of content (not only of finances) by a plurality of ordained officers. By contrast, the majority report leaves the nature of this accountability non-specific.

(2) General Secretary on History. The second half of the duties in the rules proposed by the majority for the Historian and the CFH differ significantly from Archival work. This second set of tasks matches that of existing General Secretaries. No doubt, the interpretation of history must be based upon archival work, but ongoing editing and publishing, which teaches the whole church, is appropriate for a General Secretary but not for an officer of the GA. The General Secretary then would serve the committee and carry out the day-to-day work of what has been decided by the Committee. He would then submit all completed projects to them for final review and approval prior to publication.

Since the General Assembly meets once a year, it can provide only limited oversight for the Historian. Some accountability is provided through the Historian’s report made to the GA, but the Assembly cannot meaningfully approve or critically review proposed publications. Moreover, it is inefficient and costly for the Assembly to change a work that has already been printed.

No intent is here sought to dictate specific actions of such a Secretary, nor to write history by committee, but simply to lay down general rules to guide the work. The logic of biblical presbyterianism suggests that the task of historical interpretation and review should be subject to a plurality of elders. Even Paul, who had received his teaching directly from Christ (Gal. 1:11-12), was willing to subject the content of his message to a committee of ordained men. “And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain” (Gal. 2:2). These office-bearers of the church then approved the content of his teaching, “when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to
be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship” (Gal. 2:9).

Such rules will not inhibit the exercise of Christian liberty as defined by our confession (WCF XX.4) but protect it by wise counsel. Any author is free to write other historical books, but those published in the name of the OPC should have representatives chosen by the Assembly approve all projects and carefully review their content prior to publication. The majority proposal does not, while the minority proposal does provide rules which enact specific oversight and clearly delineated accountability by a committee of ordained men who have the responsibility to approve and review. The minority seeks nothing more than what has been described in the recent publication, Planting an Orthodox Presbyterian Church (2002), by the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Committee began to think that a manual on Orthodox Presbyterian church planting endeavors could be produced under its oversight. At its December 2000 meeting, the Committee granted the General Secretary, the Rev. Ross W Graham, a sabbatical to produce such a document. Throughout the writing process, the Rev. Graham sought to remember the Committee’s encouragements that any document produced be both principled (that is, biblically and confessionally faithful) and practical (which is defined in the OPC as practice that flows out of Scripture itself). Rev. Graham presented the first draft to the September 2001 meeting of the Committee, where it underwent an initial critique and revision. Several individuals within the OPC were also contacted for their input. Additionally, the manual underwent a rigorous review and subsequent revision at the November 2001 Regional Church Extension Conference by OPC presbytery leaders in church planting. At its December 2001 meeting, the Committee conducted a final review and approved the manual for publication.

The minority appreciates the fact that the majority has seen the need to supplement the rules proposed by the CFH in regard to accountability and committee membership. But it has not given proper weight to the concerns raised by the minority report of Advisory Committee 7, whose motion was adopted by the Assembly. These concerns were not merely to modify the proposed rules of CFH, but to evaluate the structural placement and definition of a new officer of the General Assembly and submit rules that provide for specific accountability through Committee approval and review.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric D. Bristley
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

I COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND DECISIONS—YEAR 2001

A. Composition
The Committee continued to operate under its temporary structure as directed by the 67th General Assembly, until the future structure of the Committee is determined. In 2001, the Committee consisted of the following: John S. Deliyannides, John R. Muether (Acting Historian—ex officio member), Danny E. Olinger, Douglas J. Smith, and David K. Thompson.

B. Meetings
During 2001 the Committee held two conference call meetings: on 2/20/01 and on 7/5/01. In addition there were numerous communications between members of the Committee by telephone and e-mail.

C. Book Sales
Over the years, the Committee has endeavored to have at least one new publication per year. During 2001, the 65th Anniversary of the Church, we published A Ministerial and Congregational Register of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1936-2001. Copies of this book were given to each OPC minister and Session, with a request for a contribution to cover the expense of printing and mailing. We continued to distribute and sell all the other books published by, or currently being promoted and sold by the Committee. These are advertised on the OPC website and are also offered on a wider scale through Amazon.com. The number of books sold in 2001 and the total sales to date are listed below:

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* Beginning from the time when the Committee on Christian Education assigned distribution of the video to the Committee for the Historian.

D. Activities of the Committee
During 2001, the Committee for the Historian published A Ministerial and Congregational Register of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1936-2001, a volume which includes information on all OPC congregations as well as ministers. 800 copies of this volume were printed. This information was compiled through the accurate and meticulous labors of the Rev. James T. Dennison, Jr., under a contract that was terminated last year after publication of the register. The Committee expresses its appreciation and thanks to Rev. Dennison for his excellent work. The maintenance and updating of this information is now
done by the Acting Historian. Republication of the *Ministerial and Congregational Register* is not anticipated until 2011.

The next volume to be published by the Committee is *History for a Pilgrim People: The Historical Writings of Charles G. Dennison*, edited by the Rev. Danny E. Olinger and Mr. David K. Thompson. It is anticipated that this book will be available by the time of the 69th GA in June 2002.

Looking ahead to the 75th Anniversary of the OPC, the Committee has commissioned Dr. Darryl Hart of Westminster Seminary in California to prepare a definitive history of the OPC to be published in 2011.

The Committee continued to employ Mr. Marcus Mininger, a student at Westminster Theological Seminary, for archiving the large deposit of material presently housed at the WTS library. Mr. John Muether and Miss Grace Mullen, acting librarian of Westminster Theological Seminary, supervised his work.

E. Future Plans

The following potential projects are in various stages of planning:

1. Publication of an OPC Historical Journal.
2. Reprinting of Robert K. Churchill’s *Lest We Forget* and reproduction of *OPC: A Video History*.
4. Republication of *J. Gresham Machen: A Biographical Memoir*, by Ned B. Stonehouse, in 2004, the 50th anniversary of its initial publication.
5. Continuation of the Audio Project, interviewing additional retired OPC pastors and recording their perspectives on historical events in the life of the church.
6. Publication of an OPC General Assembly Digest highlighting key issues debated by the OPC.
7. Archiving of *Presbyterian Guardian* on CD-ROM.
8. Publication of an extended anthology of OPC history to augment the list of articles used in the MTIOPC course.
9. Publication of an update of the *Index of OPC’s General Assembly*.
10. Continuous maintenance and updating of *Ministerial and Congregational Register*.

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VI  RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the honorarium for the Acting Historian, Mr. John R. Muether, be increased from $5,670 to $5,880, and the honorarium for the Book Manager, the Rev. Danny E. Olinger, be increased from $1,800 to $1,860 for the year 2003.
2. That the proposed budget for the year 2003, as outlined in Section V above, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Deliyannides
John R. Muether
Danny E. Olinger
Douglas J. Smith
David K. Thompson
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VIEWS OF CREATION

SYNOPSIS

I MANDATE
II MEMBERS
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V SURVEY
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I MANDATE

In response to an overture from the Presbytery of Southern California, the 68th General Assembly (2001) determined to “elect a committee of seven ministers and/or elders, with a budget of $5,000.00 per year, to examine the Scriptures and our Confession of Faith and Catechisms, to assist the church in its understanding of the biblical doctrine of creation with respect to the various views of the days of creation (e.g., the days of ordinary length, the day-age view, the framework view, and the analogical view), thereby assisting sessions and presbyteries in their dealing with officers and candidates who hold differing views; and to report on its progress at the 69th General Assembly, and to complete its report no later than the 70th General Assembly.”

II MEMBERS

The committee members are: Messrs. Leonard Coppes, Bryan Estelle, Lee Irons (Secretary), John Muether, Alan Pontier (Vice-Chairman), Alan Strange (Chairman), and Peter Wallace.

III MEETINGS

The first meeting of your committee was a conference call on July 12, 2001 to elect officers and schedule the time and place of our work sessions. We had two work sessions: September 7 and 8, 2001, at Mid-America Reformed Seminary (Dyer, Indiana); January 25, 2002, at Westminster Theological Seminary in California (Escondido).

IV TOPICS DISCUSSED

Presentations by members of the committee and group discussion thus far have centered on the following topics.

A. Scriptural teaching on creation
   Exegesis of Genesis 1-2
   Assessing the literary character of Genesis 1-2
Meaning of *yom*
Bearing of ancient near eastern cosmologies on exegesis of the Genesis account
Meaning of *raqiya* ("solid firmament" or "sky")
Teaching of the New Testament on creation

B. Hermeneutical issues
Proper relationship between general and special revelation
Interaction of science and theology
Role of presuppositions in science and theology
Epistemology: the relationship between "facts" and "theories" in science
Perspicuity of Scripture
Grammatical-historical method of interpretation

C. Presentations of specific views of the days of creation
Days of ordinary length
The framework view
The analogical view
The day-age view(s)
The view that we cannot be dogmatic about the length of *yom* (e.g., E. J. Young)

D. History of Christian interpretation
Church's tradition of seeking harmony between Scripture and "received science"
Creation views in the ancient/medieval/Reformation/modern church
Creation views in the history of Old Princeton and Westminster
Creation views in OPC history

E. Teaching of the Westminster Standards on creation
Historical background of phrase "in the space of six days"
WCF IV.1 as a whole with respect to meaning of "in the space of six days"
Theological issues with respect to creation, miracles, providence
Defining and determining "authorial intent," "original intent," "legislative intent"
Role of the *animus* ("mind") of the church in interpreting and administering the Standards

F. Polity issues
Hermeneutical significance of the OPC's adopting act in 1936 (2nd GA)
Constitutional history of the second ordination vow
Role of community of interpretation ("confidence in our brethren")
Role of seminary education
Need of the presbyteries for guidance from GA in examining candidates with respect to their orthodoxy on creation
Rights and responsibilities of presbyteries in relation to the General Assembly
V  SURVEY

Mr. Muether has taken a survey of OP ministers concerning their views on creation. Out of the 300 or so opc.org e-mail addresses to which the questionnaire was sent, 115 responses have been received so far. The results have yet to be fully analyzed by the committee.

VI  FINAL REPORT

The committee has already begun work on a final report, which it plans to submit to the 70th GA next year.

VII  BUDGET

The committee requests a budget for 2003 of $5,000.00.
**YEARBOOK**

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(A) Members are on the roll of the regional church.

(B) Under the oversight of Session, Providence OPC, Denver, Colo., but not included in their statistics.

(C) *Members are on the roll of Bethel OPC, Carson, N.D.*
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- **Prof.** and **Death, Dismiss, D&E**: Total number of professional deaths, dismissals, and deaths with evidence of former membership.
- **Bapt. Child.**: Total number of baptisms and child members.
- **Bapt. W/Par**: Total number of baptisms with profession.

### Attendance

- **Morning Worship**: Total attendance at morning worship services.
- **General**: Total general attendance.
- **Total Offerings**: Total contributions.

### Contributions

- **General**: General contributions.
- **Total Offerings**: Total contributions from all sources.
- **R. Elders**: Total number of resident elders.
- **Deacons**: Total number of deacons.

### Officers

- **R. Elders**: Resident elders.
- **Deacons**: Deacons.

### Location Details

- **State**: State where the church is located.
- **City or Town**: City or town where the church is located.
- **Name of Congregation**: Name of the congregation.
- **Address**: Address of the church.
- **Location**: Location of the church.
- **Pastor (s)**: Names of the pastors.
- **Bapt. Child.**: Total number of baptisms and child members.
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### Financial Details

- **Location**: Location of the church.
- **Address**: Address of the church.
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- Numbers in italics are 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 Reformed OPC, Springfield, Ill.
- (C) Under the oversight of Session, Christ OPC, Janesville, Wis., but not included in their statistics.
- (D) Under the oversight of Session, Grace OPC, Hanover Park, Ill., but not included in their statistics.
- (E) Members are on the roll of Falls OPC, Menomonee Falls, Wis.
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## REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE NORTHWEST - STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2001

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- **Missoula, GARDEN CITY**

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- **R. Elders**
- **Deacons**

*Contributions*:
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- **Total Offerings**

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| La Mesa, NEW LIFE                           | George C. Miladin     | 5333 Lake Murray Blvd.         | 204 356 84              | 399 290 277           | $63,182       | $1,751                         | <a href="mailto:GeorgeC.Miladin@Gmail.com">GeorgeC.Miladin@Gmail.com</a>    | 832       | 10000    | La Mesa        | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
| La Mirada, CALVARY                          | Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.| 12206 La Mirada Blvd.         | 6 1 0 0                 | 38 27 29              | $38,523       | $4,216                         | <a href="mailto:DonaldG.Buchanan@Gmail.com">DonaldG.Buchanan@Gmail.com</a>   | 924       | 10000    | La Mirada      | California | $110,398         | $160,201       | $114,822       | $160,201      | $114,822    | $160,201     | $114,822       | $160,201       | $114,822    |
| Long Beach, FAITH                           | Robert G. Henmann, associate pastor | 209 39 55 0 6                | 100 0 38 27 29 100 0 6 | 54 46 22 0 100 0 6 | $11,280     | $0                          | <a href="mailto:RobertG.Henmann@Gmail.com">RobertG.Henmann@Gmail.com</a>   | 924       | 10000    | Long Beach   | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
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| Los Angeles, Iglesia Evangelica Reformada   | Robert G. Herrmann, associate pastor | 14 6 9 15 14                | 15 15 14                | $6,440     | $6,740                         | <a href="mailto:RobertG.Herrmann@Gmail.com">RobertG.Herrmann@Gmail.com</a>   | 924       | 10000    | Los Angeles | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
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| Moreno Valley, Grace (D)                    | Robert G. Herrmann, associate pastor | 24281 Postal Ave.              | 100 0 38 27 29 100 0 6 | 54 46 22 0 100 0 6 | $11,280     | $0                          | <a href="mailto:RobertG.Herrmann@Gmail.com">RobertG.Herrmann@Gmail.com</a>   | 924       | 10000    | Moreno Valley | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
| Oxnard, COVENANT OF GRACE                   | Marcus J. Serven, organizing pastor/evangelist | 1801 Joliet Place              | 100 0 38 27 29 100 0 6 | 54 46 22 0 100 0 6 | $11,280     | $0                          | <a href="mailto:MarcusJ.Serven@Gmail.com">MarcusJ.Serven@Gmail.com</a>    | 924       | 10000    | Oxnard       | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
| Paso Robles, Providence Reformed (A)        | Robert G. Henmann, associate pastor | 5955 Lindley Ave.              | 100 0 38 27 29 100 0 6 | 54 46 22 0 100 0 6 | $11,280     | $0                          | <a href="mailto:RobertG.Henmann@Gmail.com">RobertG.Henmann@Gmail.com</a>   | 924       | 10000    | Paso Robles  | California | $535,049         | $611,270       | $643,822       | $611,270      | $643,822    | $611,270     | $643,822       | $611,270       | $643,822    |
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- (C) Under the oversight of Session, Westminster OPC, Westminster, Cal., but not included in their statistics.
- (D) Under the oversight of Session, Calvary OPC, La Mirada, Cal., but not included in their statistics.
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# REGIONAL CHURCH OF THE SOUTHWEST - STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2001

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### SUMMARY OF OPC STATISTICS FOR 2001

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### Numbers in 2000:
- Members: 1,458,357
- Baptisms: 1,458,357
- Reaffirmations: 1,458,357
- Transfers: 1,458,357
- Deaths: 243
- Numbers Dismissed or Erased: 307,702

### Comparison with Previous Year:
- Members: 2,690,938
- Baptisms: 22,607,292
- Reaffirmations: 1,647,390
- Transfers: 1,293,709
- Deaths: 243
- Numbers Dismissed or Erased: 307,702

### Affiliations:
- Prof. of Faith: 2,458,357
- Prof. of Faith Reaff.: 2,458,357
- Prof. of Faith Dismissed: 2,458,357
- Prof. of Faith Deaths: 243
- Prof. of Faith Reaff. on Letter of Transfer: 2,458,357
- Prof. of Faith Dismissed on Letter of Transfer: 2,458,357
- Prof. of Faith Deaths: 243

### Financial Data:
- Total Revenue: $34,982,763
- Total Expenses: $3,652,480
- Total Net Income: $31,330,283

### Other Statistics:
- Received with Parents: 2,458,357
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- Baptism: 2,458,357
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### RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

**1938-2001**

**As of December 31, 2001**

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**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.
STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESbyteries - 2001

PRESBYTERY OF THE CENTRAL U. S.

General Information
Membership: 8 Ministers, 11 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: January, May, and September
Stated Clerk: Mark T. Harrington, term expires January 03
Moderator: Geoffrey C. Smith, term expires January 03

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 4 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works: Parent church:
Benton County OPC, Bentonville, Ark. The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers removed:
Patrick W. Malone, dismissed to Presbytery of New Jersey, 24 June 01
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Patrick W. Malone, as pastor of Caney OPC, Caney, Kan., 10 June 01
Roll of ministers:
Joseph A. Aukelsa Chester H. Lanious V. Robert Nilson
Mark T. Harrington LeRoy E. Miller Geoffrey C. Smith
James B. Hollis William A. Miller, Jr.

Licentiates
Licensures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: None

PRESBYTERY OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK

General Information
Membership: 11 Ministers, 16 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Third Saturday of Jan., April, Sept., and Nov.
Stated Clerk: John W. Mallin III, term expires January 04
Moderator: Calvin D. Keller, term expires January 03

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 5 churches and no unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
Hope OPC, Staten Island, N.Y., dissolved, 6 January 01
OPC of Bohemia, Bohemia, N.Y., organized as a new and separate church, 20 January 01

Mission works: Parent church:
None None

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
Sabry Tanios, from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt, 17 Nov. 01
Ministers removed:
Neil H. Williams, dismissed to Philadelphia Presb. of the PCA, 21 April 01
Ministers installed:
Meindert Ploegman, pastor of OPC of Bohemia, Bohemia, N.Y., 20 Jan. 01
Richard A. Mozer, pastor of Community OPC, Newtown, Conn., 7 April 01
Sabry Tanios, presbytery evangelist to Arabic-speaking people in metropolitan
New York, 17 November 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Meindert Ploegman, associate pastor of OPC in Franklin Square, Franklin
Square, N.Y., 20 January 01
Richard A. Mozer, associate pastor of Community OPC, Newtown, Conn., 7
April 01

Roll of ministers:
James W. Campbell
Richard R. Gerber
Calvin Keller
William B. Kessler
John W. Mallin II
Richard A. Mozer
Daniel G. Osborne
Meindert Ploegman
William Shishko
Sabry Tanios
Vincent J. Tauniello

Licentiates
Licenses: Joel Robbins, 17 November 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: Joel Robbins

PRESBYTERY OF THE DAKOTAS

General Information
Membership: 16 Ministers, 37 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:
First Tuesday of October
First Tuesday of April
Stated Clerk: Edward A. Eppinger, term expires April 02
Moderator: Darren S. Thole, term expires April 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 11 churches and 3 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Emmaus OPC, Ft. Collins, Colo., organized as a new and separate church, 16
March 01
Park Hill OPC, Denver, Colo., organized as a new and separate church, 29
April 01
Mission works:
Broomfield PC, Broomfield, Colo.
Reformation, Parker, Colo.
Covenant, Bismarck, ND
Parent church:
The regional church:
Providence OPC, Denver, Colo.
Bethel OPC, Carson, ND

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: Gregory L. Thurston, from South Fla. Presb., PCA, 2 Dec. 01
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Archiebal A. Allison, pastor of Emmaus OPC, Ft. Collins, Colo., 16 March 01
Matthew K. Kingsbury, pastor of Park Hill OPC, Denver, Colo., 29 April 01
D. Jason Wallace, pastor of Christ OPC, Salt Lake City, Utah, 27 May 01
Gregory I. Thurston, evang. of presb. to labor in Broomfield, Colo., 2 Dec. 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Archibald A. Allison, associate pastor of Providence OPC, Denver, Colo., 16 March 01
Matthew K. Kingsbury, associate pastor of Immanuel OPC, Thornton, Colo., 29 April 01

D. Jason Wallace, evang. of presb. to labor in Salt Lake City, Utah, 27 May 01

Roll of ministers:
Christopher B. Accardy
Archibald A. Allison
Sam M. Allison
Leonard J. Coppes
Edward A. Eppinger
Richard G. Hodgson

Edward S. S. Huntington
Matthew K. Kingsbury
Randall K. Klynsma
W. Vernon Picknally, Jr.
Darren S. Thole
Terry F. Thole

Gregory I. Thurston
D. Jason Wallace
Gerald I. Williamson
Richard Wynja

Licentiates
Licenciates: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: Kevin P. Swanson

PRESBYTERY OF MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO

General Information
Membership: 27 Ministers, 61 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: January, May, and September
Stated Clerk: Timothy L. Bero, term expires January 04
Moderator: Peter Stazen II, term expires January 03

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 14 churches and 8 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Redeemer OPC, Ada, Mich., organized as a new and separate church, 3 Jun 01
Grace Covenant Church, Sheffield, Ont., received as an organized congregation, 9 November 01

Mission works:
Covenant, Brighton, Mich.
Chain-O-Lakes, Central Lake, Mich.
New Life Fellowship, Holland, Mich.
Hudsonville PC, Hudsonville, Mich.
Providence, Manistee, Mich.
Living Hope, Jordan, Ontario, Canada
Covenant, London, Ontario, Canada
Grace, Shedden, Ontario, Canada

Parent church:
Grace OPC, Okemos (Holt), Mich.
The regional church
Harvest OPC, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Little Farms Chapel, Coopersville, Mich.
The regional church
Pilgrim OPC, Metamora, Mich.
Pilgrim OPC, Metamora, Mich.

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
Eric R. Hausler, pastor of Redeemer OPC, Ada, Mich., 3 June 01
Norman DeJong, pastor of Mill Creek OPC, Grand Rapids, Mich., 28 Oct. 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Eric R. Hauser, as assoc. pastor of Harvest OPC, Grand Rapids, 3 June 01
Rodney S. Thole, as pastor of Mill Creek OPC, Grand Rapids, 31 Jan. 01

Roll of ministers:
Hank L. Belfield        John R. Ferguson        Roger W. Schmurr
Timothy L. Bero         John N. Fikkert         Kenneth A. Smith
Perry G. Brackin        Eric R. Hauserer        Peter Stazen II
Kenneth Dale Collison   Glenn D. Jerrell        Rodney S. Thole
Raymond E. Commeret     Frank J. Marsh          Dale A. Van Dyke
Brian L. DeJong         Gerald J. Neumair        Robert M. Van Manen
Norman DeJong           Martin A. Novak          Peter J. Wallace
Lap O. Duong            Stephen A. Pribble       Jeffrey B. Wilson
Abe W. Ediger           Ralph A. Rebandt II     Louis P. Wislocki

Licentiates
Licenses: Gordon L. Oliver, 21 September 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: Aldo A. Yannon; Gordon L. Oliver

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

General Information
Membership: 21 Ministers, 51 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:
  Fourth Saturday of June (retreat)
  Third Saturday of September
  First Saturday of December
Stated Clerk: Leonard E. Miller, term expires September 02
Moderator: Gerald S. Taylor, term expires September 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 13 churches and 3 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
  Mission work in Charlottesville, Va., officially recognized, 13 October 01
  New mission work: Bethel Reformed PC, Fredericksburg, Va., 13 October 01
  Puritan OPC ceased meeting in Laytonsville, Md. and began meeting in
  Odenton, Md.
  Trinity Reformed OPC ceased meeting in Bowie, Md. and began meeting in
  Lanham, Md.
Mission works:
  Cornerstone, Germantown, Md.
  Providence, Charlottesville, Va.
  Bethel Reformed, Fredericksburg, Va.
  Parent church:
  Knox OPC, Silver Spring, Md.
  Covenant Community, Staunton, Va.
  Grace OPC, Vienna, Va.

Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: Edward L. Kellogg, deceased, 23 August 01
Ministers installed: None
Ministerial relationships dissolved: None
Roll of ministers:
Richard N. Ellis        Allen H. Harris        James Stastny
Bryan D. Estelle
Douglas A. Felch
Stephen B. Green
Timothy H. Gregson
George W. Hall, Jr.
George C. Hammond
Stuart R. Jones
Robert M. Lucas
Thomas A. Martin
Hailu Mekonnen
Robert L. Myers
Lyman M. Smith
G. Mark Sumpter
Gerald S. Taylor
Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.
Edwin C. Urban
Laurence N. Vail
S. Scott Willet

Licentiates
Licenures: None
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: Charles R. Biggs; Michael A. McCabe

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST
General Information
Membership: 32 Ministers, 164 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Third Friday and Saturday of March
Second Friday and Saturday after Labor Day
Stated Clerk: Rodney T. King, term expires March 04
Moderator: John R. Tinsley, term expires March 03

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 19 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Covenant of Grace, North Aurora (Batavia), Ill., organized as a new and separate church, 19 October 01
Mission works: Parent church:
Covenant Community, Evansville, Ind. Covenant Reformed, Springfield, Ill.
New Cov. Fellowship, Independence, Iowa Christ OPC, Janesville, Wis.
Providence, Fitchburg (Madison), Wis. Grace OPC, Hanover Park, Ill.
Covenant, New Berlin, Wis. Falls OPC, Menomonee Falls, Wis.
Covenant Reformed, Reedsburg, Wis. Bethel OPC, Oostburg, Wis.

Ministers
Ordinations: Stephen J. Oharek, 28 June 01
Ministers received:
James T. Hoekstra, from Presbytery of Southwest, 17 March 01
Ministers removed:
William J. Bomer, dismissed to Presbytery of the Southwest, 15 March 01
Leslie A. Dunn, deceased, 26 June 01
Jonathan F. Peters, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 17 November 01
Ministers installed:
Victor B. Atallah, assoc. pastor of Covenant OPC, Orland Park, Ill., 4 Feb. 01
James T. Hoekstra, associate pastor of Falls OPC, Menomonee Falls, Wis., 17 March 01
Donald F. Ritsman, teacher at Bethel OPC, Oostburg, Wis., 23 March 01
David M. VanDrunen, teacher in Presbytery of the Midwest, 4 May 01
Eric D. Bristley, evangelist at Grace OPC, Hanover Park, Ill., 8 June 01
Stephen J. Oharek, pastor of Covenant OPC, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 28 June 01
James R. Megchelsen, pastor of Covenant of Grace OPC, North Aurora (Batavia), Ill., 19 October 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
David M. VanDrunen, as assistant pastor of Grace OPC, Hanover Park, Ill., 30 April 01
Eric D. Bristley, as evangelist of Falls OPC, Menomonee Falls, Wis., 8 Jun 01
James R. Megchelsen, as assoc. pastor of Bethel OPC, Wheaton, 19 Oct. 01

Roll of ministers:
William B. Acker III  Lawrence R. Eyres  Stephen J. Oharek
Victor B. Atallah  James E. Ferguson  Donald F. Ritsman
James L. Bosgraf  Henry H. Fikker  Michael R. Shipma
Eric D. Bristley  Bradford C. Freeman  Lendall H. Smith
Douglas B. Clawson  Heero E. C. Haquebord  Alan D. Strange
David W. Cole  James T. Hoekstra  John R. Tinsley
Daryl A. Daniels  Bruce H. Hollister  Cornelius Tolsma
Ivan J. DeMaster  David W. King  David M. VanDrumen
Dennis L. Disselkoen  Rodney T. King  Robert M. Walker
Terry E. Dowds  Michael D. Knierim  Iain A. M. Wright
Richard M. Edwards  James R. Megchelsen

Licentiates
Licensures:
Wendall S. Stoltzfus, 3 March 01
Nathan Hornfeld, 14 September 01
Licentiates received: Stephen J. Oharek, from Presbytery of the South, 27 April 01
Licentiates removed:
Stephen J. Oharek, ordained, 28 June 01
Wendall S. Stoltzfus, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 17 Nov. 01
Roll of licentiates: Nathan Hornfeld; Timothy McConnel

PRESBYTERY OF NEW JERSEY

General Information
Membership: 35 Ministers, 63 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:
Fourth Tuesday of April
Fourth Saturday of September
First Tuesday of December
Stated Clerk: Richard A. Barker, term expires September 03
Moderator: David F. Elmer, term expires September 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 20 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
Mt. Carmel OPC, Somerset, NJ, received from independency, 18 March 01
Living Hope OPC, Nutley, NJ, organized as a new and separate church, 24 June 01
Mission works:
Westminster, Ocean City, NJ
Parent church:
The regional church

Ministers
Ordinations:
Cornelius Johnson, 16 September 01
William Frederick Rice, 26 October 01
Ministers received:
Claude D. DePrine III, from the Orthodox Christian Ref. Church, 9 Feb. 01
Robert J. Cameron, from the PCA, 18 March 01
Patrick W. Malone, from Presbytery of the Central U.S., 24 June 01

Ministers removed:
Frederick G. Reber, dismissed to Presb. of New Jersey (PCA), 24 February 01
Peter J. Puliatti, dismissed to Presbytery of Ohio, 15 June 01

Ministers installed:
Claude D. DePrine III, pastor of Providence OPC, Glassboro, NJ, 9 Feb. 01
Robert J. Cameron, pastor of Mt. Carmel OPC, Somerset, NJ, 18 March 01
Patrick W. Malone, pastor of Living Hope OPC, Nutley, N.J, 24 June 01
Cornelius Johnson, assoc. pastor of Mt. Carmel OPC, Somerset, NJ, 16 September 01
George W. Bancroft, evang. of presb., laboring in Ocean City, NJ, 14 Oct. 01
William Frederick Rice, associate pastor of Church of the Covenant, Hackettstown, NJ, 26 October 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Peter J. Puliatti, as pastor of Cherry Hill OPC, Cherry Hill, NJ, 14 May 01

Roll of ministers:
James Allay  Martin L. Dawson  Ronald E. Pearce
Richard S. Anderson  Claude D. DePrine III  William Frederick Rice
Samuel H. Bacon  David F. Elmer  William O. Slack II
George W. Bancroft  Ross W. Graham  Albert W. Steever, Jr.
Michael W. Bobick  Cornelius Johnson  Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.
Robert J. Cameron  Meredith G. Kline  Claude A. Taylor III
Kenneth J. Campbell  George S. Kostas  John Vroegindewey
Leonard F. Chanoux  Neil J. Lodge  Harry W. Warner
George S. Christian  Patrick W. Malone  Douglas A. Watson
Thomas D. Church  Robert L. Marshall  Geoffrey L. Willour
David B. Cummings  John D. McGowen  James A. Zozzaro
Howard Currie  Richard A. Nelson

Licentiates
Licensures:  David J. Harr, 22 September 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
Cornelius Johnson, ordained, 16 September 01
William Frederick Rice, ordained, 26 October 01

Roll of licentiates:  David J. Harr; Ernest R. Holloway III

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND

General Information
Membership:  33 Ministers, 75 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:  April and October
Stated Clerk:  Stephen L. Phillips, term expires October 03
Moderator:  John R. Hilbelink, term expires October 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations:  18 churches and 1 unorganized mission work
Changes in congregations:
Peace OPC, Boston, Mass., united with the former New Covenant Korean
American Presbyterian Church to become New Covenant
Presbyterian Church (OPC), 16 September 01
The mission work in Chatham, N.Y. was terminated in 2001

Mission works: Jaffrey OPC, Jaffrey, NH

Ministers
Ordinations: Matthew A. Judd, 2 November 01
Ministers received: Stephen J. Tracey, from the Evangelical Presb. Church (Ireland), 14 Sept. 01
Thomas Trouwborst, from independency, 16 November 01

Ministers removed:
William J. Gorrell, dismissed to Presbytery of the Southeast, 31 March 01
Walter D. Copeland, deceased, 18 May 01
David G. Barker, dismissed to Potomac Presbytery (PCA), 30 June 01
Karl A. Hubenthal, dismissed to Presbytery of Ohio, 15 October 01

Ministers installed:
Matthew A. Judd, pastor of Memorial OPC, Rochester, N.Y., 2 November 01
Stephen J. Tracey, pastor of Lakeview OPC, Rockport, Me., 14 September 01
Richard M. Dickinson, evangelist (military chaplaincy), 9 October 01
Thomas Trouwborst, pastor of Calvary OPC, Schenectady, N.Y., 16 Nov. 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
William J. Gorrell, as pastor of Calvary OPC, Schenectady, N.Y., 31 Jan. 01
Walter D. Copeland, as pastor of Pres. Church of Cape Cod, Barnstable, Mass. (by virtue of death), 18 May 01
David G. Barker, as pastor of Covenant OPC, Amsterdam, N.Y., 30 June 01
Richard M. Dickinson, as associate pastor of Pilgrim OPC, Bangor, Me., 9 October 01

Roll of ministers:
William B. Barcley
David E. Chilton
Gordon H. Cook, Jr.
Richard M. Dickinson
Stephen D. Doe
Harold L. Dorman
Robert W. Eckardt
Charles H. Ellis
Jonathan B. Falk
Samuel N. Folta
Burton L. Goddard
John R. Hilbelink
Gregory A. Hills
Matthew A. Judd
Kevin M. Kisler
Daniel L. Korzep
Samuel T. Logan, Jr.
Gary B. Magur
Gerald P. Malkus
Stephen A. Migotsky
Brian D. Nolder
Stephen L. Phillips
Gregory E. Reynolds
Wendell L. Rockey, Jr.
Andrew H. Selle
Laurence C. Sibley, Jr.
Robert H. Tanzie
Allen C. Tomlinson
Stephen J. Tracey
Thomas Trouwborst
Laurence W. Veinott
Charles M. Wingard

Licentiates
Licencures: Michael G. Fettes, license reinstated, 7 July 01
Licentiates received:
Matthew A. Judd, from Northern Illinois Presbytery (PCA), 7 July 01
Licentiates removed: Matthew A. Judd, ordained, 2 November 01
Roll of licentiates: Michael G. Fettes

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
General Information
Membership: 16 Ministers, 42 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Third Friday and Saturday of March
Third Friday and Saturday of September
Stated Clerk: Richard C. Miller, term expires March 03
Moderator: Calvin R. Malcor, term expires March 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 13 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
- Providence OP Chapel, Hayward, Cal.
- Sov. Grace Community, Hughson, Cal.
- Reformation, Rocklin, Cal.
- Covenant, Salinas, Cal.
- Providence Presb., Las Vegas, Nev.

Ministers
Ordinations:
- Michael L. Babcock, 16 May 01
- Wayne K. Forkner, 16 November 01
Ministers received: None
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
- Michael L. Babcock, evang. at Providence OPC, Las Vegas, Nev., 16 May 01
- Wayne K. Forkner, pastor of Covenant OPC, Berkeley, Cal., 16 November 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- Richard M. Lewis, as pastor of Covenant OPC, Berkeley, Cal., 16 Nov. 01

Roll of ministers:
- H. Wilson Albright
- Michael L. Babcock
- P. Shaun Bryant
- P. Michael DeLozier
- Carl E. Erickson
- Wayne K. Forkner
- Jeffrey A. Landis
- Richard M. Lewis
- Calvin R. Malcor
- Charles A. McIlhenny
- Richard C. Miller
- Robert B. Needham
- Donald T. Owsley
- Andrew J. Preston
- Mark E. Richline
- Salvador M. Solis

Licentiates
Licenses: David P. Bush, 17 March 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: David P. Bush; Robert W. Tobias

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHWEST

General Information
Membership: 30 Ministers, 52 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Fourth Friday and the following Saturday of April
Fourth Friday and the following Saturday of Sept.
Stated Clerk: John W. Mahaffy, term expires September 02
Moderator: Larry D. Conard, term expires September 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 16 churches and 5 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
- Rocky Mountain Community Church, Billings, Mont., left presbytery for the Presbyterian Church in America, 9 December 01

Mission works:

Parent church:
- The regional church
Covenant Grace, Roseburg, Ore.  
Emmanuel, Colville, Wash.  
Westminster, Monroe, Wash.  
Grace, Mt. Vernon, Wash.  

Faith OPC, Grants Pass, Ore.  
The regional church  
Lynnwood OPC, Lynnwood, Wash.  
Lynnwood OPC, Lynnwood, Wash.  

Ministers

Ordinations:
  David A. Bass, 22 June 01
  Mark A Collingridge, 19 October 01

Ministers received:
  James T. Dennison, Jr., from the PCA, 26 October 01

Ministers removed:
  Harold S. Kellam, demitted, 27 April 01
  Eugene B. Williams, deceased, 3 July 01

Ministers installed:
  David A. Bass, evangelist to serve in Idaho Falls, Idaho, 22 June 01
  Mark A. Collingridge, pastor of Covenant OPC, Pasco, Wash., 19 October 01
  James T. Dennison, Jr., teacher in Presbytery of the Northwest, 26 October 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Alfred J. Poirier, as pastor of Rocky Mountain Comm. Church, Billings, Mont.

Roll of ministers:

David A. Bass  
Randall A. Bergquist  
Glenn T. Black  
Jack D. Bradley  
Mark A Collingridge  
Larry D. Conard  
James T. Dennison, Jr.  
Daniel Dillard  
Carl A. P. Durham  
Stanton P. Durham  
Albert G. Edwards III  
Andrew M. Elam  
W. Ralph English  
D. Leonard Gulstrom  
David W. Inks  
David J. Klein  
John W. Mahaffy  
Ronald J. McKenzie  
Jay M. Milojevich  
Patrick H. Morison  
Alfred J. Poirier  
Marcus J. Renkema  
Jack L. Smith  
George Y. Uomoto  
Murray I. Uomoto  
Earl W. Vanderhoff  
Samuel van Houte  
Robert C. Van Hooten  
Richard J. Venema  
J. Peter Vosteen

Licentiates

Licensures:
  Lloyd Pierson, 27 April 01*
  Mark J. Stromberg, 29 September 01*

Licentiates received: None

Licentiates removed:
  Andrew Johnson, erased from roll of licentiates when he left the OPC, 27 April 01
  Michael L. Babcock, ordination in Presb. of Northern California, 16 May 01
  David A. Bass, ordination, 22 June 01
  Mark A. Collingridge, ordination, 19 October 01

Roll of licentiates: Donald Collett; Lloyd Pierson; Mark J. Stromberg

* Previously erroneously reported as licensed on the date of his being taken under care

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

General Information

Membership: 27 Ministers, 60 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: First Friday and Saturday of April
Third Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Everett C. DeVelde, Jr., term expires October 02
Moderator: Steven F. Miller, term expires October 02

**Churches and Mission works**
Number of congregations: 14 churches and 4 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: Covenant, North Dayton (Vandalia), Ohio, organized as a new and separate church, 20 April 01

Mission works:
- Christ Covenant, Indianapolis, Ind.  
  Parent church: Redeemer OPC, Dayton, Ohio
- Trinity, Delaware, Ohio  
  Grace OPC, Columbus, Ohio
- Providence, Pickerington, Ohio  
  Grace OPC, Columbus, Ohio
- Immanuel, Moon Township, Pa.  
  Grace OPC, Sewickley, Pa.

**Ministers**
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
- Peter J. Puliatti, from Presbytery of New Jersey, 15 June 01
- Karl A. Hubenthal, from Presbytery of New York & New England, 15 Oct. 01
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
- L. Charles Jackson, pastor of Covenant OPC, Vandalia, Ohio, 20 April 01
- Peter J. Puliatti, pastor of Calvary OPC, Harrisville, Pa., 15 June 01
- Danny E. Olinger, evang., regional home missionary of the presb., 21 Dec. 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- L. Charles Jackson, as evangelist in Redeemer OPC, Dayton, Ohio, 6 April 01
- Danny E. Olinger, as pastor of Westminster OPC, Johnstown Pa., 19 Oct. 01

Roll of ministers:
Marvin O. Bowman
Robert L. Brolne, Jr.
Mark R. Brown
Everett C. DeVelde, Jr.
Gerald C. Dodds
Leo A. Frailey
Michael F. Frangipane
Theodore Hard
Karl A. Hubenthal

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Licentiates
Licensures: Chad E. Bond, 2 February 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed:
- Chad E. Bond, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia, 2 February 01

Roll of licentiates: None

**PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA**
**General Information**
Membership: 51 Ministers, 101 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:
- First Saturday of February
- First Saturday of May
- Third Saturday of September
- Third Friday evening and Saturday of November
Stated Clerk: Robert P. Harting, Jr., term expires September 02
Moderator: Thomas A. Foh, term expires September 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 23 churches and 3 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
- Trinity, Phoenixville, Pa., dissolved, 15 September 01
- Covenant, Doylestown, Pa., withdrew from the OPC and was received into the PCA, 3 November 01

Mission works:
- Faith, Broomall, PA
- First, Perkasie, PA
- Living Word Community, Pottstown, PA

Ministers
Ordinations:
- Matthew T. Colflesh, 18 February 01
- Chad E. Bond, 18 May 01
- Wendell S. Stoltzfus, 7 December 01

Ministers received:
- Jonathan F. Peters, from Presbytery of the Midwest, 17 November 01

Ministers removed:
- John K. Pedersen, deposed from his office, 5 May 01
- William Laverty, divested of his office without censure, 15 September 01
- Moisés Silva, demitted the ministry, 15 September 01
- Matthew T. Colflesh, dismissed to Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 17 Nov. 01

Ministers installed:
- Matthew T. Colflesh, assoc. pastor of Cov. OPC, Doylestown, Pa., 18 Feb. 01
- Chad E. Bond, associate pastor of Calvary OPC, Glenside, Pa., 18 May 01
- Wendell S. Stoltzfus, evangelist laboring in Pottstown, Pa., 7 December 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
- Stephen O. Meidahl, as pastor of Covenant OPC, Doylestown, Pa., 15 Sept. 01

Roll of ministers:
- Benjamin Alvira
- John F. Bettler
- Chad E. Bond
- David A. Bottoms
- Paul N. Browne
- S. Edd Cathey
- George R. Cottenden
- Calvin K. Cummings, Jr.
- Wilson L. Cummings
- Donald J. Duff
- W. Scott Emery
- Glenn P. Evans
- Thomas A. Foh
- Clinton S. Foraker
- Arthur J. Fox
- Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
- John P. Galbraith
- Theodore J. Georgian
- Jonathan C. Gibbs III
- A. LeRoy Greer
- Edward N. Gross
- Steven R. Hake
- Robert P. Harting
- Mark W. Holler
- Bruce P. Jarvis
- Joel C. Kershner
- William C. Krispin
- Arthur W. Kuschke
- Robert W. A. Letham
- Richard S. MacLaren
- Harold A. McKenzie
- Stephen O. Meidahl
- Robert A. Minnig
- George F. Morton

Licentiates
Licensures:
E. Cody Ray, 5 May 01
Martin Emmrich, 15 September 01

Licentiates received:
Chad E. Bond, from Presbytery of Ohio, 2 February 01
Wendell S. Stoltzfus, from Presbytery of the Midwest, 17 November 01

Licentiates removed:
Bernard Westerveld, Jr., ordained by the Synod of l’Église réformée du Québec (ERQ), 31 March 01
Chad E. Bond, ordained, 18 May 01
Wendell S. Stoltzfus, ordained, 7 December 01

Roll of licentiates:
Jesse R. Cowell
Martin Emmrich
Mark J. Fodale
Barry Hofstetter
Novel Kim
John F. A. Kramer
Stephen P. Levine
Richard C. Nestel
E. Cody Ray
Chad B. Van Dixhoorn

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH

General Information
Membership: 22 Ministers, 49 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Fourth Friday and Saturday in October
Stated Clerk: John R. Muether, term expires October 03
Moderator: Mark T. Smith, term expires October 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 11 churches and 6 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Heritage, Mobile, Ala., received from independency, 27 July 01
La Roca Eterna, Hialeah, Fla., mission work terminated in 2001
Redeemer Community, Ocala, Fla. changed its name back to Faith OPC
Keys Chapel, Key West, Fla., has been reported as a mission work since 1993 when it was reclassified as such. At some point since then, possibly in 1999, it was organized once again as a separate church.

Mission works:
Redeemer, Birmingham, Ala.
Providence, Madison, Ala.
Covenant, Pensacola, Fla.
Hope, Saint Cloud, Fla.
Covenant, Natchitoches, La.
Christ, New Orleans, La.
Parent church:
The regional church
The regional church
The regional church
Lake Sherwood OPC, Orlando, Fla.
Pineville OPC, Pineville, La.
Pineville OPC, Pineville, La.

Ministers
Ordinations:
Eric B. Watkins, 27 May 01
Joseph Puglia, 30 November 01

Ministers received:
Kenneth L. Wendland, from South Coast Presbytery (PCA), 27 July 01

Ministers removed: None

Ministers installed:
Eric B. Watkins, assistant pastor of Lake Sherwood OPC, Orlando, FL, 27 May 01
Kenneth L. Wendland, pastor of Heritage OPC, Mobile, Ala., 27 July 01
Joseph Puglia, evangelist laboring in Birmingham, Ala., 30 November 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Richard A. Miller, as pastor of (Re Redeemer Community) Faith OPC, Ocala, Fla., 19 October 01

Roll of ministers:
Robert A. Berry, Jr. Richard A. Miller Henry Stanke
Jeffrey K. Boer Larry G. Mininger Harold E. Thomas
Allen D. Curry Donald M. Parker Jose Vera
Robert D. Haehl Joseph Puglia Eric B. Watkins
Russell J. Hamilton Carl G. Russell William V. Welzien
William M. Hobbs Chad C. Sadorf Kenneth L. Wendland
Hendrick Krabbendam Jack W. Sawyer
Edward J. Ludt Mark T. Smith

Licentiates
Licenses:
Joseph Puglia, 27 April 01
William P. Holiday, 28 April 01

Licentiates received:
Eric B. Watkins, from Presbytery of Southern California, 27 April 01

Licentiates removed:
Stephen J. Oharek, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 27 April 01
Eric B. Watkins, ordained, 27 May 01
Joseph Puglia, ordained, 30 November 01

Roll of licentiates: David E. Hodil; William P. Holiday; Roberto Quiñones

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST

General Information
Membership: 27 Ministers, 44 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: Fourth Friday and Saturday of April
Third Friday and Saturday in October
Stated Clerk: George W. Knight III, term expires October 02
Moderator: William J. Gorrell, term expires October 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 13 churches and 8 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
Cornerstone, Hixson (Chattanooga), Tenn., organized as a new and separate church, 12 January 01
Agape, Greenville, S.C., changed name to First OPC of Greenville

Mission works:
Christ, London, Ky.
Covenant Reformed, Neon, Ky.
Providence, Greensboro, N.C.
Reformed Bible Church, Hickory, N.C.
Covenant Reformed, Mt. Airy, N.C.
Covenant, New Bern, N.C.
Faith, Cookeville, Tenn.

Parent church:
Redeemer OPC, Doraville, Ga.
Sandy Springs OPC, Maryville, Tenn.
Providence OPC, Chilhowie, Va.
Matthews OPC, Matthews, N.C.
The regional church
The regional church
The regional church
The regional church
Ministers
Ordinations: None
Ministers received:
  William J. Gorrell, from Presb. of New York and New England, 31 March 01
Ministers removed: None
Ministers installed:
  William J. Gorrell, evangelist laboring in Cookeville, Tenn., 31 March 01
  Robert Y. Eckardt, pastor of Cornerstone OPC, Hixson (Chattanooga), Tenn., 12 January 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Sidney D. Dyer, as pastor of Agape OPC, Greenville, S.C., 9 October 01
Roll of ministers:
John Carrick  William J. Gorrell  Cromwell G. Roskamp
Thomas S. Champness, Jr.  Richard L. Horner  Donald H. Taws
Roy Davenport  John W. Jamison  Charles K. Telfer
William D. Dennison  George W. Knight III  T. Nathan Trice
Elmer M. Dortzbach  Richard E. Knodel, Jr.  Douglas M. Withington
Sidney D. Dyer  Mark J. Larson  Laurence H. Withington
Robert Y. Eckardt  Mark A. Marquis
Brenton C. Ferry  Robert D. McCurley
John V. Fesko  A. Boyd Miller IV
Licentiates
Licenures: John Belden
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: None
Roll of licentiates: John Belden; Jeffrey T. Fartro; Steven Scott

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
General Information
Membership: 41 Ministers, 95 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings:
  First Friday and Saturday of May
  Third Friday and Saturday of October
Stated Clerk: Donald G. Buchanan, Jr., term expires Dec. 02
Moderator: Donald M. Poundstone, term expires Dec. 02
Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 18 churches and 9 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations:
  OP Chapel, Escondido, Cal., established as an unorganized mission work, 10 October 01
  Christ Covenant Chapel, Irvine, Cal., mission work terminated, 20 October 01
Mission works:
[unnamed], Escondido, Cal.  Parent church:
Redeeming Grace, Mission Viejo, Cal.  The regional church
Grace, Moreno Valley, Cal.  Calvary OPC, La Mirada, Cal.
Providence Reformed, Paso Robles, Cal.  The regional church
Redeemer Chapel, San Fernando Valley  The regional church
Church of the Living Lord, Santa Ana
Providence, Temecula, Cal.
Resurrection, Westminster, Cal.
Westminster OPC, Westminster, Cal.
Harvest OPC, Vista, Cal.
Westminster OPC, Westminster, Cal.

Ministers

Ordinations: David A. Okken, 8 April 01

Ministers received:
Robert G. Herrmann, from Presbytery of Northern Illinois, PCA, 2 Feb. 01

Ministers removed:
Thomas M. Cooper, deceased, 28 March 01
Kenneth J. Meilahn, deceased, 31 July 01

Ministers installed:
Robert G. Herrmann, associate pastor of Calvary OPC, La Mirada, Cal., serving Grace Chapel, Moreno Valley, Cal., 4 March 01
David A. Okken, missionary evangelist, Uganda, serving under the Committee on Foreign Missions, 8 April 01

Ministerial relationships dissolved:
Kim N. Dang, as assoc. pastor of Westmin. OPC, Westminster, Cal., 8 Sept 01
Michael D. Dengerink, as pastor of Bonita OPC, Bonita, Cal., 18 Nov. 01
Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr., as pastor of Grace OPC, Costa Mesa, Cal., 8 Dec. 01

Roll of ministers:
Josue I. Balderas
William J. Baldwin II
Steven M. Baugh
Bruce M. Brawdy
Donald G. Buchanan, Jr.
Wayne A. Buchtel
Henry W. Coray
David A. Crum
L. Anthony Curto
Kim Ngoc Dang
Michael D. Dengerink
Gary F. Findley
Nicholas T. S. Ganas
John W. Garrisi
Kenilworth OPC, Kenilworth, N.J.
Harvest OPC, Vista, Cal.
Grace OPC, Orange, Cal.
Westminster OPC, Westminster, Cal.
Grace OPC, Costa Mesa, Cal.
Westminster OPC, Westminster, Cal.

Licentiates

Licenciates received: None

Licentiates removed:
Sanjay C. Patel, license recalled by presbytery at his request, 3 February 01
David A. Okken, ordained, 8 April 01
Eric B. Watkins, dismissed to Presbytery of the South, 27 April 01
Robert A. Starke, license recalled by presbytery at his request, 4 May 01

Roll of licentiates:
Iljung Chung
Graham C. Harbman
Yousik Hong
Gerald Michael Marinucci
Richard T. Zuelch
PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

General Information
Membership: 19 Ministers, 25 Ruling Elders
Stated meetings: March and September
Stated Clerk: William H. Doerfel, term expires March 04
Moderator: James W. Van Dam, term expires March 02

Churches and Mission works
Number of congregations: 12 churches and 3 unorganized mission works
Changes in congregations: None
Mission works:
  Covenant, Fort Worth, Tex.
  Providence, Houston, Tex.
  Covenant of Grace, Plainview, Tex.
Parent church:
  The regional church
  Christ Covenant OPC, Amarillo, Tex.

Ministers
Ordinations:
  Kevin W. Van Der Linden, 20 April 01
  Bryan S. Schroeder, 23 August 01
Ministers received:
  William J. Bomer, from Presbytery of the Midwest, 15 March 01
Ministers removed: None
  James T. Hoekstra, dismissed to Presbytery of the Midwest, 17 March 01
  Michael D. Pasarilla, dismissed to Cov. RPC, Cedarburg, Wis., 13 August 01
Ministers installed:
  Kevin W. Van Der Linden, organizing pastor of Covenant, Plainview, Tex., 20 April 01
  Bryan S. Schroeder, pastor of Westmin. OPC, Wichita Falls, Tex., 23 Aug. 01
Ministerial relationships dissolved:
  Jack J. Peterson, as pastor of Grace OPC, San Antonio, Tex., 17 March 01
  Roger L. Gibbons, as pastor of Knox OPC, Okla. City, Okla., 31 March 01
  Michael D. Pasarilla, as pastor of Christ Cov. OPC, Dallas, Tex., 13 Aug. 01
Roll of ministers:
  William J. Bomer
  Todd S. Bordow
  David T. Brack
  Gary W. Davenport
  William H. Doerfel
  Roger L. Gibbons
  John R. Hunt, Jr.
  John H. Johnson, Jr.
  William D. Lipford
  Robert A. Lotzer
  Douglas A. Nystrom, Sr.
  K. Scott Oliphant
  Jack J. Peterson
  Arthur G. Riffel

Licentiates
Licenses: Ted Rivera, 21 March 01; Adam York, 28 July 01
Licentiates received: None
Licentiates removed: Kevin W. Van Der Linden, ordained, 20 April 01
Roll of licentiates: Ted Rivera; Greg Yankey; Adam York
APPORTIONMENT OF COMMISSIONERS
TO THE 70th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with the *Standing Rules of the General Assembly*, Chapter I, commissioners to the Seventieth General Assembly (2003) are apportioned as follows:

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

Class of 2005  Stuart R. Jones
Class of 2004  John W. Mallin III
Class of 2003  Glenn D. Jerrell
Alternate       Thomas A. Foh

CHAPLAGNS

Class of 2005  Gordon E. Kauffman, Christopher H. Wisdom
Class of 2004  Robert B. Needham
Class of 2003  William E. Warren

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Class of 2005  Ministers: John P. Galbraith*, Gregory E. Reynolds, William Shishko*
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Ruling Elders: James S. Gidley, Ph.D.*, John R. Muether*
Class of 2003  Ministers: Douglas A. Felch, Thomas E. Tyson*, G. I. Williamson
Ruling Elders: Stanley D. Wells, MD, David Winslow, Jr.*
General Secretary:  The Rev. Larry E. Wilson
*Member of Subcommittee on Ministerial Training

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Class of 2004  Minister: Stephen D. Doe
Ruling Elder: Bruce A. Stahl
Class of 2003  Minister: James L. Bosgraf
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Representative, Home Missions and Church Extension: Garret A. Hoogerhyde
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Class of 2005  David E. Haney
Class of 2004  Russell W. Copeland, Jr.
Class of 2003  Timothy W. Flora
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  Ruling Elder: George S. MacKenzie
Class of 2004  Minister: Ronald E. Pearce
  Ruling Elder: Frode M. Jensen
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Class of 2004  Richard A. Barker, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D., Robert B. Needham
Class of 2003  Mark T. Bube, George W. Knight III, Th.D., G. I. Williamson

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Class of 2005  Ministers: Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., Th.D. (President), Lendall H. Smith,
               Albert J. Tricarico, Jr.
  Ruling Elders: Archibald M. Laurie, Jon W. Stevenson
Class of 2004  Ministers: Gary W. Davenport, Donald J. Duff, John W. Mahaffy
  Ruling Elders: Luke E. Brown, John D. Williams
Class of 2003  Ministers: Kenneth J. Campbell, Hendrik Krabbendam, Th.D., Benjamin
               J. Snodgrass
  Ruling Elders: Herbert R. Muether, Ph.D., R. Arthur Thompson
General Secretary:  Mr. Mark T. Bube

COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORIAN

Class of 2005  Danny E. Olinger, David K. Thompson
Class of 2004  John S. Deliyannides, Ph.D.,
Class of 2003  Douglas J. Smith

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Class of 2005  Ministers: Ivan J. De Master, Jeffrey A. Landis, Larry G. Mininger
  Ruling Elders: Keith A. LeMahieu, James W. Van Dam, Ph.D.
Class of 2004  Ministers: Mark R. Brown, George W. Knight, III, Th.D.,
               Gerald S. Taylor
  Ruling Elders: Robert L. Ayres, John Mauldin
Class of 2003  Ministers: Randall A. Bergquist, John R. Hilbelink (President),
               Lawrence Semel,
  Ruling Elders: Richard A. Barker, Garret A. Hoogerhyde
General Secretary:  The Rev. Ross W. Graham
Assistant General Secretary:  The Rev. Richard Gerber
PENSIONS

Class of 2005  Minister:  Douglas A. Watson
               Ruling Elders:  Garret A. Hoogerhyde, Stephen R. Leavitt

Class of 2004  Minister:  William E. Warren
                 Ruling Elders:  Robert M. Meeker, William C. Redington

Class of 2003  Minister:  Robert L. Broline
                 Ruling Elders:  Bruce A. Stahl, Roger W. Huibregtse (President)

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Class of 2005  Minister:  Stephen L. Phillips
               Ruling Elder:  Bruce A. Stahl

Class of 2004  Minister:  Martin L. Dawson, (President)
                 Ruling Elder:  Howard A. Porter

Class of 2003  Minister:  Samuel H. Bacon
                 Ruling Elder:  Richard A. Barker
SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HISTORIAN
John R. Muether

COMMITTEE ON CREATION

COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP
George R. Cottenden (Chairman), John P. Galbraith, John O. Kinnaird, Larry E. Wilson

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
David W. King, David J. O'Leary, A Craig Troxel, Ph.D. (Convener), G. I. Williamson, and Bradley Y. Winsted
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